

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

Public Comments: Jill Collen spoke in regards to the Community Events Center newspaper article in the Mailsun on 10/14/15. She stated that it was alarming to her and her husband that the events center could operate at a \$100,000 loss, and they do not feel that a center this size is necessary. They don't know of weddings that have more than 250 guests and would like the Council to consider their thoughts and possibly scale down the events center.

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

- a. Minutes of October 21, 2015.
- b. Summary List of Claims.
- c. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Hy-Vee Food Store.
- d. Approval of Beer Permit Renewal for Hy-Vee C Store.
- e. Approval of Beer Permit for Natalia's Mexican Store.

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

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to approve the retainer to Voltmer in the amount of 11,947.30 for the Sheldon Regional Airport 15/33 Lighting Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to approve the statement of completion on the Sheldon Regional Airport 15/33 Lighting Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rensink and seconded by Fonkert to approve pay estimate #2 to Solsma Bros., in the amount of \$114,258.16 for the 2015 Runger Street Improvement Project. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Uhl stated that this proposal is for phase I of the process to comply with the new NPDES wastewater permit. The steps in phase I will tell us where we need to go in phase II. The cost will be \$19,500, to be paid from wastewater depreciation. A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Geels to approve the proposal from DGR Engineering on the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Preliminary Planning Proposal. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the pond in Sheldon Crossing. The O'Brien County Conservation Director has informed us that an Aerator may be necessary to maintain quality life for the fish

in the pond in the winter. One concern is if we can get electricity to the aerator location before the winter. Geels would like Wynja and Uhl to seek a second opinion from the DNR. A motion was made by Sawyer and seconded by Hindt to approve placing an aerator and installing electricity to the site with a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This will be paid from LOST.

A motion was made by Geels and seconded by Fonkert to set December 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the 5 year capital improvement plan. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonkert and seconded by Hindt to move the 2nd Council meeting of November to November 19, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Staff Comments: Uhl stated that Runger Street is open. Wynja stated that he and Pete Hamill attended a Green Ribbon Community group and they will be forming a 6 county region that could potentially have grant money available for projects.

Council Comments: Geels wanted to thank everyone who came out and voted, as well as the people that work at the polls.

A motion was made by Hindt and seconded by Sawyer to adjourn at 5:06 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Angela Beckman, City Clerk