

January 2013

# City of Sheldon

## City Council Approves 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Each year, the City Council considers and updates a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan prior to the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. Recently, the City Council reviewed the updated plan and gave approval of the plan with the recommendation from city staff. All of the various departments provide input and information for the plan, estimate value of various projects and equipment purchases and the possible time frame for the improvements or equipment needs. Sometimes the priorities over a 5 year period may change and therefore the need to update the plan on an annual basis. A good example of this is the Street Department. Each year there are proposed designated streets that need repair or updating, but especially after the winter season, these priorities may change based on the condition of various streets. Also there are items such as grants and other funding mechanisms that may change the timeframe and especially cost of the project. Currently the CIP has just over \$16 million worth of projects. We certainly realize this is not possible or feasible for our community to complete in 5 years, yet at the same time provides a guideline for the council of potential project needs in the future. If anyone is interested in viewing the plan, please stop by the City Offices and one would be available for viewing.

### Phone Numbers

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| Emergency        | 911      |
| City Offices     | 324-4651 |
| Police Dept.     | 324-2525 |
| Street Dept.     | 324-3252 |
| Water Dept.      | 324-2845 |
| Wastewater Dept. | 324-2234 |
| Recreation Dept. | 324-2769 |
| Airport          | 324-4005 |
| Library          | 324-2442 |
| SCDC             | 324-2813 |

## Building & House Numbering

There are several homes in Sheldon which do not have their building/house numbers displayed. While this may not seem to be very important, it is often of critical importance to members of our emergency service departments. When responding to an emergency call, these services sometimes have a difficult time finding the correct address of the call because the owner does not have his/her number displayed. This is especially difficult at night. There have been many instances where precious minutes were lost during an emergency call because the emergency personnel were unable to find someone's home because they had neglected to install their house numbers.

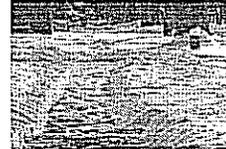
### SHELDON HOME SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Sheldon Home Show to be held on March 2, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the NCC Life Long Learning Center. More details will be coming in the February newsletter.

With winter upon us, we would like to remind the citizens of Sheldon about some of our Ordinances.

## Code 136.03 Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations

“It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twelve (12) hours after the snow fall or ice formation, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.”



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## Code 140.13 Private Driveways

“City snow plows will not clear private driveways. It is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant to remove the snow placed in driveways by City plows. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed upon or pushed across a City street.

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## Code 69.07 Parking Prohibited, Sections 4 and 17

“No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:”

4. “Sidewalks. On a sidewalk.”
17. “Area Between Curb Line and Sidewalk. On that part of any street in the City between the curb line, if there is a curb, and the sidewalk line of the abutting property. No vehicle shall be parked on that part of any street not having a curb between the edge of the traveled portion of said street and sidewalk line of the abutting property unless the owner of the abutting property has received a written permit from the City Manager to allow parking between the traveled portion of said street and sidewalk. Such permit shall set requirements and standards for allowing and maintaining such parking area. In the event parking is allowed under this section, it shall not be deemed the private parking area for any individual or owner of property.”

There are others sections to this Code. However, it has been brought to our attention that these need to be addressed. For the other sections, please contact the City Offices at 324-4651 or they can be found on our website at [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com).

### Utility Billing Automatic Bank Pay

The City of Sheldon offers you the availability of having your utility bill automatically deducted from your account each month. This would come out of your account on the 10th of each month, or the prior business day. You will continue to get a bill that states “copy of bill paid by bank”, so you know how much to deduct out of your account. Sign up today at the City Office, or you may obtain the form from our website at [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com)