

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Traugher

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Titterington, Sheryl Thu, Mike Thu, Dan Shinkle, Trevor Hansen, 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 03/12/2018, claims for April 2018, bank cash report for March 2018. Hein/Paxton moved to approve renewal of a Class C Beer (BC) Permit to include Sunday Sales for Oh Shucks, Inc. All ayes. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider approval of 6 month Transient Merchant Permit for Oak Tree BBQ: Motion by Paxton/Hein to approve Transient Merchant Permit for Oak Tree BBQ to be set up on the property of Oh Shucks. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Olson. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2018-06 “RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2017-2018 CITY BUDGET.”: Motion by Paxton/Hein to set Public Hearing on the Amendment of the FY 2017-2018 City Budget to May 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM at 501 Terrace Park Blvd, West Okoboji City Hall. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Olson. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Council to discuss and review third party city wide garbage and recycling collection proposals. Mayor Traugher stated the city received a proposal from Town and Country and Waste Management. Trevor Hansen from Town and Country was in attendance to answer any questions.

The council stated they had heard from many residents in the city in opposition of a third-party hauler and those residents wanted to keep things the way they were. Councilman Ladegaard asked Administrator Ballis if she has contacted other cities in the county with third party service and how they handle carts and if they have a drop off area like we do. She stated the other cities had opposition when they started a third-party hauler as well. Overall, once the change was made, residents in other communities liked the service. She stated no other community offered a drop off area like West Okoboji does.

Mayor Traugher asked Mr. Hansen if Town and Country would be willing to service the commercial customers and empty the City dumpsters on the weekend. Hansen stated he didn't see that as an issue but would need to verify with his district manager.

Public Works Director Jason Eckard stated the garbage and recycling area behind City Hall is checked, emptied or smashed down an average of three times both Saturday's and Sunday's. If Town and Country came in they would only empty the garbage once a day on the weekend and the City would still have recycling to do. It also would not stop those who are dumping illegally.

Administrator Ballis stated she had received a few emails and phone calls in favor of a fence with a key pad or card system and asked the council their thoughts on the matter. Mayor Traugher stated if we put up a fence people would dump their items outside the fence area and it would create more of a litter problem. The council agreed and Ballis brought up the fact of key cards and pads not working properly in the winter months.

Mayor Traugher doesn't feel it is right for West Okoboji residents to have to pay for illegal dumping. He also stated the solution would be to eliminate the drop off area completely and go to curbside pickup only. Ultimately, if we continue as is, garbage rates will need to be increased to cover the cost of illegal dumping.

Councilmember Paxton felt the council should take its time and weigh all options before coming to a decision either way.

This discussion will continue at the next council meeting. No action taken, informational only.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None to report

Hein/Paxton moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Larry Traugher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lissa Ballis, Administrator/City Clerk