

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Traugher

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Gubbels, Sue Sears, Duane Schimmer, Tim Titterington, Sheryl Thu, Mike Thu, Darlene Powers, Barb Lynch, Chuck Krumme, Scott Kass, Jill Freed, Debbie Peterson, Craig Miner, Jason Eckard, Lissa Ballis.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Paxton/Hein moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hein/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 04/09/2018, claims for May 2018, bank cash report for April 2018. All ayes. Absent: Petersen, Ladegaard. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for the Amendment to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18: Mayor Traugher opened the public hearing up at 6:34 pm; there were no comments from those in attendance or from the public. The Amendment was to increase Capital Projects budget by \$12,500 to cover the cost of the new plow truck. The extra funds will be transferred out of Local Option Sales Tax Reserves. Mayor Traugher closed the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Resolution No. 2018-07 to adopt the City Budget Amendment and Certification Fiscal Year 2017/18 – Amendment #1: Paxton/Olson moved to adopt and certify the City of West Okoboji City Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2017/18 – Amendment #1. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Absent: Ladegaard, Petersen. Resolution Duly Adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to discuss city wide garbage and recycling options: Mayor Traugher reiterated some of the facts concerning the garbage and recycling pickup in town to those in attendance. He stated it had come to his attention that many of the residents don't understand the scope of what our city employees do. He recommended forming a committee to include a few residents, a couple council members, public works director and the administrator to discuss the facts and come to a conclusion on the best course of action for the City. A Committee was formed to include the following residents Jim Gubbels, Barb Lynch, Chuck Krumme, Scott Kass and Craig Miner. A meeting was set for May 17th at 4:30 pm at City Hall. Information only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Danbom requesting permission from the council to install underground sprinklers on the Jeppeson Road Public Access: Mr. Danbom was present to explain to the Council where he wanted to install the sprinkler's and why. The Council gave Mr. Danbom approval to install the sprinklers with the understanding that if at anytime future city projects needed to be done on the access, the city would not be responsible for damage.

Council to consider approval of Annual Iowa Cigarette / Tobacco Permit for Oh Shucks, Inc.: Motion by Paxton/Hein to approve annual Iowa Cigarette/Tobacco Permit for Oh Shucks, Inc. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Ladegaard, Petersen. Motion carried.

Council to consider approval of 6-month Peddler Permit for the Inn Hot Dog Cart: Motion by Olson/Hein to approve Peddler Permit for The Inn Hot Dog Cart to set up on Terrace Park Beach 11am – 5pm to include Sunday sales. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Ladegaard, Petersen. Motion carried.

Council to consider approval of 6- month Transient Merchant Permit for McCreary's Creative Catering: Motion by Paxton/Hein to approve Transient Merchant Permit for McCreary's Creative Catering to be set up on the property of West O Beer. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Ladegaard, Petersen. Motion carried.

Council to review and discuss Planning and Zoning Committee Recommendation to City Council on a proposal to sell/convey City property commonly known as Titterington Park and Old City Hall: Councilman Paxton felt the Council should heed the Planning and Zoning Committee's Recommendation to keep Titterington Park and Old City Hall as is. Motion by Paxton/Hein to let the measure die. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Ladegaard, Petersen. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Committee Reports: Public Works Director Jason Eckard stated landscaping was done in front of City Hall to hopefully eliminate the water issue coming into the building.

He also informed those in attendance that Blacktop Service was in town leveling the streets, crack sealing and seal coating. It is a citywide project and he expects the project to continue over the next couple of weeks weather permitting.

Administrator Reports: Administrator Ballis shared with the Council that The Okoboji Foundation Youth in Philanthropy has award the City a \$20,000 grant for the beach restroom project. The remaining \$5,000 that was requested will be announced July 1st.

She stated on May 23rd at 2pm there will be a Board of Adjustment meeting to discuss a variance request by James Jackson to add to his existing deck and Doug Johnson to replace his deck.

May 24th at 7:00pm at the Dickinson County Court House, the Dickinson Emergency Management will continue the update to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

May 30th at 6:15 pm the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet to continue with the update to the P&Z Ordinance book.

Ballis stated she has had a great response so far from the residents and ACH payment setup for utility accounts.

Ballis also stated the guys have been busy transitioning from winter clean up to spring/summer clean up and duties. They are working very hard to do what needs to be done in a short amount of time and asked for residents to be a little patient with the process.

Mayor Reports: Mayor Traugher wanted to make sure Eckard and Wittrock were compensated for their comp time for the last snow storm as they haven't been able to take any time off. Council felt they should be compensated for their time and had no issues with this.

Traugher also brought up the new tax levies for the surrounding communities in Dickinson County. He stated the City of West Okoboji has the lowest tax levy in the County and one of the lowest in the state. He stated going forward this needs to be adjusted by 50 cents to a dollar to be able to cover the cities general expenses.

Mayor Traugher turned in his resignation to be effective May 31, 2018.

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

Larry Traugher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lissa Ballis, Administrator/City Clerk