

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Traughber

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan O'Brien, Todd Abrahamson, Jason Eckard, Lissa Ballis

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Petersen/Olson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Ladegaard/Hein moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 08/14/17, claims for September 2017, bank cash report for August 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to review the Street Financial Report for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and consider Resolution No. 2017-9-1 "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017" Ladegaard/Paxton moved to approve Resolution 2017-9-1. Roll call vote. All ayes. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Council to approve Resolution No. 2017-9-2 "RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE A MEASURE FOR A 7% HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI, IOWA ON THE BALLOT FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION." Paxton/Olson moved to approve Resolution 2017-9-2. Roll call vote. All ayes. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Todd Abrahamson, Okoboji School Superintendent to present Key Points & Considerations from Okoboji Schools enrollment and demographic studies: Information Only. No action taken.

Council to consider sending City Administrator/Clerk Lissa Ballis to the IMFOA all Conference and Data Technologies Fall User Group October 18-20, 2017. Council approves educational opportunities. Paxton/Olson moved to approve sending Ballis to Fall Conference. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Committee Reports: Public Works Director Jason Eckard told the Council that the West Okoboji Road Project was to start September 18th with a completed estimate date of October 9th. Because of the lateness of this project and it being tied into 1st Street, the sealing of 1st Street will not be done until the spring.

Eckard also informed the council that three trees were to be removed from Vern & Coila Memorial Park due to the Burr Oak Blight. Some discussion amongst the Council ensued concerning the Burr Oak Blight in our community. Eckard stated we will know how many trees are infected this winter as the infected trees will not lose their leaves.

Administrative Reports: Administrator Ballis informed the Council the Annual Financial Report was completed and will be published in the upcoming edition of the *Dickinson County News*.

The revisions to the draft of the Code of Ordinances have been completed and Ballis will return the document to Iowa Codification for the final proof. She is hoping it will be ready so that a public hearing can be set at the next council meeting.

Ballis informed the council that trees were topped on city property in the ravine in Maywood. She asked the council for permission to send a letter to those in Maywood pointing out the Code of Ordinances on this matter and the infractions involved. Ballis asked the councils thoughts on putting up surveillance in and around the ravine to curb this problem.

A representative from Data Technologies was on site last week to update our software and help streamline the accounting process in utilizing the chart of accounts for City Government in a more effective manner. She stated a lot of clean up was involved and thanked the Council for approving this.

Ladegaard/Paxton moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Larry Traughber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lissa Ballis, Administrator/City Clerk