Sheldon, Iowa City Council January 17, 2018

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Pete Hamill, Shawn Broesder, Brad Hindt, Tom Eggers and Greg Geels. Also present: Sean Hutchison, Micah Schreurs, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: Bob Engel, on behalf of the senior citizens of Sheldon, use social security as their primary income source. In the past 5 years, social security has increased a total of 6%. Over the past 5 years, electric/gas, water/sewer/TV/property tax/health insurance have increased a total of 50%. With all the talk of implementing franchise fees, and the ease to implement those fees would take 3 votes from the City Council, but Engel would like the Council to not look at the easy decision but look at some hard decisions. He met Chris Nukols several years ago, and he is in renewable energy. Engel encouraged the City to work with Mid American Energy and look at a contract with them on wind energy. He also encouraged us to work closely with O’Brien County, who will received monies in the future from wind energy.

Mayor Meendering stated we would take the Mayor appointments off the consent agenda, and will consider them February 7.

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

* 1. Minutes of January 3, 2018, as presented, boards & commissions.
  2. Summary list of claims with additional as presented, boards & commissions.
  3. Amended 28E Agreement with the Iowa Lakes Drug Task Force.
  4. 4th quarter ambulance uncollectible accounts.

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

Kevin Miller, SCAT gave a review of 2017. They have 32 members, including 6 EMTs. They had a total of 549 calls, with 205 of them being transfers. Geels asked how the transfers compare to years past. Miller stated that the number of transfers in 2015 was the highest until this year. Miller also stated they are still doing the teddy bear/stuffed animal drive and still taking donations for new ones.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Broesder to approve the second reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SHELDON, IOWA ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING SECTION 17.9(2) THEREOF PERTAINING TO MINIMUM FLOOR AREA. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Eggers to approve Resolution R18-4393 A RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2018 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVMENTS PROJECT AND SET MARCH 7, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING AND CONSIDERATION OF BIDS. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Todd Uhl, Public Works Director and Lyle Bolkema, Police Chief gave staff reports for December, 2017.

Staff Comments: Hutchison stated he met with the fire townships and it was a good meeting. Uhl stated that unless someone was opposed, he will be liquidating a 1999 Ford E450 flat bed & a 1991 International plow truck from the Airport. Strouth thanked the Mayor & Council for working so well together, and stated that it allowed SCDC to achieve all their goals in 2017.

Council Comments: Geels thanked the news media on their coverage, but in response to the editorial in the Mailsun on January 10, 2018, there was some correct information, but the bigger issue was the incorrect information. The editorial stated that the Council voted to remove Runger Addtion from Tax Increment Financing and it would remove $68,000 from the general fund. That is not accurate. The Council voted not to capture the Runger Addition Tax Increment Financing so that it would add $68,000 into the general fund. Mayor Meendering stated we will be breaking our budget workshop into 2 sessions and the first one will be January 31 at 7:00 a.m. for a couple of hours. The second will be immediately following the February 7, 2018 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Eggers to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk