

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Rider called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Ron Rensink, Mark Postma, and Dave Popkes. Absent: Duane Seehusen. Also present: Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

There were no public comments.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of July 7, 2010, and the minutes of the Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims—City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. Renewal of Beer & Wine Permit for Godfather's Pizza.
- d. Ambulance Uncollectible Accounts.

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

Mike Bell, RDG Planning & Design, presented the draft of the Rec & Park Master Plan. The City of Sheldon has about 26 acres dedicated to parks, open space, and recreation area. But, that is only about one-half the amount of acres that is standard for a community of this size. He stated the City needs parks to help attract young families, and still provide services and activities for all age groups. With Sheldon's unique location with the crossroads and a college, the downward trend in young families can be changed. Mr. Bell recommended adding at least one new community park, as opposed to adding on to the existing parks or any small neighborhood parks. He suggested an area on the west side of the City, where a partnership could be formed with the college. Another suggested area was in the Sheldon Crossing south of the Holiday Inn Express closer to the borrow pit using at least eight to sixteen acres, partnering with the County, DOT, DNR, etc. He made some suggestions for improvements to Sheldon's existing parks. He added that the City of Sheldon could be the regional hub. This draft will be presented to the Park Board and various groups. The public is also welcome to review the draft. Mayor Rider stated that this would be brought back to the Council after they have had time to study all the information and recommendations.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of rental codes for the City of Sheldon. Councilman Popkes and Councilman Postma commented that the State of Iowa has a procedure in place, where renters can submit complaints about the houses they occupy. Furthermore, the City has used the Nuisance Abatement Process. After some further discussion and at the recommendation of Mayor Rider, a committee will be formed to research a Rental Inspection Code Program. Councilman Postma volunteered to serve on the Committee. This will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

The Council discussed the parking issue in Sheldon Crossing. When trucks come into this area, there is no place for them to park, or turn around to exit. They have been parking on Highway 18, causing a safety concern. Councilman Postma recommended the City provide a parking area to the south of Cennex & McDonald's. Councilman Rensink stated the Sheldon Crossing Master Plan did not include a truck plaza; it was originally intended for commercial development. North of Highway 18 was perceived for a truck-stop type of business. He recommended putting up "No Parking" signs on Highway 18 to take care of the safety issue. City Manager Wynja added that the Iowa DOT has not yet but may eventually see the need to install a signal light. After some further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to look at three different options to provide an area for the trucks: install a 100 ft. x 250 ft. gravel strip on the area where an access road was planned; install a gravel strip all the way from the south side of McDonald's going east and then to the north up to Highway 18; or install a turn around strip at the south end (dead-end) of the entry road into the Sheldon Crossing area. City Manager Wynja was directed to obtain cost estimates on these three different options. This will be brought back to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Rider informed the Council that a committee and additional sub-committees were formed to research the Downtown Development Project. One of the sub-committees is addressing the former Pucci's building. The Council discussed ownership and liability for the dilapidated building. After discussion, a motion was made by Postma and seconded by Rensink directing City Attorney Schreurs to do a complete title search on the former Pucci's building. Once the ownership has been determined, this information will be brought back to the Council for further discussion. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve Resolution R10-3966, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GRANT OFFER FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR UPDATING THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE SHELDON REGIONAL AIRPORT. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Popkes, Postma, Hindt. Motion carried. The grant offer is for \$80,750 to update the Airport Layout Plan, which includes GIS information. The FAA pays 95% of the cost, and the local match is 5%.

Due to another commitment, Councilman Rensink excused himself from the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Press comments-none.

Council comments-none.

Staff comments-Public Works Director Todd Uhl informed the Council of the streets that would be part of 2010 Asphalt Overlay Project covering a five-block area. He stated the 2010 Water Main Project should begin in about thirty days. And, they are waiting for the

DNR to issue the permit for the N. 4th Ave. Lift Improvement, in order to begin advertising for bids.

Mayor Rider thanked the City of Sheldon Street Department for the good work they are doing on the city streets. She also congratulated City Clerk Arlene Budden for her recent designation as Iowa Certified Municipal Finance Officer, and thanked her for the good job that she does for the City of Sheldon.

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

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer