

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
OCTOBER 8, 2012**

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Bruce, Eiche, Graf, Harrington, Leckel, Pederson, Schultz and Shelton. Also present were Jeff Parker, Clint Stariha, Dale Johnson, Clement Safranek, Vern Redlich, Carol Kalscheur, Bill Jenderny and Brad Pederson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Peterson noted this is Police Chief Clint Stariha's last City Council meeting, wished him a happy retirement and thanked him for his 36 years of dedicated service.

Graf moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the September 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion carried. Schultz moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve the September 25, 2012 special meeting minutes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vern Redlich expressed his disappointment with First Avenue (Sand Road) not be on the street project list for 2013 and suggested it be resurfaced. Mr. Redlich also expressed concerns about the City's decision to discontinue fluoridation of the municipal water and said he feels the City should have held a public hearing and informed the public about this matter prior to acting on it.

Dale Johnson noted he has a background in human resources and expressed concerns about the process used to fill the Chief of Police position. Mr. Johnson suggested the City Council advertise key positions, recruit candidates and get the best person in these positions the City can afford.

SHELL LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Alderperson Schultz reported on the quarterly EDC meeting held September 20, 2012.

Jeff Parker reported on the Public Works Department's activities.

Clint Stariha reported on Police Department and zoning activities.

LIBRARY BOARD: The September 19, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed. Alderperson Pederson reported the board welcomed Andrea Hartwig as a new member and decided not to hire an interim library director.

SHELL LAKE AREA FIRE ASSOCIATION: The September 19, 2012 quarterly meeting minutes were reviewed.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION: The October 3, 2012 committee meeting minutes were reviewed. The Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services between MSA and the City of Shell Lake to include Amendment No. 1 to expand the scope of the 2012 street projects were reviewed. A color coded map showing the original projects and proposed new projects as follows was reviewed: original – 8th

Ave. from 1st (Lewis St.) to County B, 4th St. from 7th Ave. to 8th Ave., 5th St. from 7th Ave. to 8th Ave., 2nd Ave. from 2nd St. to 3rd St., and 5th Ave. from 2nd St. to 3rd St.; proposed additional projects – 1st (Lewis St.) from County B to 8th Ave., 5th Ave. from 3rd St. to County B and 2nd St. from 8th Ave north approximately 150 feet. Jeff Parker explained the rationale for expanding the projects. A lengthy discussion was held on potential funding sources for the projects. It was noted the water and sewer utilities will cover their portion and adjoining property owners would be assessed for curb, gutter and sidewalk where installed. It was also noted the City would borrow funds and the feasibility of utilizing TID funding was discussed. Schultz moved, seconded by Graf, to approve the agreement with MSA for projects as designated in red and blue on the project map. A roll call vote was taken: Shelton-yes, Eiche-yes, Pederson-no, Bruce-yes, Leckel-no, Harrington-yes, Schultz-yes and Graf-yes. The motion carried. It was clarified the motion included Amendment No. 1 to the engineering agreement. Mayor Peterson referred the questions of declaring TID #2 as distressed and the feasibility of utilizing TID funds to cover a portion of the 2013 projects to the Financial Administration Committee.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: The October 8, 2012 committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Graf moved, seconded by Shelton, to grant the following temporary Class B beer/wine licenses: Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce for October 13, 2012 at the Shell Lake Arts Center and Theatre in the Woods, Ltd., for November 3, 2012. The motion carried 7-yes Bruce-abstained.

It was reported the Financial Administration Committee approved a waiver for competitive bids for the campground electrical and plumbing to allow the city crew to assist the contractors to maximize grant and city funds.

Shelton moved, seconded by Graf, to approve vouchers 1168-1304. The motion carried.

The Budget Status Report was reviewed.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The September 19, 2012 committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Graf moved, seconded by Schultz, to expent Joyce Olson's campground manager contract for the 2013 season under the same terms and conditions. The motion carried.

Graf moved, seconded by Leckel, to extend Steve Gramberg's campground helper agreement for the 2013 season. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Brad Pederson volunteered to serve as interim zoning administrator. Eiche moved, seconded by Schultz, to appoint Brad Pederson as interim zoning administrator. The motion carried.

A letter from Bank of the West was read.

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It was questioned if steps should be taken to safeguard the intake pipe for the lake diversion system due to the low water level. Jeff Parker reported he talked to one of the project engineers and he felt it will not be damaged by ice.

Eiche moved, seconded by Harrington, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Sally A. Peters, Mayor

Bradley A. Pederson, City Administrator