

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
May 11, 2020**

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Carlson, Smith, Andrews, Edlin, Harrington, Schultz, Anderson and Leckel. Andrew Eiche, David Wilson, Mitch Brown, Mike Van Guilder, Daniel Danford, Matt Dryden, Ben Dryden, Rowie Hansberger, Vicki Swan, Tom Terrill, Mike Ring and Tom Christopherson were also present.

Anderson moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve the minutes from City Council Re-organizational meeting held on April 21, 2020. Roll call vote was taken: Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rowie Hansberger voiced her concern regarding the decision to not place a porta-potty at the “A” access located at the AIS inspector station. She felt the loss of the facility would result in more frequency of people relieving themselves in the lake, and asked the council to consider options.

Matt Dryden presented a petition from the Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce requesting that City properties be opened for business. Dryden voiced various reasons supporting the reopening.

Tom Terrill and Tom Christopherson voiced support over the opening of the tennis/pickleball court stating that social distancing can still be maintained.

Harrington asked people to speak their peace if they wish to speak.

There was no further public comment.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Anderson asked about potholes in the City. Brown informed the council that the hot-mix is not available until the temperature exceeds 75 degrees.

Wilson presented the Police Chief Report. He also noted that there were no current cases of COVID-19 in Washburn County at this time.

Peterson presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Peterson presented the Plan Commission minutes.

Anderson presented the Shell Lake Inland Lake Protection Advisory committee minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the recommendation to continue Lake Water Testing with funding provided by the Lake Advisory budget. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Anderson moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the recommendation to utilize the Lake Advisory committee budget to contribute \$100.00 toward the Hunt Hill YES program. Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Anderson pointed out that the YES program educated local youth on environmental issues.

Harrington asked if the Lake Advisory committee had talked about geese. Anderson informed the council that they had, and decided that they would consider a round-up if needed, but weren't sure if it was needed this year.

Mayor's Report: Peterson announced she would be holding an Executive/HR meeting in the future, but not until it can be face-to-face. Peterson asked Eiche to update on the Supreme Court ruling. Eiche

informed that a ruling had not yet been given. Schultz informed the council that the Wisconsin DOA was aware of the discrepancies between the treatment of “Ma & Pa” stores versus big chains.

EXECUTIVE/HR COMMITTEE: No meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Edlin presented minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS: Schultz presented minutes. Mike Van Guilder presented the results of their pipeline/flow-meter inspection. Mike went on to voice concern regarding the \$35,000.00 figure used in the public works recommendation, informing the council that the figure would impact the scope of engineering. Schultz moved, seconded by Leckel, to approve the recommendation to finance up to \$35,000.00 to move forward with option 4b as presented by SEH. Mike Van Guilder stated, “I suggest strongly increasing the \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00 based on contingency. A budget of \$35,000.00 might be difficult to achieve and perhaps not possible.” Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson, to amend his original motion to change the dollar figure from \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00. Harrington asked what they were making a motion for. Schultz explained the motion and amendment. Smith asked what the \$45,000.00 would cover. Van Guilder walked through the 4b proposal. Harrington voiced opinion that the DNR did not care about the flow meters. Van Guilder explained that it was a requirement of the permit and the DNR would want to review the complete system. Roll call vote on the amendment was taken; Anderson – Yes, Leckel – No, Harrington – No, Schultz – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken on the original motion as amended; Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – No, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Anderson informed the council that the Lake Advisory committee was willing to allow the council to utilize a portion of their budget for the flowmeter project.

Leckel requested the public works minutes be amended to reflect that his request to place concrete sidewalks in front of the Harrington and Severson properties with the City covering all costs was considered an illegal action by the City Administrator. Smith pointed out that the topic was not even on the public works agenda.

PARKS & REC: No meeting.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve vouchers 362-473. Roll call vote was taken: Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed. Smith requested the negative balance to account 100-00-41320 from 2019. Eiche said he would research the matter.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Peterson questioned the need to go through the list of City properties and make a decision at this time due to the Supreme Court ruling still not available. Andrews suggested the council adjourn for the evening and schedule another meeting for a later date. Harrington agreed with Andrews. Leckel felt there were several items that should be addressed this evening. Harrington preferred the council not go through each item individually. Schultz stated that there were a couple of items that needed to be addressed. Schultz informed the council of the current condition at the New Knapp Yard Waste Dump. Anderson moved, seconded by Schultz, to go back to the process that was utilized in 2019 at the New Knapp Yard Waste Dump. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Harrington – No, Schultz – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion began on several items on the property list. Smith commented that discussion was getting scattered. Harrington announced he would be quiet. Smith asked the City to be consistent with the County Health Director as she is also the City Health Officer. Peterson asked about the City Courtesy

Dock. Schultz stated that all items need input from State government, and no further action should be taken until we hear from the Governor's office. Harrington stated, "At the end of the day, we can make comments. Who's going to know what is going to happen. We need to be proactive. We need to make our own decisions. Now is the time to do it. Not wait." Anderson commented that he agreed with Ken Schultz. Anderson asked to talk about City Hall. He was disappointed in City Halls lack of protection for Andy and Stefanie. He went on to state that employees should not be hanging out at City Hall and effective immediately, it should only be Andy and Stefanie in the office.

Schultz moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Sally Peterson, Mayor

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer