

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Ron Rensink, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Zach Sawyer, and Greg Geels. Also present: Scott Wynja, Curt Strouth, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: None.

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

- a. Minutes of November 19, 2015.
- b. Summary List of Claims.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:30 p.m. to consider the City of Sheldon 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Comments were heard. Bob Engel stated that he is not opposed to the Events Center, but does believe that one should live within their means. He went on to say that he doesn't feel that a \$5.35M Events Center is within the tax payers means. It is his understanding that TIF should be used to promote economic development to generate property taxes and this events center would not do that. He feels that a project this size should deserve a vote by the tax payers. Steve Collen also stated that he is not opposed to the events center, but would like to see it scaled down from the proposed \$5.35M. It is his understanding that TIF was used for Sheldon Crossing and the lot sales and property tax generated goes towards payment of that loan. He questioned if TIF is used for the events center where does that money come from? A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Rensink to close the public hearing at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Fonkert asked if this was a projected list? Wynja explained that the CIP is a list of things wanted/possibly needed over the next 5 years. These items would need to be discussed at budget time. Geels asked if the wastewater treatment plant upgrade was included. Uhl stated that it was not, as we are in the middle of the phase to determine the best option, then we will have a better grasp on the dollar amount and it would be implemented into the CIP at that time. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to approve the City of Sheldon 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Wynja stated that the FAA requires the Airport to file a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan to continue to obtain federal funding on projects. A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Sawyer to approve the Sheldon Regional Airport 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff Comments: Wynja stated that the recycling information was included in the utility billing this month, in an effort to encourage more curbside recycling, as the community recycling container is constantly full with unbroken down boxes.

Council Comments: Fonkert received a phone call from an employee at the Landfill expressing concern over the community recycling container, stating that things get hung up on the cross beams inside and landfill employees will no longer climb in the container as it is unsafe. Therefore, he would like the City to look at how we can do something about the beams inside so that recycling doesn't get hung up. He also stated that he has had people contact him regarding the snow/slush cleanup of the streets. Uhl stated that the City was out today slushing. But wanted to remind people that when we have a daytime snow fall and the snow gets packed, we are not equipped with hydraulics behind our snow blades, therefore we plow on top. City crews will be out the next couple days in an effort to clear the remaining snow and slush with the warm temps that are expected.

Sawyer wanted to commend the City crew, with the recent storm, the City crew was the first ones out, before the County or State.

Rensink asked the council to consider putting in a splash pad at City Park when they have budget discussions. Although he realizes that he will not be a Councilman in the next budget, he feels that would be a great asset to the Community.

Hindt stated that the new fire truck is here and in operation.

Mayor Meendering stated that this would be the final meeting for Rensink and thanked him for his 12 years of service on the City Council. Rensink stated that he felt the Council and City have accomplished a lot in those 12 years and that the Council was adamant about always spending TIF for the betterment of the community. He does not feel TIF funds were ever abused, and stated that TIF is not only a tool for economic development but a great tool for the betterment of the City.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Fonkert to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk