

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 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, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. September 4, 2013 City Council Minutes, and the Minutes of the Boards and Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims—City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. August, 2013 Financial Reports.
- d. SCAT Applicant Jodi Wood.
- e. Resolution R13-4122 for DESTRUCTION OF CITY RECORDS PER THE RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE.

Roll call was taken. Ayes: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Greg Geels and Dave Popkes. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing to consider vacating an alley between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue in the City of Sheldon, and disposal of that property to Iowa State Bank. There were no oral or written objections. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Rensink to close the hearing. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve Resolution R13-4123, A RESOLUTION VACATING AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA AND DISPOSING OF SAID VACATED ALLEY TO IOWA STATE BANK OF SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Greg Geels and Dave Popkes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R13-4124, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FROM CONTRACTORS FOR PROPERTY "11-HSG-048-K", AS PART OF THE SHELDON OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Greg Geels and Dave Popkes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$48,033.67 to Vander Pol Excavating, for the 2013 Trilogy Village Replat Improvement Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Based on the contract bid amount, and the quantity that was on the submitted pay request, it was the consensus of the Council to remove Item #3 from the payment to Godbersen Smith Construction for the Highway 18 Improvements Project. The engineer will need to review this item. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded

by Popkes to approve Pay Estimate #3 in the new amount of \$530,429.51 to Godbersen Smith Construction, for the Highway 18 Improvements Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

There was no discussion on Agenda Item #7 considering an easement agreement.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes to set October 2, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. for a public hearing to consider the plans and specifications and awarding of the contract for the Deep Well Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja informed the Council about a residential property that is in need of repair or removal. The structure is becoming dilapidated, and the grass and weeds are left unattended. It has been vacant for years, and there are no utilities being used. He also stated that nuisance letters have been served, but nothing has been repaired. After discussion, a motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Seehusen to move forward with a formal nuisance prosecution for the property located at 519 10th Street, Sheldon, Iowa. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Rensink stated he had received complaints about the fire at the tree dump. Public Works Director Todd Uhl commented that the City crew did set the fire to dispose of all the trees and branches that have been taken out there. He has spoken with the DNR, and they are aware of the fire. The DNR is in agreement as long as it is being monitored by the City crew. Councilman Rensink also commented that he has had complaints about the trees on Highway 18 West blocking the view and making travel very dangerous. The City will look into this.

Councilman Geels referenced an article on Tax Increment Financing in the Iowa League magazine, and asked if Sheldon's TIF projects could be mentioned. City Manager Wynja commented that the use of TIF in Sheldon's Schemper Addition was part of a previous article in that magazine where they showed the benefits derived through the use of TIF.

Staff comments-Mayor Meendering commented that in the near future they will be doing the annual nuisance tour of the City. This was scheduled a little later this year due to the ice storm and all the cleanup of trees and debris. Furthermore, the city wide spring cleanup is completed now, and the city wide garage sales will be done this week. This helps eliminate some of the nuisance issues. City Manager Wynja added that he and City Attorney Schreurs will be reviewing some of the language in the Code to further clarify the criteria for what is deemed a nuisance.

City Manager Wynja gave an update on the Sports Complex. NCC is moving dirt now. But due to the time frame, the project may not get done this fall. After the plans and specifications are finalized, they will be brought back to the Council for approval.

Mayor Meendering thanked Police Chief Lyle Bolkema for representing the City of Sheldon at the funeral that was held in Rockwell City for the police officer who was

killed in the line of duty. She also reminded the public to use caution when traveling in the construction zones that are throughout the City.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer