

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Pete Hamill, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Zach Sawyer, and Greg Geels. Also present: Scott Wynja, Curt Strouth, Micah Schreurs, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: Marv Van Riesen referred to the operation study on the proposed Events Center, and stated that the report said that the Lifelong Learning Center “would like to get away from social events”. He then stated that he contacted the NCC President which stated that wasn’t the case. Wynja stated that he had spoken to the NCC President and the study was amended in this area.

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

- a. Minutes of December 16, 2015.
- b. Summary List of Claims.
- c. Approval of the native wine permit renewal for Stone River Gift Shop.
- d. Approval of SCAT Applicant, Amber Lippert.
- e. Approval of Resolution R16-4188 designating the place of deposit of funds.
- f. Approval of Resolution R16-4189 designating the official newspapers.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:30 p.m. to consider the Nest Haven Subdivision Final Plat. Jo Borer, a resident in Nest Haven asked about access for the lots. After conferring with the owner, Arwyn Van Wyk, the current access for their property would remain private and the new lots would have access from the north end. A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Geels to close the public hearing at 4:40 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Wynja stated that as required by our Subdivision section of the Zoning Code, the owner is required to submit owner’s certificate, treasurer’s certificate, mortgage certificate, auditor certificate and title opinion, which we have received all of these. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to approve the Resolution R16-4190 approving the Nest Haven Subdivision Final Plat. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director Cindy Freeman, Scott Wynja and Brad Hindt have held several meetings regarding the Sheldon Community Ambulance Team (SCAT) staffing issues. The recommendation at this time would be to hire a full time EMT/Paramedic and initiate an incentive for people to take call by paying a \$1 per hour on call fee. Fonkert asked if we hired a full time EMT/paramedic could the billing come back in house. Beckman stated that billing is a specialized, with all the medical codes, and protocol required by Medicare, Medicaid, etc. That is something that would have to be looked into. Geels asked if we could begin with the on call payment and see from there without hiring a full time person. Wynja stated that SCAT would rather start with a full time person first if that is the case. In response to the new company

coming to Sheldon, from what we have learned they will be doing transfers only for a 45 mile radius. Therefore, our ambulance is not going to go away. SCAT will continue to cover all 911 calls. Hamill asked how the Sanford Hospital would fit in to this scenario? Wynja stated that at one time the Sanford Director had asked for Sanford to hire an employee for this, and work with City, however, Sanford is not interested in doing this any longer. Fonkert asked if we could not make a decision tonight, and bring it back January 20, so that he has an opportunity to speak to current and past SCAT members regarding this situation. It was the consensus to take no action at this time. Fonkert also added that he would like to commend all the volunteer departments; it takes a lot of time and too often goes unappreciated.

Wynja informed the Council of the funding application that the City could apply for to receive funds towards repairs to 16th Street. The application deadline is in March and is a 60/40 match, however if we were awarded funding, it would not be available until 2020. Discussion was held on different options that may give us a better chance to receive the funds. The current plan is to remove the 7" pavement from Washington Avenue to Iselin Avenue and replace it with 9" pavement and slight widening of the shoulders. After discussion, it was the consensus to allow Wynja to speak to Ted Korousis of NW IA Planning and Development, along with the State to discuss our best chances of being awarded funds for this project.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Geels to set January 20, 2016 at 4:30 for a public hearing to consider adopting the O'Brien County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Wynja gave an overview of the results from the goal setting session. Mayor Meendering pointed out that Jeff Schott, who conducted the goal setting session, commended the City and SCDC on how well they work together. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to approve the goal setting session. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. From here, Wynja will form an action plan for the future.

Staff Comments: None

Council Comments: None

A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Sawyer to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk