Sheldon, Iowa City Council October 2, 2019

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 2, 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, Pete Hamill and Tom Eggers by telephone. Also present: Todd Uhl, Micah Schreurs, Sam Kooiker, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Barahona to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Public comments: Marv Van Riesen asked if the union petition was on the agenda. Kooiker stated it is not on this agenda.

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

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019, and the boards & commissions.
2. Summary list of city claims, with additional as presented, boards & commissions.
3. Approve the appointment of Deanna Wood to the Board of Adjustment.
4. Approval of pay estimate #1 for Crossroads North Business Park in the amount of $185,942.08 to Vander Pol Excavating, noting that as part of the earthwork agreement, Coop is to reimburse the City at $2.10 cubic yards for 4,700 cubic yards for a total of $9,870.00.
5. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kooiker stated that this is a Resolution authorizing a loan for $650,000 to purchase a tanker fire truck and two police vehicles. He also stated that this was approved February 6, 2019, but we delayed the closing so we didn’t have to pay interest before the vehicles were here. Lori Anderson asked if this was something that was budgeted for, and how we determine when a new vehicle is needed. She also asked if the fire department has applied for grants to pay for a new truck, as well as what does the fundraising money go towards. Hindt stated that they apply for grants every time, but get denied. He also stated that the fire department isn’t going to raise money for fire trucks. Anderson offered to help them write grants and arrange a fund raiser for the next fire truck. Marv Van Riesen apologized to Kooiker for some statements he made regarding there being $25,000 being set aside each year for truck purchases and feels that the prior city manager made that statement. He feels that taxes are to be used for fire protection. A motion was made by Eggers and seconded by Hamill to approve Resolution R19-4467 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY THE NOTE; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mayor Geels stated that the City received a letter from the two garbage haulers. The haulers are asking Council to implement that all residential customers have a 65 gallon garbage can that has a metal bar and lid by July 1, 2020. They would be able purchase them from the haulers or at a retailer. Barahona added that the haulers have agreed to add 2 pick up days for recycling. Marv Van Riesen asked Council to wait and discuss this further at the next meeting because he had shared some information with Kooiker shortly before the meeting started. He stated that the hauler in Orange City the hauler gave the residents the garbage can and raise the rate. He also stated that the hauler in Orange City charges $14.75/month compared to the City of Sheldon at $17.00/month. A motion was made by Barahona and seconded by Hamill to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to start work on an amendment to the ordinance. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff comments: Uhl stated that well #15 (deep well) is out of service. He had hoped to get it along until next year and then do repairs, but unfortunately we have to repair it now and that will be approximately $58,000. They are hoping to start blacktop overlay next week. They will be working on 8th Street from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue, 4th Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street and 5th Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street. He also said that work has not resumed on 16th Street as the contractor OMNI Engineering has become unresponsive. He has contacted the IA DOT for assistance and leverage since it was a state shared project. On October 7th the morning Kiwanis will be touring the WWTF and there will be an open house for the public to tour the WWTF on October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Council & Mayor comments: Kooiker stated there will be a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on October 9, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and a Board of Adjustment meeting on October 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Barahona said the Thursday, October 10 is the Fire Department’s fundraiser. Mayor Geels thanked Duane Seehusen for his time on the Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Broesder to adjourn at 4:58 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried. At this time people headed to the new wastewater treatment facility for a tour.

 Angela Beckman, City Clerk