

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Katricia Meendering called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present: Pete Hamill, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, and Zach Sawyer. Absent: Greg Geels. Also present: Sean Hutchison, Todd Uhl, Curt Strouth, and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: Strouth introduced several people from Deluxe Feeds and Kent Nutrition group. They announced plans for an expansion to its Sheldon location that will allow the plant to better serve customers and offer a wider variety of products and services. The plant will increase capacity and versatility by adding five new pellet mills, two separate processing lines, high-efficiency packaging equipment, robotic palletizers, grain cleaning and packaging innovation and a 50,000 square-foot warehouse. This expansion project includes over \$37 million dollars of total investment, which of that investment, includes \$10.5 million of new taxable valuation which will generate approximately \$330,750 per year. They anticipate requesting a full five-year tax rebate from the City for this project.

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

- a. Minutes of June 7, 2017, boards & commissions.
- b. Summary list of claims, additional as presented and to pay fiscal year end if necessary, boards & commissions.
- c. Financial reports for May, 2017.
- d. Approval of request from Sanford Clinic for Glow Race on September 2, 2017.
- e. Approval of request from SCDC for summer grill outs, crazy days, and Celebration Days.

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

Mayor Meendering opened the public hearing at 4:38 p.m. to consider proposals on the Sheldon Municipal Airport snow removal equipment. No oral or written comments. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to close the public hearing at 4:39 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. McClure Engineering stated that there was one bid received. The engineer's estimate was \$325,000 and the bid was for \$318,871. They are submitting a grant application to the FAA for 90% of the funding on this project. Therefore the Airport would be responsible for 10% or \$31,887.10. Lyle Vust, FBO stated that the current snow removal equipment is very old and in need of replacement. This equipment was actually their 3rd option, but will do the job. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to approve Resolution R17-4362 Awarding the Bid of \$318,871 for Airport Snow Removal Equipment to Fox International. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the electricity at the Crossroads Pavilion. Uhl stated that currently the Crossroads Pavilion does not have enough electrical amp in certain areas to support events such as a Belgian Waffle Supper, or an outdoor event. Uhl and Hutchison have met with the electrical engineer and he offered 7 options. The Crossroads Pavilion Board chose option 1,

which is to add a 100 amp and a 60 amp receptacle in the Kitchen for \$8,400, as well as option 7, which is to construct a monument outside to the southwest with left over stone, with a 200 amp electrical enclosed in it that customers could run cords from into the facility for \$25,190 and to core through the southwest wall for the cords to run through for \$1,200. Hindt asked if anyone looked into the price of electrical cords that could support 200 amps and was concerned of a trip hazard outside with such cords. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the engineer on the project, stating that these events that need these were told to them in the beginning and should have been part of the original contract. Hutchison stated he has spoken with the Engineer on the phone some, but many times via email and was disappointed that the Engineer was not present at this meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to authorize the Crossroads Pavilion Board to spend up to \$34,790 for electrical to the Crossroads Pavilion and construct a monument to house part of it. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to approved Resolution R17-4361 A Resolution Setting June 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. for a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Amended and Restated Sheldon Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Sheldon, Iowa. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mayor Meendering stated that she received an email from Pat Van Horsen expressing concern over the safety of fireworks within Sheldon. The Mayor reminded citizens that parental supervision is required if under the age of 18. A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Sawyer to waive the 2nd reading of an Ordinance and approve Ordinance O17-3226 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 41.11 PERTAINING TO THE SALE, POSSESSION, USE AND EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF SHELDON, IOWA. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Hindt to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance O17-3227 regarding the water and sewer rates, which includes an 8% increase on both water and sewer. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Hindt to approve pay estimate #11 for Crossroads Pavilion in the amount of \$224,430.87. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Uhl stated they have hired David Andringa for the water operator position. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Hamill to approve the starting wage of \$18.91 for David Andringa, water operator. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Sawyer to enter into closed session at 5:23 p.m. per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 5:37 p.m. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Hamill and seconded by Fonkert to enter into closed session at 5:39 p.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 5:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Staff Comments: None.

Council Comments: Fonkert asked how the water well levels are. Uhl said the shallow wells have been reduced due to the dry conditions, but hadn't checked since the recent rains we have had.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk