

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Traugher

COUNCILMEMBERS: Marcia Petersen, Mike Paxton, Robert Hein, Jim Ladegaard. Absent: Mike Olson

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan O'Brien, Darla Powers, Abby Walleck, Jason Eckard, Lissa Ballis

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Hein/Paxton moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Ladegaard/Petersen moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 07/10/17, claims for August 2017, bank cash report for July 2017 and renewal of Class C Liquor License (LC) Commercial for Yesterday's Restaurant to serve at Okoboji Classic Cars Event. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to review and consider O'Brien Settlement Agreement: City Attorney Abby Walleck was present to explain the O'Brien Settlement Agreement for 1500 Kirby St. to the council. The council discussed the situation with input from those in attendance. Ladegaard/Paxton made a motion to accept the settlement agreement between the City of West Okoboji and 1500 Kirby-Okoboji Trust ("O'Brien"). Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Council to discuss MMU Invasive Species Improvement Payoff: Councilman Ladegaard requested this option be included on the agenda to discuss if there were any benefits to the city for early payoff. After discussion between council it was determined to continue as it is. Discussion only, no action taken.

Council to review and consider RESOLUTION 2017-8-1 "RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TRI STATE PAVING OF ESTERVILLE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,105.68 FOR THE CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI'S PORTION OF WEST OKOBOJI ROAD 2017 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT." Ladegaard/Petersen moved to approve Resolution 2017-8-1. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Olson. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Council to discuss hotel/motel tax option for next ballot: Administrator Ballis encouraged the council to put this measure on the ballot for the November election. Ballis supplied a sample of the ballot language for the council's approval. She explained this tax was collected in any place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to transient guests for less than 31 days. Fifty percent of the revenues generated from this tax need to go to recreation, entertainment or tourism. She suggested we use the funds towards recreation to put back into the city for our parks, beach, public accesses and the like. The remaining revenue will be credited to the general fund. Hein/Paxton moved to approve ballot language for the hotel/motel tax option. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the purchase of GIS/GPS locating equipment: Public Works Director Eckard explained the benefit of this equipment in mapping out our water lines and curb stops while bring us up to date with accurate information. Hein/Petersen moved to approve purchase of GIS/GPS locating equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Mayor Reports: Mayor Traugher thanked City Attorney Walleck, City staff and Milford Police Dept. for their hard work with the O'Brien situation. Traugher also wanted to thank Eckard and Ballis for the strides they are making with the city.

Administrative Reports: Ballis stated Iowa Codification has sent their draft of the West Okoboji Code for council to review. It is available at City Hall.

The new website for the city is now live. Ballis explained it was easier to navigate, see announcements, download various permits and the zoning ordinance was available as well. Once the updated City Code has been approved it will also be posted. She encouraged everyone to check out the new site.

Ballis stated election packets were available in her office for anyone who is interested starting August 28th.

She also touched base with the council on a few variance, special use permits and rezoning requests throughout the city.

Hein/Ladegaard moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Larry Traugher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lissa Ballis, Administrator/City Clerk