

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. 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, Micah Schruers, Curt Strouth, Lyle Bolkema and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: None.

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

- a. Minutes of City, Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims for City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. July Financial Reports.
- d. Additional Request from SCDC for supplies on 09/05/15 with the dueling pianos.
- e. Special outdoor liquor license for Langer's Bar & Grill on 09/05/15.
- f. Renewal of liquor license for Cook's Café & Langer's Bar & Grill.
- g. Special outdoor liquor license for Schottsy's Bar & Grill on 08/28/15 and 09/05/15.
- h. SCAT applicants Kevin Miller & Brianna Vogelaar.
- i. Mayor's appointment of Christen Nissen to the Library Board.

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

Heidi Brown, Marketing Committee updated the Council on how the hotel/motel tax monies have been spent this past year. She stated that with growth comes additional costs and therefore the Marketing Committee is asking the Council to consider an increase of hotel/motel tax from the current 5% to the state allowed maximum of 7%. Wynja stated that this is a question that would need to be presented to the voters on the ballot at the next election and the wording of the question would have to be approved by Resolution. They discussed that according to state Code the money could be used for upkeep of the sports complex, and the upcoming areas of Sheldon Crossing. Fonkert stated that with the upcoming things the City has, that maybe the City should consider keeping at least 3% of the hotel/motel tax, to help offset some costs. All of the Council was receptive to the hotel/motel tax increase. A Resolution will be brought back for consideration at the September 2, 2015 meeting.

Wynja explained that the City has an agreement with Excel Development for the Affordable Housing Program, which is due to expire October 1, 2015. That agreement was for 10 lots in the Trilogy Addition, with the intent to build 14 units, but was denied last year. Discussion was held on the options at this point. The Council could extend this agreement, donating those lots in Trilogy addition and reapplying for the program; Look at a new area for this to be developed, keeping in mind that higher scores can be received if the location is within a 2 mile radius of schools, grocery stores, hospitals, etc.; or Put it on hold and refer back to the development committee for suggestions. Rensink would like to see this put on hold and taken back to the Development Committee for consideration of a different area. After doing more research, it appears the Federal income guidelines could make it difficult for people in Sheldon to qualify to live in these housing units. Meendering and Sawyer questioned the areas that were low scoring

and if other areas were discussed that could bring the scores higher. Hindt agreed that this should be taken back to the development committee. No action was taken.

Uhl presented an engineering proposal for sludge piping modification at the wastewater plant. There is \$86,000 in the budget to make these modifications. The engineer's estimate is \$84,100 with 18% contingency, but the project has not been bid yet. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Geels to approve the engineering agreement with DeWild Grant and Reckert for the sludge piping modification at the wastewater plant. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Uhl gave an update on the Hydraulic Water Study. This was a 2 phase study. The first stage was compiling data, testing efficiencies of 42 locations only using water from the elevated tank. Phase 1 has been completed and we will now move onto phase 2 to find water use projections, if more storage is needed and if so, what kind of storage. This phase is expected to be completed in October.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to suspend the rules in the passage of an Ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approve the Ordinance O15-3219 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2.05 PERTAINING TO THE TERM OF MAYOR. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. In 1999, the voters were in favor of changing the Mayor's term from 2 years to 4 years, this Ordinance will bring the City Code up to date with that election result.

Wynja stated that the Vision Iowa Tourism Grant is a grant that could be used towards the Sheldon Crossing Developments. This grant deadline is October 15. He has been in contact with Steve Hallgren of Northwest Iowa Planning & Development about possibly writing a grant for this. There may be a fee of approximately \$1,000 to do so. It was the consensus of the Council for Wynja to work with Hallgren on writing a grant for the Vision Iowa Tourism Grant for the Sheldon Crossing Developments.

Council comments: Rensink commended the Holiday Inn Express for the return of a little boy's stuffed tiger that is getting area acknowledgement. Meendering wanted to remind people that school starts next week, and to please slow down and watch for children walking and riding bikes. She also made Chief Bolkema of some intersections that stop signs are not being obeyed.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk