

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Craig Miner

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

ADMIN/CLERK: Carol Chicoine

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Peterson, Alan Mores, Denny Walker, Jan and Leslie Hahn, John Wills, Brad Beck, Mike Cedar

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Motion Powers, second Olson to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion Paxton, second Olson to approve treasurer's report, which included minutes 8/14/23 and 8/28/23, the claims and claims in vacation for September 2023, and August 2023 Financials. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors:

Denny Walker addressed the council about drainage at his property at 2123 Brown's Bay Ave-Wheeler Woods. Imagine Iowa had commissioned Brad Beck, with BEI Engineering to look at solutions with the drainage to reduce pollution from the run off in the area. With Drainage control and creating a pond on Mr. Walkers property could reduce up to 90% of sediment before hits the lake. The project is estimated to cost \$650,000. The council thanked Mr. Walker and Mr. Beck for the information, but there needs to be more research where all the run off is coming from, because it is not all coming from West Okoboji.

John Wills from Dickinson Water Clean Water Alliance discussing about new percentages being recommended with the 28E agreement. West Okoboji's amount would go from \$7,600 to \$13,250. This is recommended to go into effect FY25 Budget.

Mr. Wills also spoke to the council about a cost share agreement for \$40,000 for the Terrace Park Beach Renovation that could be applied for. Councilman Olson motioned to approve applying for the cost share Application for Low-Impact Development for \$40,000 and authorizing Administrator Chicoine to sign paperwork, second Paxton, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The issue of feral cats was addressed. Mayor Miner addressed the issue with the resident that has been feeding the cats. She acknowledged that it was a problem and is planning on trapping and taking cats with her since she is moving. If there ends up being any other cats left over, Mayor Miner said there is a farmer willing to take any cats that are caught.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider **Resolution 2023-30:** A Resolution to appoint Carol Chicoine as authorized check signer with Bank and credit card, Motion Sieh, second Hien, All Ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider **Resolution 2023-31** A resolution setting public hearing on use of City Property-Alliant Motion to accept Resolution 2023-31 Paxton, second Olson, Roll call, All Ayes, motion carried.

Administrator Chicoine reported back from a meeting with Milford Police and City Administrator about the police protection for West Okoboji. Meeting went well and looking into the future to update the 28E agreement and increase in costs. Council all agreed police presence have been much improved since Police Chief Brevik has taken over.

Angie Cook has reached out for the council to come up with two ideas for tree carving for Maywood and Danbom Park. Councilwoman Powers has submitted some ideas.

Committee report: No Committee Report

Council Report: Councilman Paxton wanted to thank Mike Higgins for monitor and work on camera system. And Councilwoman Powers to the Thank Councilman Hein for trimming at Danbom Park.

Mayor Reports: Mayor Miner said he enjoyed working with Councilman Paxton and Sieh on removing the fence line down at the beach. He also would like to thank the residents of West Okoboji with their donations for the project, they are much appreciated and for the public to know we are still taking donations too. Mayor Miner said “I love our little city and how the residents have rallied behind our beach project!”

City Administrator: Administrator Chicoine said it has been a busy first month: have meet many wonderful residents that have come in and introduced themselves to her, projects have been billings for 2nd Quarter 2023 are out, there are billing issues that will need to be discussed and brought to council. Next bills and rate increase for 3rd Quarter 2023 will be out first week in October and should put us back on track. Working on forms for dock waiting list, key fobs, and tracking spreadsheets. City Hall also had router and WIFI updated and is working well.

Motion to adjourn, Sieh, Powers, all Ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM

Attest: Carol Chicoine, Administrator

Craig Miner, Mayor