

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 3, 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, Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of February 17, 2010.
- b. Summary List of Claims, and additional claim as presented.
- c. Resolution R10-3947 DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN.

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

Mayor Rider opened the public hearing at 12:15 p.m. on the 2010/2011 City Budget. There were no oral or written comments. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded Postma to close the hearing at 12:16 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R10-3948, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SHELDON CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Postma, and Popkes.

Ryan Cannoy made a presentation to the Council on behalf of the Bethel Reformed Church Building Project. This construction project was put on hold from last fall, which would require the City to vacate 7th Street, and sell this area to Bethel Reformed Church. He stated their Team Building Committee developed three proposals, and they have had church meetings to discuss these options with their congregation. The selected option would require them to build across 7th Street connecting the current church to the new construction on the Bethel's south property. They need to improve their facilities to continue to meet the needs of Bethel. The space they plan to add for worship would be a multi-purpose room, which would be made available to other community organizations. They feel closing the street would benefit both the church and community. A video was shown to provide pictures of the newly proposed facility. After the presentation, a motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes to send to a public hearing the Bethel Reformed Church request to vacate 7th Street. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Councilman Hindt did state that he would have a difficult time justifying the vacating of the street. Councilman Rensink added that Bethel Church has not informed the Council if they even have their financing in place, or if there is strong support from the Bethel congregation. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Popkes to set April 21, 2010 at 4:40 p.m. for a public hearing on vacating 7th Street for the Bethel Church Building Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council held the third reading on the 2009/2010 Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Hindt to approve Ordinance O10-3195, AN ORDINANCE WHICH REPLACES CHAPTER 166 IN THE SHLEDON CODE OF ORDINANCES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Postma, and Popkes. Motion carried.

The Council held the third reading on the 2009/2010 Subdivision Regulations Ordinance. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Seehusen to approve Ordinance O10-3196, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA PRESCRIBING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING SAFETY, HEALTH, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Postma, and Popkes. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja informed the Council that criteria had been developed in order to receive proposals on the Park and Recreation Master Plan. Items included conducting an inventory of the existing parks, inventory of the current programs, utilizing surveys, researching special use facilities and maintenance facilities, preparing plans and specifications, and assistance in public meetings. He stated the colleges informed him that they do not meet the scope needed to design a master plan. However, the City has received four proposals, all from engineers and consultants. After discussion, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to approve the appointment of a committee for the limited purpose of investigating and making recommendation to the Council in the review of the proposals received for the development of a Park and Recreation Master Plan. The committee will include City Manager Wynja, Public Works Director Todd Uhl, Recreation Director Andy Lueth, Councilman Rensink, Councilman Seehusen, and a Park/Recreation Board member. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Seehusen commented that he would like to see a meeting planned with contractors and the public, to discuss the proposed building codes. Councilman Rensink stated that he concurred with this, and that the public has a right to know the status of the building code proposal, as well as the Council needing more information to make an informed decision. He wants the correct information given to everyone, not just the conjecture that is being relayed. Mayor Rider stated she is working on putting this meeting together.

Staff comments-none.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer

