

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Greg Geels, and Dave Popkes. Also present: Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to approve the consent agenda with the following items:

- a. City Council Minutes of October 16, 2013.
- b. Summary List of Claims, and Additional Claims as Presented.
- c. Liquor License Renewal for Hy-Vee Food Store.
- d. Beer Permit Renewal for Hy-Vee C Store.

Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing to consider the sale of City property on Russell's Avenue. There were no oral or written objections. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Seehusen to close the hearing. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R13-4131, A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON RUSSEL'S AVENUE, OWNED BY THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, TO JEFFREY AND SARA VAN MEETEREN FOR THE SUM OF \$18,000, SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS AS SET OUT IN R13-4129 RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC NOTICE. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Geels, and Popkes. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing to consider the sale of property in Sunshine Addition. There were no oral or written objections. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to close the hearing. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to approve Resolution R13-4132, A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, BEING THE NORTH HALF (N 1/2) OF THAT PART OF VACATED FIFTEENTH STREET IN SUNSHINE ADDITION ADJACENT TO LOT ONE (1) OF SUNSHINE ADDITION-PHASE III AND LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) OF SUNSHINE ADDITION-PHASE III, SHELDON, O'BRIEN COUNTY, IOWA TO JEFFREY AND SARA VAN MEETEREN FOR THE SUM OF \$7,000, SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS AS SET OUT IN R13-4130 RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC NOTICE. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Geels, and Popkes. Motion carried.

At the request of the Sheldon Community Schools, a motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to authorize City Manager Wynja to submit a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation requesting that the School Zone along Highway 18 be extended to the frontage road in front of People's Bank, and that the 35 mph speed limit

be extended throughout the extended School Zone along Highway 18, which would help increase safety for vehicles and pedestrians. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council further discussed the second request of the Sheldon Community Schools to consider placing a stop sign at the uncontrolled intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Normal College Avenue, to control the east and westbound vehicles along 4<sup>th</sup> Street as they cross Normal College Avenue. There is a lot of traffic at this intersection, and also a blind spot for the east bound vehicles to the north on Normal College Avenue when trying to enter the intersection. Councilman Hindt recommended a stop sign for all directions. Councilman Seehusen commented that the City should follow the recommendation of the Sheldon Schools in the placement of the stop signs. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to place four way stop signs at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Normal College Avenue. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Popkes and Hindt. Nays: Seehusen, Rensink, and Geels. Motion failed. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Geels to place stop signs at the uncontrolled intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Normal College Avenue, controlling the east and westbound vehicles along 4<sup>th</sup> Street as they cross Normal College Avenue. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to approve Pay Estimate #4 to Rens Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$181,929.31, for the 2013 Sheldon Downtown Infrastructure Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Popkes, and Geels. Nay: Seehusen. Motion carried. City Manager Wynja stated that the City has a performance bond which will ensure that the contractor will be obligated to fulfill the requirements of the contract and meet the specifications of the project.

Public Works Director Uhl reviewed with the Council the problems the City has had with the GSR repair. He stated an inspection showed that there are still pinholes in the coating, but there is no definite explanation for it. The contractor and engineer believe that it may have been an outgassing issue and thus a sealing problem. At the recommendation of the engineer, the performance bond will be used to ensure further repair, locating the pinholes, and recoating in the spring. The City also has an extended warranty from one year to three years. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Geels to approve the Final Pay Estimate to Champion Coatings in the amount of \$5,800.00, and completion of the final documents for the GSR Repair Project, subject to having a written agreement from Champion Coatings to return in the spring of 2014 to locate the pinholes and recoat the ground storage reservoir (GSR) under the performance bond. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$4,525.00 for the 2013 Sheldon Crossing Improvements Plans, to remove and salvage the chain link fence. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Super Hi Tech presented a proposal to the Council for the purchase of new computer technology for the City Council and Senior Management. Wayne Barahonna stated that the windows based Asus tablets would be cost effective and a secure way for the Council to access meeting information. This would provide essential functionality with printing capabilities. It also would eliminate the cost of printing all of the material that is sent out in Council packets for every meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve the purchase of 12 Asus Bundle Tablets as proposed by Super Hi Tech, not to exceed \$6,000. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Rensink commented that the traffic flow on Highway 18 has been great, with the new highway improvements.

Staff comments-Public Works Director Uhl stated that they will be going over the punch list on Friday, for the Highway 18 Improvement Project.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer