

January 2012

# City of Sheldon

## City Council Approves 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Each year, the City Council considers and updates a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan prior to the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. Recently, the City Council reviewed the updated plan and gave approval of the plan with the recommendation from city staff. All of the various departments provide input and information for the plan, estimate value of various projects and equipment purchases and the possible time frame for the improvements or equipment needs. Sometimes the priorities over a 5 year period may change and therefore the need to update the plan on an annual basis. A good example of this is the Street Department. Each year there are proposed designated streets that need repair or updating, but especially after the winter season, these priorities may change based on the condition of various streets. Also there are items such as grants and other funding mechanisms that may change the timeframe and especially cost of the project. Currently the CIP has just over \$14 million worth of projects. We certainly realize this is not possible or feasible for our community to complete in 5 years, yet at the same time provides a guideline for the council of potential project needs in the future. If anyone is interested in viewing the plan, please stop by the City Offices and one would be available for viewing.

## RISE Grant Funding Approved

Recently, Dave Popkes, City Council Member and Scott Wynja, City Manager attended the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission meeting in Ames. The purpose for the meeting was to consider a RISE (Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy) grant application from the City of Sheldon. The City is currently in the process of installing infrastructure to the new Crossroads Industrial Park just east of the Highway 60 Expressway. At the meeting, the City was approved and awarded \$227,594 to assist with installation of the 1,521 feet of roadway to open the first 35 acres of the development. It is anticipated that this project will be started in the spring/summer of 2012.

### Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
City Offices	324-
Police Dept.	324-
Street Dept.	324-
Water Dept.	324-
Wastewater Dept.	324-
Recreation Dept.	324-
Airport	324-
Library	324-
SCDC	324-

### SHELDON HOME SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Sheldon Home Show to be held on March 3, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the NCC Life Long Learning Center. More details will be coming in the February newsletter.

### SHELDON PRAIRIE MUSEUM

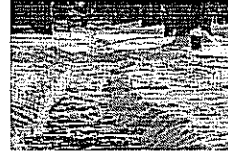
In July, there will be a few openings on the Museum Board. Any one interested in serving on this Board can contact the City Offices.

With winter upon us, we would like to remind the citizens of Sheldon about some of our Ordinances.



## **Code 136.03 Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations**

“It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twelve (12) hours after the snow fall or ice formation, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.”



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## **Code 140.13 Private Driveways**

“City snow plows will not clear private driveways. It is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant to remove the snow placed in driveways by City plows. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed upon or pushed across a City street.

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## **Code 69.07 Parking Prohibited, Sections 4 and 17**

“No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:”

4. “Sidewalks. On a sidewalk.”
17. “Area Between Curb Line and Sidewalk. On that part of any street in the City between the curb line, if there is a curb, and the sidewalk line of the abutting property. No vehicle shall be parked on that part of any street not having a curb between the edge of the traveled portion of said street and sidewalk line of the abutting property unless the owner of the abutting property has received a written permit from the City Manager to allow parking between the traveled portion of said street and sidewalk. Such permit shall set requirements and standards for allowing and maintaining such parking area. In the event parking is allowed under this section, it shall not be deemed the private parking area for any individual or owner of property.”

There are others sections to this Code. However, it has been brought to our attention that these need to be addressed. For the other sections, please contact the City Offices at 324-4651 or they can be found on our website at [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com).