

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 4, 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.

Public comments-As a member of the Moonlight Cruisers, Pete Hamill read a letter stating their concern about the traffic and acceleration of speed on the city streets during their event that was held in Sheldon on Sunday, September 1, 2013. Disturbance and safety were the two issues. After contacting the Sheldon Police Department and asking them to monitor the area, the situation did seem to get better. The Moonlight Cruisers want to continue to hold this event in Sheldon, but are requesting more police patrol during this time. Councilman Rensink stated the issue will be addressed.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of August 21, 2013.
- b. Summary List of Claims, and Additional Claim as Presented.
- c. EMA Applicant Mitchell Giese.
- d. Bethel Reformed Church Request to Block Off Street for Wednesday Night Youth Activities.

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

Curt Strouth, Recreation Director, gave an update on the Sheldon Rec and Pool Programs for the 2013 season. He stated that the season was condensed into six weeks this year, to allow families to have time for their vacations, etc. After adding the youth basketball participants which will start this fall, the total number of members should be up from last year. There also have been some new programs added, including a final Olympic Fun Day. The cool and rainy weather at times affected the pool season, with a late start and an early closing. He stated that he had a great staff to work with, and they will continue to promote the facility.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to approve the amendment adding Paragraph #7 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Sheldon Chamber and Development Corporation & the City of Sheldon for the Development Director Position. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The amendment sets the process that would be used to resolve any dispute that would arise between SCDC and the City of Sheldon regarding their respective roles governing the Sheldon Development Director position.

Regarding weight restrictions on Country Club Road and East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, City Manager Wynja informed the Council that he has not been given any definite recommendations from the entities that he has contacted. He added that weight limits that are too

restrictive could affect city vehicles, new construction, and the fact that this road is a Farm to Market Road. Councilman Rensink stated that most of the residents who contacted him seem to be more concerned about the type of traffic, more specifically semi-trucks, the number of these vehicles along with their speed, and the fact that they roll through the stop sign. It was recommended that the sign stating "All Services" should be removed, and City Manager Wynja was directed to continue to research this issue.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to approve Pay Estimate #2 to Rens Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$229,399.43, for the 2013 Sheldon Downtown Infrastructure Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to approve Pay Estimate #2 to Godbersen Smith Construction in the amount of \$238,796.54, for the Highway 18 Improvement Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Geels to approve Resolution R13-4121, A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE VACATION OF AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL TO IOWA STATE BANK AND SETTING SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ISSUE. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Geels, and Popkes. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja gave an update on the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System. He stated the members including the City of Sheldon are very concerned about the status of the project. There have been discussions about a water connection for the City of Hull and the City of Sheldon by way of the Lyon and Sioux Rural Water System. In regards to the project as a whole, there are two approaches being considered. The Wait & See Approach would put pressure on the federal government to allocate the funds. The other approach would be a Capital Call for \$18.4 Million from the members. The City of Sheldon's proportionate share of this would be \$702,328. The federal government would have to repay this capital amount, but not the interest the City would have to pay if the amount needed would be borrowed. The Board members have different views. The question is whether this is buying the federal government another year, or is Lewis & Clark being proactive. In addition to these concerns, the City of Sioux Falls does not believe they should be required to pay their proportionate share, which is 46% of the Capital Call. This would amount to \$8 Million that would not be covered by the other members. The Lewis & Clark Board will vote on the Capital Call approach on October 24, 2013. After discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to direct City Manager Wynja to vote no on the Capital Call for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Councilman Geels asked about the status of Sheldon's water. Public Works Director Todd Uhl stated that the water situation is worse than it was before, even with the rain we have gotten. The Water Department is pulling what is available from the shallow

wells, as well as increasing the amount pumped from the deep well. This results in much harder water.

Councilman Seehusen stated that he wanted to discuss abandonment of the Lewis & Clark Project. He is not in favor of paying an additional \$702,328 toward the project, when this still would not bring water to the City of Sheldon. After further discussion, City Manager Wynja was directed to research if the City of Sheldon can abandon the project after the Capital Call comes to a vote on October 24<sup>th</sup>, or would the City still be required to pay the \$702,328. If that is the case, the Council would consider abandonment before the Capital Call is made. City Manager Wynja will bring this information back to the Council.

City Manager Wynja also informed the Council that the Minnesota legislators are considering a bond in the amount of \$64 Million to complete the Minnesota portion of the project. They feel this would put pressure on the federal government to allocate at least one half of this amount toward the project. The Iowa Commission is considering a request to the Iowa legislators for a \$66 Million grant or a no interest loan, which could be repaid from the federal government allocations. This is still being discussed.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Hindt thanked all the volunteers who helped with Sheldon Celebration Days.

Staff comments-none.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer