

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
June 18, 2020**

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council members present were Carlson, Smith, Andrews, Edlin, Harrington, Schultz, Anderson and Leckel. Andrew Eiche, Kyle Balts, Daniel Danford and David McNulty were also present.

Public Comment: David McNulty spoke in favor of opening the baseball diamond and basketball court at the Tip Town park. McNulty's hope was to bring youth into Tip Town to practice while still enforcing some form of safe social distancing. McNulty has observed his own children and friends getting together quite often now. He also noted the traffic at the public beach and campgrounds, and asked, "Why not baseball at Tip Town?"

Kyle Balts echoed similar opinions as McNulty, adding that Eau Claire is allowing practices at baseball fields while encouraging safe social distancing.

David McNulty added that Darren Gleason was not able to attend the meeting, but wished that his desire to have the baseball fields open was his desire.

New Business: Schultz moved, seconded by Harrington, to open the baseball court, volleyball court and basketball court in Tip Town park immediately. Schultz also referenced the reasoning behind his motion, stating that a recent public announcement by the Washburn County Health Department was recommending such a move. Mayor Peterson shared a recent announcement of a fourth positive case identified in Washburn County. Smith felt that Schultz misinterpreted the notice provided by Sheri Nickel of the Washburn County Health Department. Smith felt that the notice still emphasized safe social distancing. Smith went on to state that the virus was insidious and it is too early to open back up. Anderson and Smith shared recent positive test numbers and deaths for the nation as it relates to COVID-19.

Leckel stated that he was torn on this issue, and that one size does not fit all. He went on to add that the virus is getting in to this area, and we are starting to see cases in our area. Smith added that he felt that COVID -19 was waiting to take off.

Andrews called the question, Carlson seconded. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson- No, Leckel – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – No, Edlin – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – No, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Roll call vote was taken on the original motion; Carlson – Yes, Smith – No, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – No, Schultz – No, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – No, Anderson – No. Motion failed.

Anderson asked the City Council that in the future he would appreciate if other members of the City Council would express their views and explain why they vote the way they do.

Schultz asked when the news came out about the fourth COVID-19 case in Washburn County. Mayor Peterson informed Schultz that the information was made public just this afternoon.

David McNulty asked if the beach was closed. Eiche informed McNulty that there are no lifeguards presently on duty.

Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn at 5:28 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Sally Peterson, Mayor

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer