

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING WITH OKOBOJI SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 9, 2020  
5:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in special session July 9, 2020 at the Okoboji High School -Media Center.

Mayor Steve Anderson called the council to order.

Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Aaron Gebhart, Andy Yungbluth, Jason Eckard and meeting electronically Doug Frederick and LeAnn Reinsbach

Absent: None.

Others present: Brad Droegmiller, Juli Johnson, John Klopstad, Tracy Evans, John Pausley, Katy Sporrer and Todd Abrahamson.

### ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Additional parking around Administration Building by the Elementary School

Todd Abrahamson spoke that some things have changed due to growth at the Elementary School, talked about the possibility expanding the fire lane to the south and talked about the age of the Administrative Building and putting more money into a building that is starting to deteriorate. Because of these concerns Phase 2 in regards to adding additional parking has been put on hold. Abrahamson is hoping to have a work session with in month to follow up with Tyler. Councilman Hinshaw asked what the timeframe of Phase 2. Abrahamson explained that in Phase 2 the law has changed on the SAVE dollars which is the Local Option even though it has been extended to 2051 there are certain processes that have to be put in place. The goal would be to take something to the board that can then be pushed out to the public in the spring of 2021. Hinshaw asked what they plan to do to about adding additional parking in the short term. Abrahamson noted they may be able to do something with the bus lane. There was also discussion in regards to the amount of congestion during drop off and pick up of the students. It was also suggested to have police officers on site during these times to make sure traffic is flowing.

#### 7th Street (between Elementary School and playground)

There was discussion on expanding the Elementary School to the south and how this would be handled since the city conveyed 7<sup>th</sup> St between M and N Avenue to the school in August of 2010 by Quit Claim Deed. Part of the language in the document spells out that the Okoboji School District shall not construct any buildings, structures, trees, vegetation, plantings or other obstructions in the vacated street. The question was asked if the school wanted to build over the street and paid to move the utilities under the street if this was a possibility? Council agreed this may be something that could be considered. It was suggested that when the school looks into Phase 2, they have a design locate done to determine what is there for utilities.

#### Church Parking

The city and the church have a 25-year written lease agreement which allows to share the lot. The city does snow removal and maintenance. Maintenance consist of painting yellow lines and sealcoating. This is a shared cost between the city and the church. In the past the school basically has used the church parking by a gentleman's handshake and would like to get something it writing. There are 57 parking spots in the church parking lot and the school plans to use these additional; spots to get to their required number of spaces per city code. The city is asking that they continue to do snow removal and not have the school involved for the simple fact that the city has been doing it for so long and have a process that works very well and would prefer to keep it as is.

#### School Property ("Chaffin Lot" southeast of High School)

Droegmiller talked about the lot they school acquired over 30 years ago that is located outside the auditorium doors to the south and is looking at expanding this area to be able to the enlarge the commons area. The commons area is not big enough and the students are getting the brunt of this by having to cut their lunch time short to get back to class. Abrahamson stated the possible expansion would be part of Phase 2. Mayor Anderson spoke about the requirements of a court case between the Brinkley's and the school that is was required to have a vegetative screening on the school property and to be maintained by the school so that headlights would not shine in the windows of the Brinkley home. The school district cut down trees due to blight and have no plans to replace them nor are they required to according to their attorney based on a "Bloomfield" court case.

#### High School Expansion-immediate and future growth needs

Abrahamson explained at some point the district is going to have to add on to the high school to allow for extra classrooms and cafeteria expansion.

#### Sidewalk to new Middle School

When the Board of Adjustments approved the new middle school project there were special conditions that were part of the approval. One of them was a recommendation that the city council review adding a sidewalk on the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> St. on H Avenue going west to the east side of the parcel in which the middle school will be constructed. And in addition to this is if the city does install the sidewalk the school would install a sidewalk that would connect to the middle school for safety of the students. At the time of this approval the property belonged to Neil Anderson since then the school as acquired this property. The cost estimate is approximately \$50,000 and is not in the city budget and is not city property. Discussion took place on possibility of cost sharing the project. The school is going to contact FEH and Breecher who is doing to concrete work at the middle school and get something back to the city for further discussion.

#### Florence Park parking considerations

Discussion took place on possibly adding angle parking around Florence Park. The city will look into this to see if this it's possible. There is concern about emergency vehicle being able to get through. It should also be discussed with the park board.

Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous discussion.

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Yungbluth second by Gebhart at 7:18 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven R. Anderson, Mayor

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LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator/Clerk