

ARNOLDS PARK, IA  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Adams, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Watters. Mayor Hussong presided.  
ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Rose, Andrew Fisher, Lynn Fillenwarth, Steve Schwaller, Greg Drees, Mike May, Dan Toman, John & Juli Campbell, Matt Thelen, Angie Mitchell, Rebecca Peters, Mark Leiss, Darlene Ayers, Herman Richter, Ron Walker, Al Krueger, Kara Rice.

Motion approving Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes, Claims, Clerks & Treasurer's reports Christensen/Watters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion approving liquor license renewal for Los Pueblos. Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

YMCA: Andrew Fisher, CEO, updated the Council on the happenings at the YMCA. They had record memberships this year, and of those memberships, 231 are residents of Arnolds Park. Fisher stated the YMCA is going to have a free, 5-lesson survival swim program available for all Dickinson County third graders to promote water safety awareness.

HEAD START: Angie Mitchell, Coordinator for the Upper Des Moines Head Start Program, updated the Council. Head Start is a Monday thru Friday program located at the Okoboji Elementary School for low income families. The program promotes school readiness in children ages 0-4. Mitchell said there are 18 children currently enrolled and they all come from working families.

ONE-WAY STREET: Lynn Fillenwarth hired the Shive-Hattery Architecture Engineering firm to do a brief analysis of the Lakeshore Drive one-way street issue. Fillenwarth presented the Council with traffic engineer Justin Campbell's report from the study. Fillenwarth reiterated her concern for the safety of her employees driving golf carts between the resort locations. Consensus of the Council to table the matter and check with Imagine Iowa Great Lakes to see what their final plans are for the area.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX: The Council met in special session on August 22, 2018 and passed a resolution to place on the November, 2018 General Election ballot a request to authorize the City of Arnolds Park to increase the hotel/motel tax rate from 5% to 7%. Mike May with Triggs Resort expressed concerns over why lodging representatives were not notified prior to the resolution being passed and why private residence rentals are not collecting the current hotel/motel tax. The Council had planned to discuss the subject at the September meeting; however, due to filing deadlines, the Council had to meet before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the issue. Rebecca Peters with Okoboji Tourism thanked the City for their funding generated from the current tax and mentioned that websites such as Airbnb and VRBO are now starting to collect hotel/motel tax.

945 EMERALD PINES DRIVE: Darlene Ayers with Upkeep Plumbing & Heating read a letter out loud to the Council from Jan Spielman, the owner of 945 Emerald Pines Drive. The letter states Spielman has been working with Upkeep Plumbing & Heating to find a workable and permanent solution for an ongoing ground water issue that affects her property, the golf course, and her neighbor's properties. They believe that connecting to the City's storm sewer will help alleviate

some of the water issues. City Engineer, Jeff Rose, will investigate the situation and come back with his findings at a future meeting.

**JANITORIAL SERVICES:** The City currently uses Marsden Building Maintenance for janitorial services. Marsden has submitted an increase for their services from \$640.00 to \$993.89 a month starting on October 1, 2018. It was the consensus of the council to request bids for janitorial services.

**HINSHAW STREET:** The City was contacted by a resident who is requesting a speed bump be placed on Hinshaw Street. Police Chief, Al Krueger, says there have been no problems with speeding on that street. Consensus of the Council to pass on the installation of any speed bumps at this time.

**CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT: RESOLUTION NO. 23-18 APPROVING THE CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.** Introduced by Watters. Seconded by Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Adams, Christensen, Jensen, Richter. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**LIBRARY:** Kara Rice, Librarian, updated the Council on the happenings at the library. The Summer Reading Program went from a four week program to seven weeks. This year's program had 172 registered participants with 92 kids reading their goal of 100 books. Rice also stated that story time and paint night are back on their regularly scheduled days.

**2018 PCC SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – LAKEVIEW BOULEVARD:** Jensen presented a list of issues that still needed to be taken care of along the sidewalk. Motion to table Payment Estimate No. 3 until City Engineer, Jeff Rose, has done a walkthrough and has contacted Diamond Concrete about the list of issues. Jensen/Christensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**2018 STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – W. OKOBOJI ROAD: RESOLUTION NO. 24-18 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,384.00 FOR THE 2018 STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – W. OKOBOJI ROAD PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF JACOBSON – WESTERGARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.** Introduced by Christensen. Seconded by Richter. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Christensen, Richter, Adams, Jensen, Watters. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**PRAIRIE LANE STORM SEWER:** Ongoing water issues have been taking place in the Prairie Lane area. Jeff Rose will check with Mike Hawkins about the state's LiDAR data and watershed analysis of the area. Rose will come back to the October 10, 2018 Council meeting with an update.

**MISCELLANEOUS NON-ACTION ITEMS:** Dawn Harbor Villas is requesting the City consider installing a sidewalk on the south side of East Broadway Street. Linda Nase informed the Council she will be attending the IMFOA Conference in Des Moines in October. Ron Walker brought up possibly contracting a nuisance and code enforcement officer from Northwest Iowa Planning & Development. Watters informed the Council he has been seeing more and more golf carts driving on sidewalks, Highway 71, and after dark.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE:** Mark Leiss spoke to the Council on behalf of the Arnolds Park Alumni Association. There is currently a display at the Okoboji Middle School showing photos of all the past classes from Arnolds Park School. Leiss asked if the display could be moved to the library or in the City Hall foyer. The Council agreed they would like to see the display at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn: Richter/Watters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.  
Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Jim Hussong, Mayor

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Linda Nase, City Clerk