

The Sheldon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Protem Brad Hindt called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, present: Ron Rensink, Randy Fonkert, Brad Hindt, Greg Geels, and Zach Sawyer. Absent was Mayor Katricia Meendering. Also present: Scott Wynja, Todd Uhl, Curt Strouth, Lyle Bolkema and Angela Beckman.

Public Comments: Don Schultz of 1400 Railroad Avenue stated that he purchased his home in 1994. Since he has lived there he has been informed by the City that he does not have a street or an avenue in front of his home. In 2013 ROME built an addition onto their building which is adjacent to his property. This has created a drainage issue onto his property, and has lowered his property value. He feels the ROME building permit is not accurate and should be voided.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Rensink to remove item g: Consider special outdoor service for Schottsy's Bar & Grill on 09/19/15, from the consent agenda. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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

- a. Minutes of City, Boards & Commissions.
- b. Summary List of Claims for City and additional claim, Boards & Commissions.
- c. August Financial Reports.
- d. Mayor's appointment of Ron Plum to the Museum Board.
- e. Fire Applicant Ricki Updike.

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

Discussion was held on the special outdoor liquor license for Schottsy's Bar & Grill on 09/19/15. Geels stated he has had several complaints of music playing very loud very late at night during the special events. Hindt stated he has had noise complaints also. Chief Bolkema stated they have had noise complaints, but not many in writing, as people don't want to give a name. Chief also stated that the last noise complaint came at 12:47 a.m. Geels would like Schottsy's to be "good neighbors" and turn the music down by or before 11:00 p.m. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Rensink to approve the special outdoor liquor license for Schottsy's Bar & Grill on 09/19/15 with the music volume being lowered by or before 11:00 p.m. going forward. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Sheldon Community Ambulance Team (SCAT) Director Cindy Freeman and Training Officer, Krysten Haan were present on behalf of SCAT. Freeman wanted to update the City Council on their situation. They are having trouble getting volunteers and maintaining staff 24/7. They have done different things to recruit new members, but have not had much response. Freeman is asking for assistance in coming up with a plan b in the event SCAT can't respond to calls due to lack of staff. It was the consensus to develop an internal task force, meet with the County, discuss the hiring of a consultant service, and involve Sanford staff. Wynja stated that SCAT has been without an assistant director for some time and Freeman has been doing a lot of work. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Sawyer to add the Assistant Director wage of \$2,700/year to Freeman's wage. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Fonkert thanked Freeman for all that she does.

Strouth explained Home Base Iowa. O'Brien County is actively pursuing to become a Home Base Iowa county. This program addresses the shortage of skilled workers by hiring veterans. State guidelines state that there has to be 51 businesses willing to participate and O'Brien County has over 80. It is suggested we offer an incentive package to veterans through the Home Base Iowa program. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to offer an incentive package to include waiving the City \$125 utility deposit, offer \$125 coupon for Parks & Recreation, 3 months of free water/sewer bill with a maximum of \$50 per month, 3 days of fees waived for Hills Park Camping, and the City will pay for 4 Home Base Iowa signs at \$60 each. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt & Renae Hartog had purchased a lot in Sunshine Addition, but have submitted a request to the City Council to sell the lot back to the City in light of the Board of Adjustment denying their special exception. A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Fonkert to accept Hartog's request to purchase back block 2, lot 10 in Sunshine Addition and reimburse the Hartogs for expenses involved. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Wynja stated that the Vision Iowa Tourism Grant require a Resolution of support regarding the funding that the City is willing to contribute. This grant deadline is October 15. The Events Center project is estimated to cost \$5.3M, we have \$60,000 in donations, and we are applying for a \$1,325,000 grant through Vision Iowa Tourism. Therefore the City is supporting contributing a maximum of \$3,915,000 towards the Events Center. A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Sawyer to approve the Resolution of Support for funding of the Events Center. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Sawyer, Geels, Hindt, Rensink. Nay: Fonkert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Hindt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services for the State Income Offset Program. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Hindt to approve the final pay estimate to Voltmer in the amount of \$3,479.37 for the Sheldon Regional Airport 15/33 Runway Lighting Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Fonkert to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Solsma Bros. in the amount of \$140,112.18 for the Runger Street Improvements. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council comments: Rensink stated the new streets look good. Sawyer asked where we are at with the proposed Events Center operating and maintenance study. Wynja stated that we hope to have it the end of September to put on the first meeting in October.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Fonkert to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.