

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
November 29, 2018**

City Council President Ken Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Carlson, Edlin, Andrews, Harrington, Smith, Anderson and Leckel. Mayor Peterson was absent. Also present were Danielle Danford and Andy Eiche.

Eiche presented the 2019 budget recommended by the Finance Committee.

Schultz opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Schultz closed the public hearing.

Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to adopt the 2019 budget as presented by the Finance committee, representing a total levy of \$1,020,050.00. Leckel moved, seconded by Andrews, to amend the motion to eliminate proposed raises for the City Council members and the Mayor. Discussion on the motion to amend ensued. Schultz felt the raises were minimal and justified. Schultz felt not giving the raises would send a message that they do not value the services provided by the City Council and the Mayor. Smith echoed Schultz's comments. Leckel gave reason for his request, stating, "If people are here for the money, they are here for the wrong reason". Leckel felt an extra \$25.00 per month will not increase the public interest in running for City Council. He also mentioned that when compared to the County Board, the City Council makes more. He continued by mentioning that the Council and Mayor make more than a voluntary fire fighter. Leckel finished by asking the council to consider at-large seats on City Council in the future. Smith concluded by stating, "The County Board members are not all paid the same and they are paid mileage." Smith also pointed out that the County Board Chair makes substantially more than our mayor. Roll call vote was taken on the motion to amend; Anderson – No, Leckel – Yes, Harrington – No, Schultz – No, Edlin – No, Andrews – No, Smith – No, Carlson – Yes. Motion to amend failed.

Roll call vote was taken on the original motion; Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Leckel moved, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. The motion carried.

Ken Schultz, City Council President

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator