

The Sheldon City Council met in special session on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., for a Strategic Planning Workshop. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Duane Seehusen, Ron Rensink, Brad Hindt, and Dave Popkes. Absent: Mark Postma. Also present: Public Works Director Todd Uhl, City Manager Scott Wynja, SCDC Executive Director Mark Gaul, City Clerk Arlene Budden, and Greg Geels.

Matt Heemsta, Cain, Ellsworth, & Co., facilitated the workshop. The SCDC 2012 Action Plan was reviewed. The Rental Housing and Residential Housing Development was discussed, with Councilman Seehusen recommending that City Manager Wynja research lot development by Fieldcrest. This would be beneficial for the Council prior to the budgeting process. Also included in the review was Recruitment of Industrial and Commercial Business, Development of the Remaining Runger Addition Land, and Promote the Retail Community.

City discussion included the following items:

Research the land possibility by Fieldcrest for a housing development. City Manager Wynja will contact the realtors to find out if there has been any comments from the public regarding the lots that are still for sale in Sunshine Addition. Also discussed was the need for either low to moderate or more upscale housing.

The Council reviewed all the current ongoing projects, which will need to be continued and finished throughout the next year. The upgrade to the Waste Water Plant will be considered after the DNR determines their final requirements. Until then, that project is on hold.

Mayor Meendering addressed the empty buildings in the City. SCDC Director Mark Gaul stated he is working with the owners of available properties, and pursuing potential businesses to fill those buildings. He will also provide a quarterly report to the Council to keep them updated on the projects he is working on.

With no other business, a motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer