

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SHELL LAKE  
July 13, 2020**

City Council President Ken Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Smith, Andrews, Edlin, Leckel and Anderson. Mayor Peterson, Carlson and Harrington were absent. Andrew Eiche, David Wilson, Mitch Brown, Tammy Fulton, Deb Nebel and Daniel Danford were also present.

Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes from City Council meeting held on June 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the minutes from City Council meeting held on June 18, 2020. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Tammy Fulton, President of the Town & Country Days committee, informed the council that their committee had met along with the Washburn County Health Department, and after a great deal of discussion, concluded by a vote of 9 to 3, to not have the Town & Country Days event in 2020.

Brian Carlson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Anderson asked about the status of the Pavilion repair. Brown voiced frustration in dealing with Spectrum, and felt at this point the City should have them do the repairs in the fall when there would be less public traffic. Anderson asked about buoy placement near the diversion pipe. Brown informed that the pipe is presently 4.4 feet below the surface and does not present a danger.

Wilson presented the Police Chief Report. Schultz asked if there had been any reported problems with ATV's at the campground or downtown. Wilson replied, "No."

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Schultz presented the Library minutes.

Anderson informed the council that Linda Anderson was selected as the Chair for the Lake Protection Advisory committee.

Schultz presented the Fire Association minutes.

**Mayor's Report:** None.

**EXECUTIVE/HR COMMITTEE:** Schultz presented the minutes.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:** Edlin presented minutes.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No meeting.

**PARKS & REC:** No meeting.

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:** Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve vouchers 653-803. Motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Carlson voiced his opinion to see everything opened. Anderson responded, “That would be a big mistake,” and added how more cases have been identified in Washburn County. Smith voiced his desire to use caution. Eiche reminded the council of the advice given by the City’s insurance provider and City attorney, and how opening the community center, shelter house and pavilion would be contrary to their advice. Andrews said, “I am not in favor of opening the buildings.” Edlin asked Eiche about liabilities to the City. Eiche explained how the City could experience a level of liability if it were to allow an activity that is not allowed by authorities in the position to make a qualified decision. Anderson commented, “We are experiencing a false sense of complacency. Less than ½ mile away, we have a new case. We are fortunate, but it can all change in a heartbeat.” Leckel responded, “There needs to be leadership to open things back up.”

Andrews moved, seconded by Anderson, to keep the Community Center, Shelter House and Pavilion closed indefinitely. All were in favor except for Carlson. Motion carried.

Andrews moved, seconded by Carlson, to open the Tip Town baseball field, volleyball court and basketball court. Discussion ensued. Andrews stated, “The school is practicing baseball and football soon. Baseball and basketball are mostly locals already playing together, and the County Health Department said it is ok.” Carlson added, “2020 is not a high risk. The kids are already moving together. Give the kids something to do.” Edlin responded, “As serious as this is, we should not be condoning risk.” Anderson added, “When we made the decision to close these areas down, it was because it is impossible to promote safe social distancing in those sports. It would be prudent for us to maintain our decision.”

Leckel added, “I noticed a cow that was urinating and drinking at the same time in a stream.”

Carlson asked why pickle ball was allowed considering their interaction before and after a game.

Wilson informed the council that a recent Health & Human Services meeting indicated that schools and school sport activities would be opening this fall.

When asked for his opinion by Carlson, Schultz informed the council of the decision he voiced earlier in the meeting that he would not be expressing his opinion due to his roll as chair that evening.

Vote was taken on the motion with two members (Carlson and Andrews in favor), and the remaining 5 members opposed. Motion failed.

Andrews moved, seconded by Anderson, to keep the Tip Town baseball field, volleyball court and basketball court closed until spring 2021. Edlin and Andrews debated. Carlson voiced his opposition to the motion. Vote was taken; 2 in favor (Andrews and Anderson), 5 opposed. Motion failed.

By consensus, the council accepted the Town & Country Day’s committee decision to cancel the Town & Country Day’s event for 2020.

Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Ken Schultz, City Council President

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer