Sheldon, Iowa City Council September 18, 2019

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Greg Geels called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Brad Hindt, Shawn Broesder, Wayne Barahona, and Tom Eggers. Absent: Pete Hamill. Also present: Todd Uhl, Micah Schreurs, Sam Kooiker, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

A motion was made by Broesder and seconded by Barahona to approve the agenda, amending item 4c adding that it is a Resolution to consider on the MidAmerican franchise election petition. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Public comments: None.

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

1. Minutes of September 4, 2019, and the boards & commissions.
2. Summary list of city claims, with additional as presented, boards & commissions.
3. Approval of August financial reports.
4. Resolution R19-4465 Resolution to engage Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission for the administration of the Village Northwest Unlimited CDBG grant.
5. Approve new wine permits and ownership changes at Casey’s General Stores #2527 & #3044.
6. Approve the appointment of Bailey Elgersma to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
7. Approve the SCAT application of Josh Boomgarden.
8. Approval of the Snowtrackers Snowmobile Route.

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

Preston DeBoer, AFSCME passed out a letter signed by all union members asking Council to give full and complete consideration to a merger of the two union contracts. DeBoer asked Council to look at things from their perspective. The union members feel a little betrayed by the Council. They were told that non-union employees would contribute to the insurance much sooner that they did, they also felt that due to the state deadline they were pressured into the current contract. Lori Anderson recommended that Council decline the merger and allow the Union to file the petition. She feels that City employees need to pay their “fair share” for insurance. A motion was made by Eggers and seconded by Barahona to accept the letter from the union members and take it under advisement. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded Broesder to accept substantial completion on the wastewater treatment facility project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Barahona and seconded by Hindt to approve pay estimate #16 on the wastewater treatment facility in the amount of $105,700.80 to Hoogendoorn Construction. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Kooiker asked if October 2, 2019 would work for Council and the public to have a tour of the facility after the Council meeting. Hindt asked if the City could have an open house for the public to see what they rate increases paid for.

It was noted that a petition was submitted on September 12, 2019 asking for the franchise agreements to be placed on the ballot in November. It was noted that no objections had been received. A motion was made by Eggers and seconded by Broesder to approve Resolution R19-4466 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THAT A PETITION REGARDING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council discussed the requests for proposals for redevelopment at 1401 S 2nd Avenue, 428 W Park Street and 1023 Garfield Avenue. Hindt asked if the City could require a deposit or security bond to make sure the work gets done by a certain time? Attorney Schreurs stated that it would depend on the condition of the sale which is subject to a surety bond as the city deems necessary. He also stated that each sale will have a public hearing. After discussion, a motion was made by Barahona and seconded by Eggers to Authorize “Invitation to Bidders” and solicit bids/proposals on 1401 S 2nd Avenue, 428 W Park Street and 1023 Garfield Avenue properties until 12 P.M. on Friday, November 8, 2019. The City retains the ability to extend the deadlines. Each property shall require a separate bid. The minimum prices are $1,000 for each property, with $500 for abutting property owners. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Attorney Schreurs wanted to clarify that this process is different than the City’s bidding process, which the City hires the lowest responsible bid, in this instance the City can accept what is best for said property. Kooiker stated the details and reports are available on the City’s website.

Staff comments: Chief Bolkema stated that there was a paraphernalia trailer tonight at the High School from 4 to 8 p.m.

Council & Mayor comments: Mayor Geels thanked Chapman Junius for his time served on the Library Board.

A motion was made by Barahona and seconded by Hindt to adjourn at 5:04 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

 Angela Beckman, City Clerk