

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were: Ron Rensink, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Greg Geels, and Zach Sawyer. Also present were: Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth and Angela Beckman.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of January 15, 2014.
- b. Summary list of claims and additional claims presented.
- c. Approval of J&B Bar new outside service and liquor license renewal.

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

Auditor Tom Hinrichsen, Winther, Stave & Co. reviewed the financial report of the City of Sheldon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to accept the Sheldon City Audit for 2012-2013. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approve Resolution R14-4138, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SALE OF LOT 8, BLOCK 2 IN TRILOGY VILLAGE TO KENDALL DE GROOT & JANICE VELDHUIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,110.00. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Rensink, Geels, Sawyer, Fonkert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to approve the starting wage of \$25,000 for Marie Kruger, in the accounting/payroll position in the City Office, beginning February 13, 2014. After six-month probation, the wage would increase to \$26,000. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Rensink to approve change order #2 on the Streetscape Project, in the amount of \$5,224.32. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This is for fire hydrant modifications.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to approve pay estimate #6 on the Streetscape Project, in the amount of \$27,334.34. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to enter into executive session at 5:01 p.m., pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5 (1) (j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council came out of executive session at 5:10 p.m. Mayor Meendering stated that there was no action taken on the purchase of property.

Press comments—none.

Staff comments—Public Works Director, Uhl stated that the deep well is drilled, screened, and the casing is in place. Next step will be test pumping.

Council comments—Councilman Geels would like to remind citizens and businesses that sidewalks need to be cleared of snow in a timely manner, which the City allows 12 hours from the end of a snow fall.

Councilman Sawyer has had complaints on the lengthy wait time at stoplights at Hwy 18 & Washington Ave, as well at Hwy 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Uhl stated those lights run on sensors on Hwy 18. The idea is to keep the traffic on Hwy 18 flowing. If traffic is heavy or steady it affects the amount of time that the light may be red.

Councilman Fonkert asked about a timeframe on the buildings that have had fires. City Attorney Schreurs stated that Buddz's is a legal issue and steps are being taken. The owner of the house that was destroyed by fire has been served notice. A contractor has asked for a time extension of demolition due to ground frost.

Mayor Meendering extended condolences for the Bill Van Rennes Family. Bill Van Rennes was a police officer and chief of police for the City of Sheldon, and has passed away.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Angela Beckman, City Clerk