

City of West Okoboji
Regular Council Meeting
501 Terrace Park Blvd
March 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Presiding	Mayor- Traughber
Council Present	Olson, Hein, Paxton, Ladegaard, Petersen
Manager-Clerk	Ballis
Other Present	Russ Beckendorf, Joan O'Brien, Jason Eckard, Ed Rice

Motion-Petersen/Seconded-Paxton/Ayes-5/Nays-0/carried to approve the agenda

Motion-Ladegaard /Seconded-Olson /Ayes-5/Nays-0/carried to approve February 13, 2017 minutes

Motion-Paxton /Seconded-Petersen /Ayes-5/Nays-0/carried to approve the Cash Report for February 2017

Motion Hein/Seconded-Petersen/Ayes-5/Nays-0/carried to approve Claims for March 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing for the City Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget: Mayor Traughber opened the Public Hearing up at 6:35 pm; there were no comments from those in attendance or from the public. City Manager Ballis stated the total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property stayed the same at \$2.00945 and the agricultural land stayed the same at \$2.00694. There were no major adjustments to this year's budget except for the addition of funds to cover group insurance. \$125,000 was also added to the budget to cover the first year lease of a new plow truck and purchasing add on equipment for that truck.

Resolution 2017-3-1 to adopt the FY 2017/2018 Budget: Motion to approve -Ladegaard/Seconded-Paxton. Roll call all ayes. Motion carried.

Russ Beckendorf to present MHR Insurance Renewal: Russ Beckendorf presented the city's insurance renewal plan to the mayor and council. Beckendorf explained an appraisal was done on the West Okoboji City Hall building. Due to this, the valuation on the building was raised and it changed our original classification. Overall, the property is now properly insured and it gave the city a discount of \$2578.05 on this year's premiums. In speaking about insurance coverage for the city Ed Rice brought up the slide at the city park which has raised some safety concerns from a few residents. Rice stated the slide was approved by ICAP and if the slide were to be altered or replaced it would not be covered.

Beckendorf explained additional coverage options with the mayor and council with cost differences. Beckendorf stated at this time the city has the minimum coverage of two million dollars. **Motion to approve the insurance renewal with no changes – Hein/Seconded-Olson. Motion carried.**

Council to consider bid to update and redesign the cities website: Motion to approve the update and redesign of the cities website with payment made in full after project is complete – Ladegaard/Seconded-Paxton. Motion carried.

Council to discuss 2017 1st Street Storm Sewer Project at 3011 and 3013 1st Street: The city would like to construct a new intake and run a storm sewer pipe adjacent to the property line between 3011 and 3013 1st Street down to the lake. It was decided an 11 foot city drainage easement would be put in place. At this time the paperwork for the easement for both property owners is being drawn up. Once all the necessary paperwork is agreed upon we will revisit this in a future council meeting. The city is hoping the project will be completed by May 1, 2017. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider sending City Manager Lissa Ballis to the IMFOA Spring Conference and Data Technologies Spring User Group April 19-21, 2017 and the Iowa Municipal Professions Institute July 17-21 and July 24-6, 2017. Council approves educational opportunities. No action needed.

Administrative reports: There is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for March 20, 2017 at 5pm for a variance request by Pat and Susan Carr and Eva Shine.

The City of Arnolds Park has included the West Okoboji Grove Road street project in their FY17/18 budget. A plan will be submitted for our review and once the project is complete the City of Arnolds Park will bill us for our portion of the project.

Pat O'Brien has been in contact with the city concerning the West Okoboji Rental letter that was sent out in January to all its residents. O'Brien had quite a few questions and overall the city felt it was best to turn it over to City Attorney Maahs to reply to his concerns at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion-Ladegaard/Seconded-Paxton/Ayes-5/Nays-0/carried to adjourn at 7:17 pm

ATTEST: _____
Lissa Ballis-City Clerk

Larry Traughber-Mayor