

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 16, 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, Micah Schreurs, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. January 2, 2013 City Council Minutes, and the Minutes of the Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims—City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. December, 2012 Financial Reports.
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2012 Uncollectible Ambulance Accounts.
- e. Ag Deferments.
  - i. Tony & Marlene Pape.
  - ii. Ron Neth.
  - iii. Van Meeteren Farms.
- f. No Action Taken on the Appointment to the Park Board.

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

Auditor Tom Hinrichsen, Winther Stave & Co. reviewed the financial report of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to accept the Sheldon City Audit for 2011/2012. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Derrick Anderson, McClure Engineering Co., reviewed the schedule for the Downtown Infrastructure Project for the City of Sheldon. Councilman Seehusen questioned whether the Council has actually approved the plans for the project. Mr. Anderson stated their firm was preparing this schedule and designs based on the consensus of the Council, which was for the scope of the project and the amount of dollars within that budget. Councilman Seehusen and Rensink would like to have more conversation about the design, to consider removing the bump outs and changing the parking from diagonal back to parallel due to losing too many downtown parking spaces.

Councilman Hindt stated that the parking issue can be resolved if business owners and their employees do not park on the street. Mayor Meendering agreed that parking is an issue, and the two hour parking ordinance should be addressed. Engineer Anderson commented that there are pros and cons for the bump outs. Bump outs can be a safety factor, narrowing the distance pedestrians walk on the street, and studies have shown that the bump outs provide traffic calming, slowing vehicles down as they approach the intersections. There also can be more of a gradual slope from the sidewalk to the street for ADA purposes. As far as snow removal, the bump outs can make that more difficult. Engineer Anderson added that the plan can still be modified according to the Council's

decision. Councilman Geels felt that the bump outs in the design add to the ascetic aspect of the plan, and gives a new look to the downtown of Sheldon. After much discussion, McClure Engineering was directed to prepare more diagrams with variations of the bump outs, and bring this back to the Council at the next meeting.

Regarding the resolution to accept the Hwy 18 Project and approve the final pay estimate, there was no action taken, and no motion pending at this time. City Attorney Schreurs will consult with Snyder Associates Engineers and City Manager Wynja, and bring back more information to the Council at a later date.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Popkes to approve the contract with DeWild Grant Reckert Engineering Co. (DGR), in the amount of \$7,500, to prepare plans and specifications up to and including assistance to the City in soliciting bids from qualified contractors, for the Ground Storage Reservoir Repair. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to approve Resolution R13-4060, A RESOLUTION SETTING DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED SHELDON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN IN THE CITY OF SHELDON, STATE OF IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Geels, and Popkes. Motion carried.

The consultation with the taxing entities is scheduled for January 23, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., in the SCDC Conference Room of the Sheldon Community Building, and the public hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of the Sheldon Community Building, City Hall, 416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheldon, Iowa.

Mayor Meendering informed the Council that a budget workshop is tentatively planned for Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The Councilmen will check their calendars and inform the City Clerk if that date does not work, and the workshop would have to be rescheduled for another date.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-none.

Staff comments-Mayor Meendering commented that the No Parking Ordinance should be addressed, and asked that Police Chief Lyle Bolkema look into this.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer