

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN SHELL LAKE, WISCONSIN.**

**CITY OF SHELL LAKE
March 9, 2020**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present were Smith, Edlin, Harrington, Leckel, Carlson, Anderson, Schultz and Andrews. Andrew Eiche, Mitch Brown, Mike Van Guilder, Tim Wilson, Erin Miller, Kellie Olson, Tammy Diekman, Dan Diekman, Terry Severson, David Hansen, Josh Jacobson, Robbin Jacobson and Daniel Danford were also present.

Eiche gave an explanation of the Public Hearing process.

Peterson opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke and gave opinion regarding assessment for the 3rd Avenue/First Street Project:

- Dan Diekman, Kellie Olson, Robbin Jacobson, Erin Miller, Tim Wilson, Terry Severson and David Hansen.

All comments voiced opposition to concrete sidewalks in the block of 3rd Avenue between Second Street and Third Street. Following are reasons voiced in opposition:

- Cost
- No sidewalks on 3rd Street
- Liability issues for property owners
- Maintenance
- Safety concerns (for children riding bikes on sidewalks)
- Sidewalks encourage more traffic
- No one currently uses the west block of 3rd Avenue except for property owners living on that block

Public requested that the Council inform them if they decide to have any future meetings related to this topic.

Peterson closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Schultz informed the audience and council of the MLS grant award, which he is hopeful will result in a reduction of the assessments to the property owners. Schultz went on to talk about the benefits of sidewalks within the community.

Peterson asked that the Public Works committee revisit the scope of sidewalk on the project.

Smith voiced concern regarding the grant award, and if a change in the scope/specs of the project could impact that grant.

Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the assessments as presented. Carlson, Smith, Andrews, Edlin, Schultz, Leckel and Anderson voted Yes. Harrington voted No. Motion carried.

Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve a 10-year amortization of the assessment, allowing those assessed to pay the cost in 10 annual installments placed on the tax roll annually. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to assess a 4% annual interest rate on the assessments that are paid on an installment basis. Discussion took place regarding the rate. Smith and Anderson withdrew their motion.

Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to assess a 3% annual interest rate on the assessments that are paid on an installment basis. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Edlin moved, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn at 6:45 pm. The motion carried.

_____, Mayor

_____, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer