

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Katricia Rider called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Mark Postma, and Dave Popkes. Also present: Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, City Attorney Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of December 16, 2009, Goal Setting Session of December 11, 2009, and Planning and Zoning Minutes of December 17, 2009.
- b. Summary List of Claims, and additional claims as presented.
- c. Resolution R10-3943 Designating the Official Newspapers for Publications.
- d. Resolution R10-3944 Designating the Depositories of Funds.
- e. Renewal of Beer Permit for Fareway.
- f. Disbursement of Annuity Funds to William Rush Estate.

Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Postma, and Popkes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Postma to approve the Final Pay Estimate of \$9,171.15 to Otter Creek Mechanical, for the 330th Sewer Lift Improvement Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Popkes to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$5,415.00 to Peska Construction, Inc., for the Sheldon Regional Airport Hangar Building Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Postma to approve Resolution R10-3945, A RESOLUTION RESTATING THE CITY OF SHELDON CAFETERIA PLAN APPROVED BY THE SHELDON CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 19, 1991, AND PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 20, 1993, NOW RESTATING THE PLAN PURSUANT TO NEW CAFETERIA PLAN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SECTION 125 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR THE EMPLOYER'S ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Postma, and Popkes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve the Mayor's appointment of Councilman Mark Postma as the new Mayor Pro Tem, as January 1, 2010. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja reviewed the Goal Setting Session Report of December 11, 2009. He summarized the ongoing priorities: infrastructure, housing re-hab and housing incentives, nuisance abatement, Sheldon Crossing and Runger Addition Development, sidewalks, building codes and the Code of Ordinances updates, and the Highway 18 safety issues. He asked for the Council's direction on the three new priorities.

1. Recycling-It was the consensus of the Council to review the complete recycling program, and discuss the process with the haulers. This Committee will include Mayor Rider, Councilman Popkes, Councilman Seehusen, and City Manager Wynja.
2. Housing Development-It was the consensus of the Council to have the Sheldon Development Board first review the plan for the uses in Sheldon Crossing, and then make recommendations to the Housing Board.
3. Re-development of Downtown Sheldon-It was the consensus of the Council to first form a committee, to include the Mayor, SCDC, and business owners.

A motion was made by Postma and seconded by Popkes to approve the Goal Setting Session Report of December 11, 2009. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the new City Attorney Micah Schreurs attend all council meetings unless notified otherwise, at the discretion of the City Manager.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to set the date of January 20, 2010 at 4:45 p.m., for a public hearing on the City of Sheldon Zoning Ordinance and the City of Sheldon Subdivision Ordinance. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Popkes asked about sidewalk snow removal, and requested that the process be changed to issuing tickets. It was the consensus of the Council to review the current snow ordinance at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Popkes, Councilman Hindt, and City Manager Wynja all encouraged the public to scoop out the fire hydrants and the sidewalks. Councilman Hindt stated this is very important in order for the Fire Department to respond in a safe and timely manner, in the event of an emergency.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer