

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, January 9, 2023 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Craig Miner

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrick Miner, Scott Kass, Les Banwart, Kathy Banwart, Eva Shine, Larry & Donita Phelps, Debbie Peterson, Jeanne Sieh, Suzie Wilmot, Scott Bradham, John Franken, Larry Arndt.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Powers/Paxton moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Paxton. Olson/Hein moved to approve the amended consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meetings 12/12/22, amended claims report for January 2023 and Bank Cash Report for December 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

City Administrator Miner reported that he attended the Milford Fireboard meeting and that the city's contribution was lowered by approximately \$3000. Miner also reported that the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the Imagine project at Terrace Park Beach.

Mayor Miner reported that Jim Laadeguard is returning home and he is recovering well.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-1. A Resolution Regarding Payment/Contribution to The Lakes Area Hockey Association (LAHA). Scott Bradham was present to discuss the LAHA and how it impacts the community as it relates to tourism. Bradham also informed the council that kids of all ages are able to play and ranges throughout Northwest Iowa and Southwest Minnesota. Paxton/Powers motioned to donate \$500 to the LAHA. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2. A Resolution Appointing Public Works Director. Olson/Paxton motioned to approve Chad Wellendorf as Public Works Director. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-3. A Resolution Setting City Employee Wages Starting January 10, 2023. Councilwoman Powers voiced her concern about the pay increases. Powers cited that most cities in the area have 3-4% raise increases and that the city of West Okoboji wage increases are much higher. Councilman Olson explained that the personnel committee decided on higher wage increases because the salaries being paid to the city employees were much lower than that of surrounding cities. The higher wage increase was to catch city employees up to the salaries being paid to the same positions in other cities in the area. Olson/Sieh motioned to approve Resolution 2023-3. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Cedar, Beck Engineering, presentation of the Terrace Park Blvd Project with IMAGINE Iowa. Mayor Miner introduced Larry Arndt with IMAGINE Iowa and thanked all IMAGINE members for attending. Larry Arndt introduced Mike Cedar with Beck Engineering. Cedar began his presentation and showed all residents in attendance the plans for the Terrace Park Beach Project. The council along with IMAGINE Iowa and Mike Cedar answered all the questions/comments/concerns that residents had. One of the biggest concerns was blocking line of view from the 4 houses directly south of the beach. City administrator Miner informed the

residents that 26 Ash Trees will be cut down at the beach and only 12 Honey Locus Trees will take their place, which will improve the view. Miner also informed the public that this is the last beautification project that IMAGINE Iowa is going to do in the area. The mayor and council thanked Mike Cedar for his time. No further discussion.

Hein/Sieh moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Craig Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Derrick Miner, Administrator/City Clerk

JANUARY 2023 CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	1,786.35
ALLIANT ENERGY	SIREN	33.51
ALLIANT ENERGY	SIGN	30.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	BROWNS BAY-LIGHTS	24.93
ALLIANT ENERGY	CITY HALL	253.13
ALLIANT ENERGY	1600 OKOBOJI BLVD BEACH	20.42
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	332.82
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	MONTHLY	955.36
BOJI TOWING & RECOVERY	TOWING PLOW TRUCK	250
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	SAFETY JACKET	84.67
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	ZOOM, USB DRIVES, ETC	68.99
COUNSEL	COPIER EXPENSE	39.74
DEKOTER LAW FIRM	LEGAL FEES	4,760.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	EMPLOYEE DENTAL PREM	201.04
EFTPS - 941	FED/FICA TAX	2,901.66
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL EXPENSE	59.4
IPERS	IPERS	1,409.16
KRUSE,CATE & NELSON, PC	ENGINEER COSTS	5,775.98
MEDIACOM ILLC	INTERNET-FAX 06/15-07/14	
MILFORD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	WATER PURCHASED	11,543.01
NEW COOPERATIVE INC	FUEL PURCHASED	1,448.43
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	95.72
RENT ALL INC	NEW WATER PUMP	410.4
	CLEANING OUT STORM	
SAM WEDEKING EXCAVATING, INC	DRAINS	2,335.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	1,056.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WATER SALES TAX	5,346.45
TRIPLE S SERVICE LLC	TREE SERVICE	5,850.00
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	128.93
WASTE MANAGEMENT-LANDFILL	LANDFILL FEES	1,021.76

WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,163.64
Accounts Payable Total		50,387.49
	Refund Checks Total	
Total Paid On: 12/14/22		3,644.09
Total Paid On: 12/29/22		8,688.21
Total Payroll Paid		12,332.30
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		62,719.79
GENERAL		31,041.09
ROAD USE TAX		1,183.64
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		8,110.98
WATER		18,054.11
GARBAGE		4,329.97
TOTAL FUNDS		62,719.79