

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11, 2016

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Adams, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Watters. Mayor Hussong presided.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiley Miller, Arvin D. Druvenga, Charley Whittenburg, Jeff Rose, Jana Erickson, Spirit Lake High School Students, Al Krueger, Kara Rice, and Ron Walker.

Motion approving consent agenda consisting of Minutes, Claims, Clerk's, and Treasurer's reports.

Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving liquor license renewals for Home-ology and Boat Okoboji Rentals. Adams/Watters.

Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving cigarette permit renewals for the Tobacco Shop and Casey's General Store.

Christensen/Richter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving peddler's permits for Dorn Produce, Inc. and Tim's Produce. Christensen/Watters.

Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

DISPUTED WATER BILL: Jana Erickson of the Koffee Kup Kafe was present to discuss the high water usage. Erickson stated that they had a plumber in to check for leaks, and no leaks were found. The City changed out the water meter after the meters were read for the April 1, 2016 billing and will monitor the usage. Motion to adjust the water usage charges above the minimums to the City's cost of \$2.50 per thousand gallons; this is a one-time only forgiveness of the high water usage charges, and to monitor the readings. Watters/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

HISTORIC ARNOLDS PARK, INC. (HAPI): HAPI is requesting, due to safety concerns, to move the planters off of Lake Street and into the cul-de-sac area. Charley Wittenburg reported that a large number of kids come out from behind the planters on their bicycles and skateboards and into the travel portion of the road. The planters make it difficult for drivers to see the kids. Motion to allow HAPI to move the Lake Street planters to where they will be most esthetically pleasing and for the safety of park visitors.

Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None. Whittenburg would like to discuss with the City, at a later date, about the possibility of implementing a skateboard policy.

HAPI plans to purchase banners for the bridge area between Arnolds Park and Okoboji, and is requesting that the City install them as they have done in the past; consensus of the Council to proceed as in the past.

There was a short discussion about HAPI cost sharing parking lot construction at the Calvary United Methodist Church with the City. Whittenburg will discuss further with the HAPI board.

IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP: Kiley Miller provided the council with an update on some of the corridor activities in the areas of: Industrial Attraction, Existing Business Support, Entrepreneurship, Education, Housing, and Organizational activities.

WINTHER, STAVE & CO, LLP: Motion approving a three-year contract (2016, 2017, 2018) with Winther, Stave & Co, LLP for performing all the audit services for the City of Arnolds Park. Watters/Richter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

STREET CLOSURE (LAKE STREET): Motion approving the closure of Lake Street for the University of Okoboji Corvette Club on July 30, 2016. Jensen/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

TREE REMOVAL: A maple tree at 438 S. Okoboji Grove Road is located partly on the owners' property and partly on the City right-of-way. The property owners would like to have the tree removed. Motion to allow property owners at 438 S. Okoboji Grove Road to remove the tree at their expense. Adams/Christensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

EMERALD HILLS DRAINAGE: Due to spring rains, grass is having a hard time becoming established and washout problems continue following the completion of the Drainage Improvement project at Emerald Hills. One option is to install some above ground rock check dams and then remove them once the grass has become established. A second option is to install a temporary pipe to help remove water from the area. Consensus of the Council to move forward and have Jeff Rose contact Randy Rohlfesen and Cohrs Construction.

STORM SEWER (NEAR FILLENWARTH BEACH): Jeff Rose reported that they are waiting for the rain to slow down and then a sock will be installed over the pipe and concrete poured, as needed.

PELICAN RIDGE – PHASE III: In the past, the City has cost shared street lighting at Pelican Ridge. Pelican Ridge has requested cost share assistance with the third phase of street lighting. Motion to cost share in the Pelican Ridge – Phase III Street Lighting project. Jensen/Richter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None

CITY ACCESS BY CENTRAL EMPORIUM: Discussion on a possible option to sell a City Access on Lakeshore Drive. Council will discuss further at the June, 2016 Council meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: Motion to appoint Barb Woodley to the Planning and Zoning Board. Woodley will be completing a term vacated by Ron Booten; the term expires on January 1, 2020. Richter/Jensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

NO PARKING (ROHR STREET): After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to not change the parking regulations on Rohr Street at this time.

LIBRARY: Rice updated the Council on the upcoming Summer Reading Program. The library has also received a \$2,600.00 grant from Alliant Energy to be used towards the purchase of an AWE Learning Computer.

PARKS: Two bids were received for a new mower. Motion to purchase a John Deere Signature Series mower with a 60" deck for \$10,700.00 less a trade-in allowance of \$3,200.00, bringing the purchase price to \$7,500.00. Jensen/Christensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PARK BOARD: The Park Board would like to landscape the entrances to Central Park. Rick Heinrichs is checking on prices and will report back to the Park Board. Phase 1 of the playground equipment for

Central Park is due to arrive the first or second week of June. The Park Board is selling benches to be placed in Central Park. Benches are \$2,000 each and the money will be used towards park projects.

STREET COMMITTEE: The curb and gutter work on West Okoboji Road is scheduled to be completed July 1.

Curb replacement, milling, and overlay on Benit & Emerald Drive is scheduled to begin after Labor Day, and to be completed by December 1.

Jeff Rose is requesting that the milling and overlay of a portion of Benit Drive located between Hwy 71 and Okoboji Grove Road be added to the Benit and Emerald Drive project for an additional charge of just over \$11,000. Motion to add the portion of Benit Drive between Hwy. 71 and Okoboji Grove Road to the Benit and Emerald Drive project. Jensen/Watters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

A resident at 1006 S. Emerald Hills is asking to be allowed to hook into the City's storm sewer due to drainage issues on his property. Motion to allow the resident at 1006 S. Emerald Hills to hook into the City's storm sewer. Watters/Richter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

BALL DIAMOND: Adams has received a schedule from the Okoboji Little League. The Okoboji Little League is currently using the ball diamond for practices; and has games scheduled at least four nights a week during the summer, as well as, Saturday tournaments.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: The City has purchased the property to the east of City Hall for expansion purposes. Consensus of the Council to contact Cannon Moss Brygger Architects; and also, to set up a building committee to begin looking at the future needs for each department. The committee will consist of: Jim Hussong, John Adams, MitchWatters, Chris Yungbluth, Al Krueger, Rick Heinrichs, Wanda Thielen, Ron Walker, and Kara Rice.

MISCELLANEOUS NON-ACTION ITEMS: The Personnel Committee met and has decided to run an ad for a part-time Streets/Parks Maintenance Worker. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27.

Motion to adjourn: Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None. Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

James Hussong, Mayor

Wanda Thielen, City Clerk