

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 501 TERRACE PARK BLVD
 MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Craig Miner

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

ADMIN/CLERK/STAFF: Carol Chicoine

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Kass, Joe Loring, and Steve Hallgren,

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll call was completed with quorum present, Powers absent. Motion Hein, second Olson, to adopt the agenda. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Paxton, second Hein to approve consent agenda which included : minutes from 2/9/26, claims and claims in vacation for March, January and February 2026 financials, and liquor license for West O Beer, all ayes, motion carried.

Visitors: Joe Loring, with Walker Insurance, presented commercial insurance renewals for the city of West Okoboji. Rates came in lower verses last year’s annual rates. Mr. Loring went through valuations and possible increases to liability levels. Motion Olson, second Paxton to accept renewal at current levels, all ayes, Powers absent, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion Olson, second Hein to pay the invoice from the Dickinson County Trails for the West Okoboji trail, all ayes, Powers absent, motion carried. Motion Paxton, second Olson to approve moving council meeting start time to 5:30 pm from 6:30 pm. There was no negative feedback from the public about changing time, just positive to switch, all ayes, Powers absent, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was had to set meeting to go over garbage rates and gate policies, meeting set for Tuesday March 10 at 9:30am.with committee members if able to come.

Committee report: Budget workshop proposed to lower property tax to \$2.91

Council Report: None

Mayor Reports: None

City Administrator: Working on new year budget and garbage rates and hydrant and valve replacement on 1st Street.

Zoning Administrator: working on permits and nuisance abatement concerns.

Mayor Miner called for a motion to adjourn, motion Sieh second Olson, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Attest: Carol Chicoine, City Administrator/Clerk

Craig Miner, Mayor

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
NWIPDC	4TH DRAW FY26 SHEILD	26,316.01
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	2/26 STATEMENT	677.97
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	3/26 GAS	908.19
ELAN FIANCIAL SERVICES	3/26 VISA	430.2
CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI	4TH QTR 25 WATER/GARBAGE	614.14
CRAIG MINER	FUNERAL FLOWERS	87
CULLIGAN WATER	JAN/FEB 26 WATER	23.25
CUTTING EDGE SALES & SERE	PREMIX	83.98
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	3/26 DENTAL/VISION	327.18
DICKINSON COUNTY ENGINEER	SANDING SALT 50.29 TONS	2,514.50
DICKINSON COUNTY NEWS	2/26 MINUTES	235.26
DICKINSON CO REG COLL CEN	2/26 RECYCLING	113
DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS BOARD	WEST OKOBOJI TRAIL	48,843.50
EFTPS - 941	FED/FICA TAX	4,138.08
FASTENAL COMPANY	BOLTS/WASHERS	36.55
IMFOA	FY26 CHICOINE DUES	50
IOWA GREAT LAKES SANITARY	2ND HALF 2025 SEWER	127.83

IPERS	IPERS	2,825.61
MILFORD COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/FAX	148.84
MILFORD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	1/26 WATER PURCHASE	23,966.64
NEW COOPERATIVE INC	FUEL	49.93
NWIPDC	4TH DRAW FY26 SHEILD	3,500.00
PLANNING SOLUTIONS,LLC	2/26 ZONING ADMIN	1,230.09
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	3/26 LIFE INSURANCE	312.25
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	2/26 WATER TESTING	15.5
STEIN LAW OFFICE	2/26 LEGAL FEES	1,000.00
VERIZON	3/26 CELL/BEACH INTERNET	155.45
VISUAL EDGE IT	2/26 COPIER #25	117.33
WASTE MANAGEMENT-LANDFILL	DEBRIS/GARBAGE	1,147.04
WELLMARK	2/26 HEALTH INS	10,678.82
YOUNG BROS LAWN	FY26 PREPAYMENT WEED CONTROL	2,632.91
Total Payroll Paid		13,500.72
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		146,807.77

Revenues : General 37,090.52; Road Use 2,797.43; LOST 7,744.20; TIF 663.93; TIP AP 486.22; Water 9,095.38; Garbage 1,411.24 Total 59,288.92

Expenses : General 31,146.24 Water 37,039.84; Garbage 7,279.75 Total 75,465.83