

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
MARCH 12, 2012**

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Barnes-Haesemeyer, Bitney, Eiche, Graf, Harrington, Leckel, Pederson and Shelton. Also present were Jeff Parker, Clint Stariha, Jessica Beecroft, Bill Jenderny and Brad Pederson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bitney moved, seconded by Barnes-Haesemeyer, to approve the February 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion carried.

SHELL LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: It was reported the annual EDC meeting will be held March 21, 2012.

Jeff Parker reported on the Public Works Department's activities. Mr. Parker noted the sewer utility has experienced three sewage backups in the last few months. Mr. Parker reported the City of Spooner assisted our utility by videoing the sewer main located in the alley behind the City Hall/Library building. Two of the blockages were caused by roots growing into faulty lateral connections. Mr. Parker will be soliciting proposals for repair of these lateral connections.

Clint Stariha reported on Police Department and zoning activities.

LAKE PROTECTION: Mayor Peterson reported she has appointed Jane Pederson, Dan Harrington and Dave Vold to serve as the hiring committee for the 2012 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspection Program. Barnes-Haesemeyer moved, seconded by Graf, to authorize the AIS Hiring Committee to hire the 2012 AIS employees. The motion carried.

Information on the 2012 NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference, to be held in Spooner, WI on June 22, 2012, was distributed.

EXECUTIVE/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: The March 5, 2012 committee meeting minutes were reviewed.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION: The March 7, 2012 committee meeting minutes were read. It was reported the committee recommends the City contribute \$250 to the Experience Works 2011-2012 Community Partnership Campaign as we usually have an Experience Works employee working with the city crew. Barnes-Haesemeyer moved, seconded by Bitney, to approve the \$250 contribution. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: The March 12, 2012 committee meeting minutes were reviewed. It was reported the committee recommends the City Council grant temporary Class B beer licenses to Theatre in the Woods for March 24, 2012 and May 19, 2012. Bitney moved, seconded by Shelton, to grant the licenses. The motion carried 7-yes, Barnes-Haesemeyer-abstained.

Graf moved, seconded by Eiche, to approve vouchers 120-249. The motion carried. The Budget Status Report was reviewed.

PARKS AND RECREATION: An Amendment to the City of Shell Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan was presented as follows: Add to Page 16 (Shell Lake Campground/Class A Launch) "Add sewer system, Upgrade water system, Upgrade lighting and Improve landscaping." It was noted the P&R Committee agreed with the concept of applying for a grant to cover 50% of eligible costs with construction to be done in 2013 pending grant approval. Barnes-Haesemeyer moved, seconded by Bitney, to approve the Amendment to the City of Shell Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan. Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Draft Zoning Code amendments that would result in the elimination of the City Council from the conditional use permit (CUP) process, for short-term rentals only, were reviewed. The City Council decided, by consensus, not to proceed with any code revisions pertaining to the City Council's involvement in the CUP process at this time.

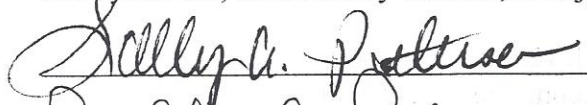
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Letters from Statewide Services, Inc. pertaining to a sewer backup claim for damages incurred February 8, 2012 at 322 6th Avenue were reviewed. Statewide Services, Inc. administers the claims for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance which provides coverage to the City of Shell Lake. Statewide Services, Inc. recommends the City of Shell Lake deny the claims from Larry Alt, Denise Antus and Germantown Mutual pursuant to Wisconsin Statute for disallowance of claims 893.80(1g). The basis of the denial would be that the City would not be responsible for this unforeseen blockage. Graf moved, seconded by Pederson, to disallow the claims pursuant to WI Stat. 893.80(1g). Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

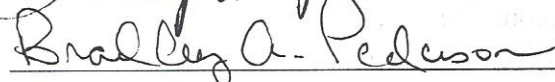
NEW BUSINESS: It was decided to schedule the organizational meeting for April 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. if there are no conflicts with an earlier time. It was also decided to schedule the audit presentation for the May 14, 2012 regular meeting.

Copies of letters from Regional Hospice Services and St. Croix Valley Foundation were distributed.

Alderperson Leckel reported he volunteered to be take the lead role in the July 3rd fireworks fundraising effort.

Bitney moved, seconded by Shelton, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried.

 Kelly A. Pederson, Mayor

 Bradley A. Pederson, City Administrator