

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Rider called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, and Dave Popkes. Absent: Mark Postma. Also present: Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, 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 June 10, 2010, and the minutes of the Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of City Claims with the additional claims as presented, and the claims of the Boards & Commissions.
- c. Financial Reports of May, 2010.
- d. Renewal of Eagles Club Liquor License.
- e. Liquor License/Outdoor Service for Eagles Club.
- f. 2010-2011 Salary Resolution R10-3965

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

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Popkes to approve the City of Sheldon Covenant in conjunction with the American Legion, whereby the City and the citizens of Sheldon support all military organizations around the world for their efforts and what they do for our country and us. The Mayor has been designated as the official signor on the Covenant. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. There will be an official presentation of the Covenant at the Sheldon National Guard Armory on July 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Due to limited space, the Mayor, Council, and supporting businesses and respective families are invited to attend the special event.

Mayor Katricia Rider opened the public hearing at 4:40 p.m. to consider the 2010 Water System Improvement Project. There were no oral or written comments. Public Works Director Todd Uhl stated the improvement would cover a four-block area. The first area in the upgrade will be on 7th Street from 5th Avenue to 8th Avenue, and the second area will be on 8th Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street. A change in the original plan has saved considerable dollars in the project. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Rensink to close the hearing at 4:43 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R10-3963, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2010 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, and Popkes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes to approve Resolution R10-3964, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA,

ACCEPTING THE BID OF \$119,060.00 FROM GATOR BROS. BORING, FOR THE 2010 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, and Popkes.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to approve the 2010/2011 Contract with Northwest Aging Association for the use of the Sheldon Community Services Center for the Sheldon Dinner Date. The new stipend based on the average annual attendance at this site will be \$50.00 per month, set aside in the Equipment Reserve Fund for future repairs that may be needed in this area. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

City Manger Wynja updated the Council on several Nuisance Abatement properties. After review and discussion, the Council made the following motions.

- a. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Rensink that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at 1215 South 3rd Avenue, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The nuisance must be repaired or removed within ninety-days (90). If repaired, the repair stipulations required by the City to meet the minimum standards of living must be met, followed by an inspection inside of the property. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The initial entry and inspection of this property was coordinated with the Department of Human Services (DHS). They will provide a statement to the City of Sheldon.
- b. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Rensink that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at 310 Wyman Street, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The nuisance must be removed by September 15, 2010. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at South 3rd Avenue Trailer #2, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The nuisance must be removed by September 15, 2010. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at South 3rd Avenue Trailer #3, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The nuisance must be removed by September 15, 2010. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

- e. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at West 7th Street Trailer #9, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The nuisance must be repaired by August 1, 2010. The repair stipulations required by the City to meet the minimum standards of living must be met, followed by an inspection inside of the property. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.
- f. Tom Mouw has requested to repair and use for storage the property at West 7th Street Trailer #14, Sheldon, Iowa. The Council took no action on this property. The City Attorney will determine if the use of a trailer for storage in this area complies with the Sheldon City Code. This will be brought back to the Council.
- g. Tom Mouw has requested to repair and use for storage the property at West 7th Street Trailer #1, Sheldon, Iowa. The Council took no action on this property. The City Attorney will determine if the use of a trailer for storage in this area complies with the Sheldon City Code. This will be brought back to the Council.
- h. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Popkes that according to Chapter 145 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Tom Mouw at West 7th Street Trailer #6, Sheldon, Iowa is a dangerous building or a public nuisance. The request to repair this property by August 1, 2010 is denied. The nuisance must be removed by September 15, 2010. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The initial entry and inspection of this property was coordinated with the Department of Human Services (DHS). They will provide a statement to the City of Sheldon.

Regarding the property just east of Western Avenue and south of West 10th Street which is currently being used as a recycling/salvage yard, Harvey Koerselman is requesting to install a fence along the south and west portions of the property by October 1, 2010. A portion of the fence would be used in conjunction with the existing truck trailers placed on the property. Steel would be nailed against the trailers and be lined around the corner of the property high enough to cover and meet the requirements. A gate would be installed at the entrance from the private road to gain access to the property to load and unload material. An additional fence section would be installed to the north and east portions of the property to the point of the trees on the east to cover and hide any salvage materials, and this would be completed by September 1, 2011. After discussion, a motion was made by Seehusen to allow Harvey Koerselman to install a 7 ft. fence on his property, which is just east of Western Avenue and south of West 10th Street, by September 1, 2010. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Rensink that according to Chapter 50 & 51 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Harvey Koerselman east of Western Avenue and south of West 10th Street is a public nuisance, and must be removed. Popkes amended his motion to include the nuisance must be removed by October 1, 2010. Rensink withdrew his second because the motion extended the timeframe from

immediate removal to October 1, 2010. Seehusen stated he would second Popkes' amended motion. Roll call was taken on the amended motion and second stating that according to Chapter 50 & 51 of the Sheldon City Code, it is deemed the property of Harvey Koerselman east of Western Avenue and south of West 10th Street is a public nuisance, and should be removed by October 1, 2010. If this action is not complied with in the above stated time-frame, the City will begin the Municipal Infractions process. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Popkes, Seehusen, Hindt. Nay: Rensink. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Hindt to approve Change Order #2 to supply and install 4" concrete sidewalks for the amount of \$6,283.60, as part of the Sheldon Regional Airport Hangar Building Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$74,117.10 to Peska Construction, Inc., for the Sheldon Regional Airport Hangar Building Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-Councilman Popkes would like to see the Sheldon Code of Ordinances amended and not allow any junk/salvage yard within the Sheldon city limits.

Councilman Rensink stated the Code should be followed, or remove those sections that are not being enforced.

Councilman Seehusen commented these trailers on the nuisance list are a disgrace, and the City should try to find some way to prevent this.

Councilman Hindt asked if the City should possibly look at initiating Rental Codes, similar to what the City of Primghar has done, at least to meet minimum standards of living. This will be brought back to the Council at a later date, possibly the second meeting in July.

Staff comments-none.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer