

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, present: Pete Hamill, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Greg Geels and Zach Sawyer. Also present: Scott Wynja, Micah Schreurs, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: None.

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

- a. Minutes of City, Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims for City, Boards & Commissions.
- c. December Financial Reports.
- d. Uncollectible Ambulance Accounts from the 2015 4th Quarter.
- e. Request from Elizabeth Van Huizen for use of the Downtown Park.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:31 p.m. on the O'Brien County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. There were no written or oral comments. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to close the public hearing at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Sawyer to approve the Resolution R15-4191 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA ADOPTING A HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN FOR O'BRIEN COUNTY. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:32 p.m. on the Sheldon Municipal Airport 6-T Hangar Project. There were no written or oral comments. A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Hindt to close the public hearing at 4:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approved Resolution R16-4192 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SHELDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT 6-T HANGAR PROJECT, SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Wynja stated that the bid letting was held at 10:00 a.m. The engineers estimate on the base bid was \$372,025. There were 3 bids received, and the lowest base bid was \$479,355.72, nearly \$107,000 higher than the engineers estimate. The Airport Commission met after the bid letting and it is their recommendation that the Council reject all 3 of the bids. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Geels to reject the bids received on the Sheldon Municipal 6-T Hangar Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council now continued discussion regarding SCAT staffing. Hamill was enlightened after attending the SCAT department meeting last week, and thanked them for the work that they do. Sawyer expressed that he was struggling whether hiring 1 person will solve the issue at hand. Fonkert asked for clarification on what the full time position goal would be, Wynja stated the goal would be to hire a paramedic. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to hire a full time EMT/Paramedic for the SCAT Team. Jeff Freeman, SCAT member asked if the Council would consider hiring a Registered Nurse (RN) if the option arose. Cindy Freeman, SCAT director stated that an RN could fulfill some of the responsibilities of a Paramedic. At this time, Hindt amended his motion to hire a qualified full time employee for the SCAT team, Hamill seconded the amendment. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on paying a \$1 per hour on call to SCAT members. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hamill to pay \$1 per hour for SCAT members on call. Sawyer questioned if an hourly incentive is the way to go? Hamill stated that the result he got from the SCAT meeting was that it would be incentive for some, but not for others. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Geels, Hindt, Hamill. Nays: Fonkert and Sawyer. Motion carried.

Strouth stated he has two development proposals for the City Council to consider. He stated that Ryan Kats would like to purchase lots 3, 4 & the remainder of lot 5 in Runger's 4th Addition, totaling 1.96 acres. Kats agrees to an \$80,000 minimum assessment agreement and contract for development. The development committee is requesting that the City forgive \$3,498.32. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to approve a minimum assessment for \$80,000 and development agreement with Ryan Kats, as well as to forgive \$3,498.32 to SCDC for lots 3, 4 & part of 5 in Runger's 4th Addition. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Strouth stated that Fred's Plumbing and Heating would like to purchase the south 200' of lot 3 in the Sheldon Crossroads Industrial Park, totaling approximately 2.21 acres. They would agree to a \$400,000 minimum assessment agreement and contract for development. The development committee is requesting that the City forgive \$40,056.25 for this project. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to approve a minimum assessment for \$400,000 and development agreement with Fred's Plumbing and Heating, as well as forgive \$40,056.25 to SCDC for the south 200' of lot 3 in Sheldon Crossroads Industrial Park. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approve pay estimate #2-Final in the amount of \$29,079.93 for the 2015 Downtown Resurfacing Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to enter into closed session at 5:07 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Council came out of closed session at 5:27 p.m. There was no action taken.

Staff comments: None.

Council comments: Hindt asked if the Council would look at putting a crosswalk in on Washington Avenue at 6th Street. There are a lot of children walking to and from school and it is a difficult intersection for them to cross. This can be placed on the agenda for consideration. Geels asked what the City's regulations are for people pumping water from their sump pumps onto the street, which in turn creates ice build up. Uhl stated this is not a typical year, as December was a very wet month, but the crews are doing their best when it warms up to scrape the ice from the roads. Mayor Meendering stated she is working on the appointments to the boards and commissions. After discussion, Mayor Meendering stated that the City Council will hold a budget meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to adjourn at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk