

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Pete Hamill, Randy Fonkert, Greg Geels, Zach Sawyer, and Brad Hindt arrived at 4:54 p.m. Also present: Sean Hutchison, Micah Schreurs, Todd Uhl, Lyle Bolkema, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: None.

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

- a. Minutes of May 3, 2017, boards & commissions.
- b. Summary list of claims, boards & commissions.
- c. Financial reports for April, 2017.
- d. Approval of SCAT applicants, Jaiden Miedema & Daniel Wiersma.
- e. Approval of ambulance uncollectible accounts from the 1st quarter of 2017.
- f. Approval of beer permit renewal for Casey's General Store #3044.
- g. Approval of beer permit renewal for Casey's General Store #2527.
- h. Approval of liquor license renewal for Fareway Stores, Inc.
- i. Approval of appointing Duane Seehusen to the Board of Adjustment.
- j. Approval of a credit card for the Crossroads Pavilion.
- k. Approval of changing the meeting time to Noon for the June 7, July 5 & August 2 City Council meetings.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:31 p.m. to consider the Preliminary & Final Plat of Prairie Trail Addition, and vacation of utility easements. No oral or written comments. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to close the public hearing at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Hutchison explained that the Planning & Zoning Board approved a request from the SCDC Development Committee to replat the current area to create a MultiFamily buffer between Arterial Commercial property and Residential Single property. Therefore, the replat changed the layout of the lots. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hamill to approve the Resolution R17-4358 a Resolution approving the preliminary plat and final plat of Prairie Trail Addition. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Pat Bickett, Schlotfeldt Engineering stated that with the previous plat there were 2 utility easements that ran east and west, and with the replat, the Planning & Zoning Board approved to vacate these two utility easements. He added that there are not any utilities located there at this time. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hamill to approve vacating two utility easements in Prairie Trail Addition. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Hutchison stated that the current zoning code does not require a zoning permit to put up a fence. While it has been prior practice to require a zoning permit for a fence, the text in the

zoning ordinance should reflect that. A motion was made by Geels and seconded Fonkert for section 2.1.118 of the Sheldon Zoning Ordinance to read "Anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or attached to something having location on the ground, including (but not limited to) fences, signs and billboards." Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Tom Fuoss, Perspective Insurance explained how the City's self insurance works. He compared a fully funded insurance plan to a self insurance funded plan. He also stated that the City decides how much to charge for a premium and that the fund has been funded very adequately.

Hutchison stated that due to the replat of Prairie Trail Addition, it would be wise to update the Land Use Map to factor that change in. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to approve updating the Land Use Map to include the final plat of Prairie Trail Addition. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the solid waste collection contracts. The current contracts are scheduled to expire on 08/01/17. The garbage haulers have proposed a \$.75 increase per month for the first year, and a \$.25 increase per month for each of the following four years. Hutchison is proposing a \$.50 increase per month for the first year, and a \$.25 increase per month for each of the following four years. Hutchison also proposed to increase the amount that the fuel surcharge would be added. Currently the fuel surcharge is added if the diesel price is above \$2.50, Hutchison suggested that amount be increased to \$3.49 or \$3.99. Schwarz would like to see the Ordinance language changed regarding container specifics. Currently it states a customer is allowed two, thirty-two gallon containers, not to exceed 65 pounds. They are asking for it to allow one, sixty-five gallon container, or two, thirty-two gallon containers, then anything over and above those specifics would be left and a nuisance should be enforced. Discussion was also held on going completely automated with the garbage trucks. After discussion, a motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Hindt to approve a \$.75 increase per month on the solid waste collection fee for the period of one year. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to add a fuel surcharge fee of \$.50 per month for any month that the diesel price is \$3.00 or higher. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on fireworks. Chief Bolkema stated that fireworks can be sold and shot off from June 1 to July 8, and December 10 to January 3. He feels that is a really large window for people to shoot off fireworks. Fonkert expressed concerns if there is a drought and/or burn ban, and it was agreed that fireworks would be prohibited from being shot if there is a burn ban. It was the consensus of the Council that the sale time frame was fine, but would like to have a shorter time frame for the shooting of fireworks. This will be brought back for Council consideration on June 7, 2017, in the form of an Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council that the City be provided with a copy of the license from the State Fire Marshall and \$2,000,000 liability insurance, prior to the issuance of a Transient Merchant Permit.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to approve Resolution R17-4356 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$2,395,000 (DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2017. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Hamill to approve Resolution R17-4357 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011B, OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, STATE OF IOWA, DATED JANUARY 31, 2011, AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Hindt to approve pay estimate #10 for Crossroads Pavilion in the amount of \$485,453.76. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Sawyer to approve the first reading of the water and sewer rate ordinance, which includes an 8% increase on both water and sewer. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff Comments: Uhl stated that we have begun the crack sealing process, and today the water tower was taken out of commission to complete some minor repairs that are under warranty yet. Hutchison stated there will be a TIF application coming. Hutchison asked how the Council would like the sewer rate study increases done. He offered that it could be increased in 3 different segments, or 2, or 1 large one. The Council would like to discuss funding the wastewater treatment facility project on the June 7, 2017 agenda.

Council Comments: Geels asked if we have challenged the School to a rematch of softball. Mayor Meendering thanked the Street Department on the quick clean up from the wind storm. She also received notification from the Parks & Recreation Board regarding the pool hours. The Park and Recreation Board are recommending that the pool be open from 1:30-8:00 Monday-Saturday and 1:00-5:00. The Mayor would like this placed on the June 7, 2017 agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk