

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 4:30pm. Mayor Kurt Tatsumi 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, Jack De Hoogh and Scott Wynja.

Public comments – none.

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

- a. City Council minutes of April 2, 2008 and the various Boards and Commissions.
- b. Summary list of claims to include the various Boards and Commissions.
- c. Financial Reports.
- d. EMA applicants Wayne Barahona and student Jordan Holtrop.
- e. Accounts Receivable Uncollectible Accounts.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to reschedule the public hearing on the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for May 7, 2008 at 4:45pm. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Todd Uhl presented the council some information in regard to the possible alley improvements between Jensen Liquor Store and Farmers Co-op Oil Co. between 2nd and 3rd Avenue. The cost estimate provided by Tim Pederson would cost \$1,700 for material and \$1,000 for labor. Uhl felt it would be very difficult for the City to perform the work any cheaper. After a brief discussion about the improvements councilman Seehusen made a motion to proceed with the work for \$2,700 and have Tim Pederson complete the work, seconded by Popkes. Rensink stated his concern whether this is the best method to solve the problem. Ayes: Postma, Popkes, Hindt, Seehusen. Nay: Rensink.

The Council had a discussion in regard to a change in the ordinance on Merchandise Display on Sidewalks. Language was added to allow the requests to be brought to the council for consideration in special circumstances. A motion was made by Postma and seconded by Hindt to bring this ordinance to a second reading. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to approve Resolution R08-3814 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIONS' SMALL TOWN REPLACEMENT AND APPLY FOR A GRANT TO RECEIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNING MATERIALS FROM THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Popkes, Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Postma. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Seehusen to approve the Intergovernmental Project Financing Agreement with O'Brien County for the road project located on Nest Avenue that connects to the Highway 60 Expressway. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve Resolution R08-3815 A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR MUSEUM GRANT. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Hindt, Seehusen, Rensink, Postma, Popkes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the proposed change to the ordinance to increase the water and sewer rates starting July 1, 2008. The proposed increase was discussed as part of the budget process and included a 4% increase for water and a 6% increase for sewer. Discussion was also held in regard to an increase in the utility deposit from \$100 to \$125. After a brief discussion Postma made a motion and was seconded by Popkes to bring this ordinance change to a second reading. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Uhl presented information in regard to a contract proposal with Municipal Management Group for leak detection. They would survey the entire community and determine any potential water leaks. This will drastically improve the current water loss we are seeing. The initial survey would cost \$1,350 with a maximum of \$2,650 for the services. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Postma. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Uhl presented a contract for services with DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company for engineering services for the 8th Avenue Water Main Extension project. This will improve water flows to the middle part of town. The total estimate for engineering services is \$10,200. The proposed cost estimate for the project is \$99,100 which will be paid for from the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 budget years. A motion was made by Postma and seconded by Popkes to approve the engineering agreement with DGR and set May 15, 2008 at 10:00am for a bid letting of the project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Postma with great appreciation to approve Resolution R08-3816 A RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA OF EASEMENTS FOR THE SHELDON RECREATIONAL TRAILS, FROM TIM PEDERSEN AND KARI PEDERSEN; VAN MEETEREN FARMS, INC., AN IOWA CORPORATION; NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE; JOEL HENGEVELD AND JULIE HENGEVELD; DEL-UXE FEEDS, INC., AN IOWA CORPORATION; LISA SUDBECK AND BRAD SUDBECK. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Seehusen, Rensink, Postma, Popkes, Hindt. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Rensink to approve pay estimate #5 in the amount of \$37,105.00 to M & D Construction, for the Sheldon Regional Airport Terminal Facility Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Rensink to approve payment in the amount of \$2,004 to McClure Engineering, for the Sheldon Regional Airport Terminal Facility Project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Press comments – none.

Council comments – none.

City Manager Wynja explained that the Nuisance Committee will soon be making their tour of the community following the community clean-up program.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Scott Wynja
City Manager