

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Rider called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Duane Seehusen, Mark Postma, and Dave Popkes. Absent: Ron Rensink. Also present: Lyle Bolkema, Micah Schreurs, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

Public comments:

Dr. Bill Giddings provided information on the Northwest Community College (NCC) \$13.4 Million GO Bond election scheduled for September 14, 2010. He stated the bond proceeds would be used for vocational and instructional labs, and advanced technology.

Regarding truck parking in the Sheldon Crossings:

Jim Talsma commented that the proposed Option 1 for the turn around at the south end of 34th Avenue would not work. He added it is not big enough for trucks to turn around without running over the curb and grass area. He added this option would be a waste of the City's money, and the Council should consider Option 2 between Mc Donald's and the Holiday Inn.

Jay Van Wyk agreed with Jim Talsma's comments, and stated that Option 2 would be a better way to utilize the City's money.

Mike Vogel encouraged the City to be truck friendly regardless of which option is used.

Ron Boone stated the Holiday Inn Express, from an appearance aspect, does not want nine or ten trucks parking in this area blocking the view of the hotel. The hotel already has a lot of traffic with the pool customers and their own hotel guests.

Dawn Culver commented that it is a mess in the Sheldon Crossings, and something needs to be done. But the 100 ft. turn around will not work. She supports Option 2, and hopes the Council will take time to consider the best way to solve the problem. She added that Taco John's does want the truck and recreational vehicle business.

Jodi Mohn asked about the depth of the turn around that is being proposed at the south end of 34th Avenue. She is concerned how far out the trucks will be parking towards the Holiday Inn Express. She added the truckers have already ruined their grass, sprinkler system, and concrete by cutting across the street. There will need to be some type of barrier to prevent this from happening anymore.

After the public input, it was the consensus of the Council to put a hold on the 34th Avenue turn around improvement project, until more research can be done to determine how much additional land and dollars may be needed to make this project work.

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

- a. City Council Minutes of August 4, 2010 and the minutes of the Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims—City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. Financial Reports for July, 2010.
- d. EMA Application of Chad Lang.
- e. Resolution R10-3968 2009/2010 Street Finance Report (SFR)

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

The Council held the first reading on the ordinance pertaining to truck parking on 34th Avenue. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Hindt to pass on to the second reading the proposed ordinance to revise Section 69.10 of Chapter 69 to permit certain truck parking on 34th Avenue. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council held the first reading on the ordinance pertaining to additional parking prohibitions. A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to pass on to the second reading the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding to Section 69.07 of Chapter 69 additional parking prohibitions. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The Council discussed changes that may be needed to the proposed ordinances. These changes will be brought back to the Council with the next reading of the ordinances.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve the Park and Rec Master Plan, as prepared by RDG Planning & Design, pass it on to the Park and Rec Board to begin discussions on proposed improvements, and bring their recommendations back to the Council. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to set September 1, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to open bids, and September 8, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. to hold a public hearing on the plans and specs and award of contract, on the Highway 18 Improvement Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to move the regular scheduled City Council meeting from September 1, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. to September 8, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

City Manager Scott Wynja gave an update on the status of the current and proposed projects from the December 11, 2009 Strategic Planning Session. He covered various projects such as the water, sewer, and street improvements; nuisance abatements properties; Housing Rehab Program; Airport Improvement Project; Park and Rec Master Plan, etc. See attached memorandum.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve Resolution R10-3969, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT ON STATE SPONSORSHIP AND AIRPORT SPONSORSHIP OBLIGATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, CONCERNING THE PROJECT TO REPLACE AND UPDATE THE AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM (AWOS) EQUIPMENT AT

THE SHELDON REGIONAL AIRPORT. Roll was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Popkes, and Postma. Motion carried.

Press comments-Walt Pruiskma asked for clarification on the decision and motion to use Option 1 constructing a 100 ft. turn around on the south end of 34th Avenue to resolve the truck parking problems in Sheldon Crossings.

Council comments-Councilman Popkes asked if something could be done about the problems on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Highway 18, with excessive loud noise, junk outside on the property, and dog deposits on neighboring properties. City Manager Wynja stated they have addressed the nuisance issue of junk, and have issued citations. They will continue to monitor the situation.

Councilman Postma asked for all the regular council meetings to be held at 4:30 p.m. He has difficulty attending the 12:00 Noon meetings. The meetings at noon were on a trial basis only. Therefore, it was the consensus of the Council to change the noon meetings on the first Wednesday of each month back to 4:30 p.m., starting in October, 2010.

Staff comments-City Manager Wynja informed the public that the Sheldon Outdoor Aquatic Center will be closing for the season on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. With school starting, he stated staffing becomes a problem and attendance is poor. The pool requires continual maintenance and chemicals, and it is not cost efficient to keep it open any later in the season.

Mayor Rider asked Councilman Seehusen if he would agree to be on the Rental Code Committee. He agreed to that request. She would like the Nuisance Committee to meet again to review to some properties in Sheldon. She asked Police Chief Bolkema to look into a speeding issue on 8th Avenue, and reminded the public to observe traffic laws especially now that school is in session.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer