

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 7, 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, Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

Public comments: James De Boom introduced himself to the Council. He stated he is running for a position on the O'Brien County Board of Supervisors. He gave an overview of his experience on various boards and in the political field, and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Postma to take separate action on the appointment of the Fire Chief and officers, and to approve the consent agenda with the following items:

- a. City Council Minutes of March 17, 2010.
- b. List of claims and additional claim as presented.
- c. Beer Permit for Pamida Store.
- d. Uncollectible Ambulance Accounts.
- e. Village Northwest Request for Purchase of Fire Works for Independence Day Celebration.

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

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Seehusen to approve the appointment of Jerry Meyer as Fire Chief for the Sheldon Fire Department, and to approve the Fire Chief's appointment of the following officers: Dennis Kurger, 1st Assistant; Randy Harms, 2nd Assistant; Brad Hindt, Captain/Treasurer; Scott Meinecke, Rescue Captain; John Sachen, Line Captain; and Angie Paulsen, Secretary. Roll call was taken: Ayes: Seehusen, Rensink, Popkes, Postma. Abstain: Hindt, due to a conflict of interest, as being an officer of the Sheldon Fire Department. Motion carried.

Dr. Bill Giddings gave an update on the NCC Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center. Construction is in progress. However, due to the weather, April of 2011 is the realistic opening date. They are also beginning to plan for the operation of the facility.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Popkes to approve the Change Order #1 for the Sheldon Regional Airport Conventional Hangar Project, to add 3" of spray insulation to the walls and roof for a total cost of \$32,561.00, with the FAA paying 95%, and the City paying 5%. The City's local match will be \$1,628.05. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This insulation will give better than an R-38 factor, and wind protection for energy savings.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve the request of Galen Elgersma to conduct a controlled burn of his prairie grass in the ditch along his property at 126D Street, as done in previous years, with the appropriate personnel (neighbors, Fire Dept. Police Dept. etc) being notified of the date and time, to be completed by the end of

April weather permitting. The written request needs to be on file in the City Clerk's Office before the controlled burn is started. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve the final payment/retainer in the amount of \$7,787.62 to Godberson-Smith Construction Co., for the 2008 Sheldon Recreation Trails Capital Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve Resolution R10-3950 accepting the Statement of Completion and Final Acceptance of Work for the 2008 Sheldon Recreation Trails Capital Project. Ayes: Rensink, Hindt, Seehusen, Popkes, Postma. Motion carried.

Due to finding no benefit from the proposed Building Codes for the City of Sheldon, a motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to cancel the contract with JAS Consultants, and allow the State of Iowa to continue with the inspection process. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Popkes, Postma, Hindt, Seehusen. Nay: Rensink. Motion carried. Councilman Seehusen asked if there is a plan to proceed on rental inspections codes. Councilman Popkes felt this should be postponed for now, and refer any complaints to the proper agency. Mayor Rider stated they would look into the state code on rental property, and bring this back to the Council at a later date.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant Application of \$5,000 for the City of Sheldon Welcome Signs. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The Sheldon Marketing Committee has committed \$10,000 to the Welcome signs. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Hindt to approve the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant Application of \$10,000 for the Sheldon City Park Concessions Stand. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Popkes commented that the public questioned why the City does a number of studies on various projects. He stated the studies help when applying for funding and grants.

Staff comments-Public Works Director Todd Uhl asked for the consensus of the Council to liquidate the 1994 Ford pickup, which was the old Rec Department vehicle. He also informed them he was working on a request from FEMA funds for the snow disaster this winter. The amount requested will be approximately \$18,000 - \$20,000. The City would receive 85% of the approved amount.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer

