CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

501 TERRACE PARK BLVD

THURSDAY, September 29, 2022 6:00 P.M.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Craig Miner

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Robert Hein, Darlene Powers, Paul Sieh, Mike Olson. Absent: Mike Paxton.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derrick Miner, Steve Hallgren

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Olson/Sieh moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton. Powers/Hein moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the Bank Cash Report for August 2022. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Miner and Councilman Olson informed the council about the meeting with the Imagine Iowa group and the fundraising efforts that are needed to make this project happen.

Councilman Sieh reported that the city needs to replace the ash trees on the beach. Sieh asked if Imagine Iowa would be paying for the tree replacement. City Administrator Miner is to bring this topic up at the next meeting with the Imagine Iowa Group. The council agreed that they want input from residents about what kind of trees are planted on the beach.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council to conduct a public hearing considering **Ordinance No. 135**. “An Ordinance Amending the City of West Okoboji’s Zoning Ordinance by Repealing Text from Article 5. Conservation District and Article 8. Commercial District.” Sieh/Olson motioned to go into the public hearing at 6:03pm. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Absent: Paxton. Councilwoman Powers voiced her concerns about the ordinance change and how things were handled. City Administrator Miner informed Powers that the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of this ordinance change. Sieh/Olson motioned to close the public hearing at 6:15pm. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Absent: Paxton. Olson/Sieh motioned to approve the first consideration of this ordinance. Roll Call Vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton. Sieh/Olson motioned to waive the second and third considerations of this ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes: Sieh, Olson, Hein. Nays: Powers. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton. Sieh/Olson motioned to adopt this ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes: Sieh, Hein, Olson. Nays: Powers. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council to review bids for tree removal on city property. City Administrator Miner explained that there are two sets of bids. One set of bids was for the removal of ash trees at Terrace Park Beach and the other set of bids were for city-wide trees that need to be removed. Olson/Hein motioned to approve Thate’s Tree Service’s bid of $15,000 to remove ash trees at Terrace Park Beach. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Absent: Paxton. Olson/Hein motioned to approve Triple S Tree Service’s bid of $8,800 to remove dead trees city-wide. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Absent: Paxton.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Hallgren informed the council about several grants that the city could apply for to help with the cost of the Terrace Park Beach Project. The council thanked Hallgren for the information and gave him permission to start looking into the application process for these grants.

Olson/Powers moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

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Craig Miner, Mayor

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Derrick Miner, Administrator/City Clerk

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