Sheldon, Iowa City Council September 19, 2018

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 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: Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, Todd Uhl, and Angela Beckman.

Mayor Meendering stated that Attorney Schreurs will be leaving the meeting before 5:00 p.m. and asked Council to rearrange the agenda to #4, 7, 5, 6. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to rearrange the agenda to #4,7,5, 6. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Broesder to approve the amended agenda. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all.

Public Comments: None.

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

* 1. Minutes of September 5, 2018 as presented, boards & commissions
  2. Summary list of City claims and additional as presented, boards & commissions.
  3. Financial reports for August 2018.
  4. Approval of special catering privilege for Langer’s Bar & Grill.

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

Mayor Meendering stated that Director Kevin Miller was on an ambulance call and not able to be at the Council meeting. Geels stated he was on the committee that interviewed for the position. There were 6 candidates but only 5 returned telephone calls for interviews. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to approve SCAT’s recommendation of Dakota Brown being hired as the SCAT full time employee at $35,000 per year with a $1,000 increase after a successful 6 month evaluation and a $1,500 increase after completion of the Paramedic Course. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Hindt asked if Miller would be staying on as SCAT director? Mayor Meendering stated she would contact him to confirm that. Geels also stated that Brown is close to completing her Paramedic Course.

Mayor Meendering stated she spoke with both garbage haulers and they are willing to agree to a multi year contract (through 2022) with a $.25 per year increase each year, starting August 2019. Eggers stated he would like a goal with a date for entire town to be hydraulic lift cans. There was some question if there could be recycling pick up every other week. DeKruif Disposal stated they don’t have enough man power. Hindt stated the number one complaint he hears is that people want recycling picked up more often. Hamill asked if the City had recycle containers left and if so how many? Uhl stated the City has 50 of the twenty gallon containers left. Haulers claim their trucks are capable of going completely automated and that it is a container issue. Schwarz Sanitary stated if people want the large containers he can get them within a week. Hindt stated that he felt the City should get out of the garbage business and questioned to what extent the City needed to be involved by law. Attorney Schreurs stated the City has some general duty to take care of refuse. After discussion, a motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hamill to approved solid waste contracts with both DeKruif Disposal and Schwarz Sanitary receiving a $.25 increase per year starting August, 2019 through August, 2022 with a goal of residential being all hydraulic by July 1, 2020. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Eggers to approve pay estimate #4 to Hoogendoorn Construction in the amount of $740,307.54 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Uhl stated this pay estimate was mostly for concrete and rebar.

Mayor Meendering asked if any Council or Staff had any confirmed community members to serve on the panel for the City Manager interviews. They are looking for 3 to 5 community members to serve. Council will talk to the community and get those willing to serve to the Mayor. Mayor Meedering stated that Wayne Barahona has confirmed his willingness to serve in this capacity.

Staff comments: None.

Council comments: Mayor Meendering stated that there is a Healthiest State Walk on October 3, 2018 at Noon to be held at the NCC LLRC. She congratulated the Crossroads Pavilion on the wonderful concert that was held on September 14, 2018 and there was a wonderful turn out. She also reminded people of the Blues concert to be held there on September 28, 2018 with a free will donation. She also stated that all 5 of the City Manager candidates have accepted interviews.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Broesder to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk