

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Pete Hamill, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, and Zach Sawyer. Absent: Greg Geels. Also present: Scott Wynja, Micah Schreurs, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, and Angela Beckman.

Mayor Meendering swore Jett Korver in with the Police Officer Oath of Office.

Public Comments: Marv Van Riesen congratulated Jett Korver. He asked that the Council hold off on the Events Center. He feels it is going really fast, and citizens should have the opportunity to give their input. He would like to see it be voted on. He asked the Council to put the project off for 60 days to allow for more public input.

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

- a. Minutes of February 17, 2016.
- b. Summary List of Claims, and additional claim as presented.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:36 p.m. Bob Engel asked about the property tax valuations in relation to his property value. He also asked about TIF revenue. He questioned the increase in the expenditures and wondered if we would continue on this track if the City would be broke in 3 years. Wynja stated that this budget has large capital items and that is not the situation each year. Marv Van Riesen asked the Council to stop the benefit package for the economic development director. He feels that should be the responsibility of the SCDC, not the City. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to close the public hearing at 4:47 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to approve Resolution R16-4196 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016-ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 BUDGET OF SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the SCAT staffing situation. Cindy Freeman, SCAT Director is asking permission to hire some RNs to go on transfers only, not take 911 calls, in order for us to bill at the higher ALS rate. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Hindt approve hiring of RNs to be on the SCAT roster, and be paid \$22 per hour on transfers. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mike Bell, engineer for RDG made a presentation on the proposed Events Center. The Council was shown pictures of the proposed events center, along with some of the interior design of the tile, countertop, sound material, etc. The main hall will seat approximately 400 people. Bell stated that this will be a beautiful building not only for Sheldon, but for northwest Iowa. Sawyer and Hindt served on the planning committee and Sawyer stated that it is going to be

very attractive and functional; a priority after visiting some of the other centers, functionality was a priority. Hamill asked how the windows will be shaded. Bell stated that the windows will have a tint in them and a system to screen out the sun. Mayor Meendering stated that it is exciting to see the 2 to 3 year plan come to life. Wynja stated that next week we will have the results of our CAT grant application and know what dollar amount, if any the City will be receiving.

A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Sawyer to approve Resolution R16-4197 for the sale of block 2, lot 4 in Trilogy Village Addition to Van Roekel Rentals, LLC in the amount of \$29,060. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund. Wynja spoke with Carol Keizer at NW IA Planning & Development and she stated that to date there have been 5 homes in Sheldon that have utilized funds from the NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, totaling \$31,235. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Hindt to approve payment of \$2,310.48 to the O'Brien County Auditor towards the City of Sheldon Trust Fund total. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Hamill to move the second meeting in March to Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff Comments: None.

Council Comments: Mayor Meendering stated that we have been working on the events center for a long time and it is really nice to see it coming to life. We need to keep going on it.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, Hamill, Sawyer, Hindt. Nay: Fonkert. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk