Sheldon, Iowa City Council November 7, 2018

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 7, 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.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Eggers to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all.

Public Comments: None.

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

* 1. Minutes of October 10, 2018, October 17, 2018, and the boards & commissions
  2. Summary list of city claims with additional as presented, boards & commissions.
  3. Approval of beer permit renewal for Hy-Vee C Store.
  4. Approval of liquor license renewal for Hy-Vee Food Store.
  5. Approval of SCAT applicant Loren (Wally) Wolthuizen.
  6. Approval of Resolution R18-4428 Urban Renewal Report for fiscal year 2017-2018.

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

Attorney Schreurs stated that he and City staff are still communicating with the interested party for the Property on Iselin Avenue known as Thermo-cel building. Said party feels they will have funds for part of the demolition costs in their 2019 fiscal year. Attorney Schreurs suggested the City budget some money for this building in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. He also suggested that Council accelerate efforts to acquire the other 2 properties located at 428 W Park Street and 1401 S 2nd Avenue. In order to acquire these properties, we will file a petition for abandonment per Iowa Code 657A. This requires notices published and a 90 day waiting period, but does feel this process could be completed in this fiscal year. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to authorize city staff and the city attorney to go forward with acquiring properties at 428 W Park Street and 1401 S 2nd Avenue through the petition for abandonment per Iowa Code 657A. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Hindt stated that the fire department truck committee put together specifications and got pricing per their Council’s direction during the last budget session. Spartan trucking in Brandon, SD has submitted a price of $552,312 for a pumper truck. Payment would be required upon delivery of the truck and it takes 365 days from the signed contract for full construction of the pumper truck. This price quote is good until November 18, 2018. He added that Spartan anticipates a 6% increase December 1, 2018. Geels asked for the criteria in choosing Spartan. Hindt stated that the fire department has a history with them, they have built 2 other trucks for them and the price was lower than others. Eggers commended the fire department, echoing that Council gave them a commitment months ago and he is fully behind them moving forward with the pumper truck. He added that from the budget aspect, he feels Council needs to take a long-range approach on these emergency services to make sure they are well supported. A motion was made by Eggers and seconded by Geels to approve the fire truck purchase commitment with Spartan for a pumper truck in the amount of $552,312. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Strouth stated that Council committed to a preliminary plan process with RDG Architects for the Crossroads Community Park Project in the amount of $20,000, the City Park Board and SCDC splitting that cost. Geels stated he has heard some criticism from the public regarding using RDG Architects. Strouth stated that this contract is only for the preliminary design of Crossroads Community Park Project. The contract does allow for the City to proceed with the contractor of choice. Eggers would like Strouth to make sure that the preliminary plan has a breakdown of costs for each phase/part of the preliminary plan. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Broesder to approve the contract with RDG on the Community Park Preliminary Design Contract. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Eggers to approve Resolution R18-4429 A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE TERMINATION OF A PERPETUAL SIGN EASEMENT and setting Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Noon for a public hearing on said termination. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This is for the welcome sign on the east side of Sheldon that was not placed per the survey for the sign.

A motion was made by Geels and second by Hamill to approve change order #1 for the Airport Snow Removal Equipment in the amount of $1,078.81. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This is to add a radio in the payloader for communications.

A motion was made by Broesder and seconded by Hindt to approve pay estimate #2 to Fox International in the amount of $138,300.24 for the Airport Snow Removal Equipment. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Broesder to approve pay estimate #2 to OMNI Engineering in the amount of $374,477.32 for the 16th Street Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Uhl stated there is a punch list that needs to be taken care of.

A motion was made by Eggers and seconded by Hindt to change the second meeting of November to Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Noon due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff comments: Bolkema stated that this past Friday morning there was a dangerous situation in Sheldon with an armed robbery, that thankfully ended well. He thanked and is grateful for our neighboring law enforcement and the amount of assistance they provided. Mayor Meendering also thanked all that assisted. Strouth stated that SCDC sold Merry Money on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 and they sold $125,000 in five and a half hours.

Council comments: Geels stated he attended the coffee at the Library and encouraged people that if they haven’t, they should stop in the Library and see their renovation. He also thanked Poppema Sikma Construction for donating painting of the offices and work on shelving. Broesder thanked Beckman and Uhl for all the extra work they have done in the absence of the City Manager.

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

Angela Beckman, City Clerk