

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. 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 DeHoogh, Scott Wynja, and Arlene Budden.

No public comments.

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

- a. Regular Council Minutes of November 5, 2008, and the minutes of the Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims—City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. Financial Reports for October, 2008
- d. Approve SCDC Request for Christmas Kickoff/Community Caroling.

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

Dr. Bill Giddings gave an update on the NCC Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center. They have already received \$400,000 in commitments from private funds, and there is still more to come in. The Vision Iowa grant application for \$1.3 Million has moved into the negotiation committee, and NCC is continuing to meet with them. Some site work has been completed, but they will not break ground. They do not want to do anything that would jeopardize the grant. He stated the NCC Board is committed to seeing this project through.

A motion was made by Popkes and seconded by Postma to approve the updated Five-Year Airport Capital Improvement Program. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The City is awarded \$150,000 per year of entitlement funds from the FAA, and their next project would be an 80' x 80' finished conventional hangar in FY 2010.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to pass on to the third reading the proposed sidewalk repair ordinance. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Seehusen to approve Resolution R08-3902, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR REPAYMENT FROM THE SHELDON URBAN RENEWAL TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTIFICATION UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Rensink, Popkes, Postma, Hindt, and Seehusen. Motion carried. This resolution authorizes advancing TIF revenues for the 2008/2009 Capital Improvements in the estimated amount of \$723,192.

City Manager Wynja reviewed the City's ongoing priorities as well as the new projects and initiatives, as determined in the Strategic Planning Session from October 23, 2008. These were put into an Action Plan setting out the responsible party of each area, and the completion date for the project. After review, a motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Popkes to approve the City of Sheldon Action Plan 2009/2010. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

City Manager Wynja reviewed the Traffic Study that was prepared by Snyder & Associates for the City of Sheldon and the Iowa DOT, to monitor the traffic along the corridor of Highway 18 from Sheldon 2nd Avenue to the new Highway 60 Expressway. After a follow up meeting with Snyder & Associates, the City staff has put together recommendations as follows:

1. The City will continue to pursue a change in the speed limit from 50mph to 45 mph on Highway 18 out to the Expressway.
2. Recommendations to improve lighting on Highway 18 will be brought back to the Council in the near future. City Manager Wynja will further discuss the options of funding to make a portion of the highway three lanes, with a right/thru turning lane at the intersection of Highway 18 and Country Club Road. The TSIP program is state funds and could possibly take care of most of the cost, estimated at \$220,000 with funding in 2010. The USTEP funding is local funds, with a 55/45 match, and could possibly be funded for completion in 2009. Councilman Rensink stated that the City should consider safety instead of dollars since that has been the main issue for this area. He added the City should apply for the USTEP funding, and get the project done sooner. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the City Manager meet again with Snyder & Associates and the IA DOT, to get more information on these options of funding. This will be brought back to the Council, along with a contract with Snyder & Associates to begin the engineering.
3. Additional engineering needs to be done on the intersection at Old IA 60 (2nd Avenue) and Highway 18, to consider possible improvements to this intersection.
4. Continue discussions as conditions warrant considering the three-lane conversion along the entire corridor.

Press comments-Frank Luepke asked about the intersection at Washington Avenue and Highway 18. Mayor Tatsumi stated the recommendation is to do this when the entire Highway 18 corridor is considered.

Council comments-none

Staff comments-City Manager Wynja commended Recreation Director Andy Lueth for applying and receiving a grant for the youth golf program. They will receive ten (10) sets of golf clubs, for the kids to use in this program.

A motion was made by Seehusen and seconded by Hindt to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Arlene Budden, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Officer

