

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Ron Rensink, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Greg Geels, and Zach Sawyer. Also present: Scott Wynja, Todd Uhl, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: Brandon Kats feels the planters for downtown are too big and too expensive. He feels they will collect trash and be difficult for snow removal. He also asked that the minutes be posted to the website sooner.

Rob Dixon spoke in favor of the downtown streetscape amenities. He urged the Council to finish this good and worthwhile project. It will not only beautify the downtown, but the retail competition in the area is fierce and we need to enhance the shopping experience.

Heidi Brown wanted to clarify some recent questions about the hanging flowers. She stated that the Marketing Committee only uses local businesses to purchase the flowers from. It may not always be the same business, but it is always local.

Lori Letner is in support of completing the downtown beautification. She has seen other communities with similar planters and has never seen garbage accumulated around them.

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

- a. Minutes of April 16, 2014.
- b. Summary List of Claims.
- c. Liquor License Renewal for Jensen Liquor LTD.
- d. Liquor License Renewal for Fareway Stores Inc.
- e. Request from Galen Elgersma for Controlled Burn.
- f. Village NW Request for Special Events.
- g. Appointment of Scott Wynja as Director for Lewis & Clark RWS Board.

Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

The downtown amenities were discussed. Wynja had a price quote for 10 rectangle planters, 4 round planters, 5 trash receptacles, and 2 benches in the amount of \$20,392.60. Fonkert stated he feels the rectangle planters are too big and expensive. He would like to see the rectangle planters replaced with the round ones and save \$522.90 on each planter. Wynja also stated that a business had donated money to go towards payment of the benches. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to approve the downtown amenities to include 14 round planters, 5 trash receptacles, and 2 benches. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Fonkert, Hindt, Geels. Nays: Sawyer and Rensink. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to suspend the rules in the adoption of an Ordinance. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Sawyer to approve Ordinance O14-3213 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 122.19 IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHELDON AND ENTITLED "RAGBRAI-MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS". Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Sawyer, Geels, Rensink, and Fonkert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to suspend the rules in the adoption of an Ordinance. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Geels to approve Ordinance O14-3214 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 17.05 ("APPOINTMENTS") OF CHAPTER 17 ("COUNCIL") PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS; and SECTION 21.04 ("CERTAIN OFFICERS NOT TO BE UNDER JURISDICTION") OF CHAPTER 21 ("CITY MANAGER") PERTAINING TO OFFICERS NOT UNDER CITY MANAGER JURISDICTION. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Sawyer, Geels, Rensink, and Fonkert. Motion carried.

Uhl spoke to the State of Iowa and the O'Brien County Sanitarian about the sewer situation in Runger's 4th Addition. The best option is to install a septic system for the business that will be locating there. Skinny Construction has asked the City to pay for the installation of the septic system. After discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Fonkert to approve the installation of infrastructure and a septic tank with a preliminary estimate of \$201,000. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. The Country Club Road & East 9th Street project will have funds available to loan for this project.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to approved Resolution R14-4143 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND LEVYING FINAL SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF that said assessments of \$500.00 or more shall be payable in 10 equal annual installments and shall bear interest at the rate of 1.42% per annum. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Geels, Sawyer. Nay: Fonkert. Motion carried. These are for the Downtown Streetscape sidewalk assessments.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Geels to approve Country Club Road & East 9th Street paving pay estimate #3 in the amount of \$20,446.78 to OMG Midwest d/b/a Tri-State Paving. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approve the Engineer's statement of final completion and owner's acceptance of contract construction for the Country Club Road & East 9th Street paving project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The total cost of the project was \$400,727.73, with \$320,582.18 to be received via grant. Our total cost, with engineering will be \$135,145.55.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to approve Sheldon Crossing pay estimate #5 in the amount of \$92,867.27 to D.A. Davis Co. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Sawyer to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 92.02 PERTAINING TO RATES FOR WATER SERVICE; BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 92.03 PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY; BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 92.10 PERTAINING TO MULTIPLE UNITS HOOKED TO ONE METER; AND BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 99.05 PERTAINING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Sawyer, Fonkert, Rensink, Hindt, Geels. Motion carried. This includes a 4% increase on water and a 2% increase on sewer.

Wynja, Hindt and members from the School district have been meeting to discuss how to put the Sports complex out to bid and competitive quotes. Some local contractors have expressed interest in parts of the project. After discussion, a motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Geels to move forward putting the project out to bid, with the City of Sheldon/Sheldon Community School District as the general contractor and getting plans and specs for each part to be bid. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Uhl stated that our water level is still decreasing. He also wants to remind people that we are in a water watch. The public is using 50,000 gallons per day more than compared to a year ago. With our current conditions the water hardness is at 50-52 grains. Wynja stated we have four options: 1. Continue with our current operations and the current hardness and hope for rain. 2. Lewis & Clark is still going, we could stay a member and look at short term options. 3. Connect with a Rural Water. We have spoken to Rural Water out of Hospers who has given us some pricing, but also speak with Lyon & Sioux Rural Water, as well as Osceola Rural Water. 4. Do a water study on reverse osmosis. This option could create problems as the discharge would probably not be allowed to go into the Floyd River and there may not be a line that can handle the water from the water plant to the wastewater plant, as well as increased wastewater discharge. It was the consensus of the Council to not explore the reverse osmosis, but to continue talking with the Rural Water Companies for more options with them.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to set May 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. for a public hearing to amend the 2013-2014 budget. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to go into closed session at 5:36 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 6:00 p.m. Mayor Meendering stated that there was no action taken on the purchase of property.

Staff comments: Uhl stated the water tower is out of service and empty. Work will begin immediately, and could last for 30 days. The water pressure will be monitored closely, but we ask the public to bear with us at high usage times of the day.

The Airport Runway rehab project, phase I is complete and work has begun on Phase II.

We had budgeted for a tractor and mower in fiscal year 14-15 and we recently purchased those 2 items to be paid after July 1, 2014.

Council comments: Sawyer stated that the Trails annual cleanup is Saturday May 10, 2014 for anyone who would be able to help.

Geels had a citizen contact him with gratitude for the Community Recycle Bin, but expressed frustration with the overflow. The Council discussed looking at purchasing a 2nd container and talking about the curbside pickup.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk