

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Traughber

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Eckard, Lissa Ballis

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Petersen/Ladegaard moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Paxton/Petersen moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 12/11/2017, claims for January 2018, bank cash report for December 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to consider Lakes Area Extrication and Rescue Unit funds request: The Council revisited this request from a previous meeting. Councilman Ladegaard stated the city has a responsibility to public safety. Councilman Paxton agreed, while Mayor Traughber reiterated the importance of this equipment to the community. Ladegaard felt we needed to revisit this on an annual basis but moved to approve \$2500 for FY19. Ladegaard/Petersen moved to approve \$2500 donation for FY19 to the Lakes Area Extrication and Rescue Unit. Motion carried.

Council to consider Voluntary Action Center funds request: Ladegaard/Olson moved to approve \$400 donation for FY19. Motion carried.

Council to consider possible sale of old West Okoboji City Hall and Land: Administrator Ballis explained to the council that in researching the possible sale of the Old West Okoboji City Hall it was found that the lot in which the building sits on is too small to sell. According to the Planning and Zoning regulations for the city a residential lot needs to be a minimum of 75 feet in the front. She explained that if we split this land to conform to the 75 foot rule it leaves 60 feet of Titterington Park. In doing so, this lot would be non conforming as well. Ballis' recommendation was to sell the entire property and move the Titterington Park sign to the west side of Vern and Coila's park. It was also suggested to update and add to the playground equipment for this area and add more parking. Ballis had Michael Jensen of Jensen Real Estate do a comparable market analysis for the property. Jensen found the fair market value between \$79,000 and \$87,000 for the 75 foot front lot space. Ballis explained to the council the two selling options. Council members Ladegaard and Paxton were in favor of preparing a notice of public hearing and requesting bids, with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids and also setting a minimum bid amount of \$83,000. The old West Okoboji City Hall building would sell "as is no warranty" and advise the potential buyer that they are responsible for any inspection and any resulting issues. Ladegaard/Petersen moved to start the process of selling the old West Okoboji City Hall and Titterington Park. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Donation Request FY19: Cindy Stanbro, Executive Director of Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music was not in attendance. No action taken.

First Street Public Access Concerns: A written letter was presented to the council from a concerned citizen about the potential hazards of the rock that is on the walkway of the first street public access location. Public Works Director Jason Eckard explained his findings from this summer. Councilman Ladegaard gave the council the history on repairs to the public access in the past. The council directed Eckard to get bids to make the access safer. No action taken. Information only.

Council to approve Resolution No. 2018-01 "RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF NORTHWEST IOWA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN UPDATING THE WEST OKOBOJI PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCES." Council considered and discussed Petersen/Hein moved to approve Resolution 2018-01. Roll call vote. Ayes - Petersen, Hein, Ladegaard, Olson, Paxton. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Appointments for Mayor pro Tem and Committees: Council stated the appointments would remain as is, no changes. Ladegaard/Olson moved to approve appointments. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Mayor Reports: Mayor Traughber expressed his concern over the Milford Police Department responding to false alarm calls in town. He feels the resident should be charged for these after the first incident for a period of three years. Traughber directed Administrator Ballis to put together an Ordinance to reflect this.

Petersen/Paxton moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Larry Traughber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lissa Ballis, Administrator/City Clerk