

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Ron Rensink, and Dave Popkes. Absent: Duane Seehusen and Greg Geels. Also present: Todd Uhl, Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

During public comments, Mayor Meendering welcomed the Boy Scouts Troop #155. As part of their citizenship project, they will be viewing the council meeting and touring the Community Services Center. There were no other public comments.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of July 17, 2013.
- b. Summary List of Claims.
- c. Renewal of Beer Permit for Shopko.
- d. Renewal of Beer Permit for Godfather's Pizza.
- e. Student Fire Applicant Morgan Sachen.
- f. SCAT Applicant Galen Habben.
- g. Sioux County Trails Council Appointment Pete Hamill.
- h. Resolution R13-4118 Approving 2012-2013 Street Finance Report.

Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Rensink, and Popkes. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing on the Elevated Tank Painting Project. There were no oral or written comments. 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 Rensink and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R13-4119, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2013 SHELDON ELEVATED TANK PAINTING PROJECT, SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Rensink, and Popkes. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Todd Uhl stated the City received five bids on the Elevated Tank Painting Project, with a completion date by June, 2014. This encouraged more bidders and better prices. The water tower would be shut down for approximately seven to ten days. At the recommendation of DGR Engineer Gordon Krause, a motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R13-4120, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, ACCEPTING THE BID OF \$118,500.00 INCLUDING ALTERNATE A3 AS PART OF THE PROJECT, AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., FOR THE 2013 SHELDON ELEVATED TANK PAINTING PROJECT, SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Rensink, and Popkes. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja informed the Council of Iowa State Bank's request to the City for abandonment of the alley directly south of their bank on 2nd Avenue. Based on observation, traffic in the alley is exclusively limited to their customers, and appears

there would be no harm to adjacent property owners. After discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to send this request to the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider City abandonment of the alley directly south of the Iowa State Bank. As part of this project, the bank would pay all legal fees related to the transaction. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council held a discussion on fees for solid waste services. The landfill has increased their rate by \$5.00 per ton. This is due to the new DNR requirements and necessary updates on equipment. The garbage haulers are requesting a \$1.00 increase on the base rate for garbage and recycling. After more discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve the rate increase of \$1.00 per month effective in the contract starting August 1, 2013 with the first billing cycle in September, 2013. Thereafter the approved contract would continue at a \$.25 increase each year for the 3 remaining years of the contract. The fuel surcharge formula will remain the same based on the current fuel prices. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. In order to encourage more recycling, Council Rensink recommended the City consider new recycling containers, and change garbage pickup through the use of a required garbage container. This issue will be placed on the Council agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Rens Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$173,455.99, for the 2013 Sheldon Downtown Infrastructure Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Hindt to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Godbersen-Smith Construction in the amount of \$219,028.39, for the Highway 18 Improvement Project (Phase III). Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the discussion on the Development Director Position. SCDC Executive Director Mark Gaul has resigned, and accepted a position in Orange City, Iowa, effective after the Sheldon Labor Day Celebrations. The SCDC Board has recommended that the new director become a city employee, with the City providing the full benefit package and SCDC reimbursing the City for the salary portion. This would allow for better recruitment and encourage longer retention. The SCDC Board would continue to operate as currently set up making recommendations and being involved in the evaluation, but this position would ultimately be responsible to the City Council. The Council recommended that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed between the City Council and the Sheldon Community Development Corporation, and include in detail the responsibilities of each entity. This agreement will be brought back to the Council for consideration.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Rensink asked for an update on the Sports Complex Project. City Manager Wynja stated that NCC is starting the dirt work.

Staff comments-Public Works Director Uhl asked that the public use caution around Sheldon with all the projects that are underway.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer