

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
November 9, 2020**

City Council President Ken Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Brent Edlin, Rob Anderson and Dan Harrington. Brian Carlson, Terry Leckel and Mayor Peterson were absent. Danielle Danford, Dave Wilson, Mitch Brown, Matt Dryden, Arlys Santiago and Andy Eiche were also present.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the October 12, 2020 City Council minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Andrews moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the October 19, 2020 City Council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Arlys Santiago voiced support for lights in the Park. Matt Dryden informed the council that he was speaking on behalf of nine business owners who would like to independently put up lights in the park since the Shell Lake Lion's would not be able to perform the function this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Dryden provided letters of support from five local businesses. Dryden went on to explain that they were proposing to place lights in the nine sites that boarder West Lake Drive. Schultz informed the council that he had a conversation with Dryden and confirmed that the business owners would also be responsible for timely clean-up in the matter. Smith voiced his opinion, stating, "I think it is great that you are willing to pick up the ball this year. But, understand the Lion's concerns. I say go for it." Arlys Santiago stated, "The community loves the lights." Andrews echoed support for the idea. Smith went on to clarify that the business owners would not be allowed to utilize the Community Center for setting up of the lights. Anderson responded, "I can't give you the Lion's lights. It's not my decision to make. If it were my decision, I would say no. I am against this."

Leckel arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Anderson went on to say his concern was with social distancing and stated, "If the businesses want to decorate, decorate the front of your stores. I am absolutely opposed to this. We are in the middle of a pandemic. It is crazy that we are considering this." Harrington voiced favor in allowing the businesses to decorate a site at the park. Andrews stated, "It's outside. There is no evidence of COVID due to the campgrounds being open this year." Anderson replied, "I don't believe he (Mike Andrews) is taking this seriously." Argument ensued over who had the floor.

Andrews left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Matt Dryden stated, "We are not asking the community to come together to decorate. Every business would do their own site."

Harrington moved, seconded by Edlin, to allow for these businesses to decorate their own site (nine sites total) in the park along West Lake Drive.

Smith pointed out that Bentleyville in Duluth is moving forward with their display and that it is much larger than ours. He also pointed out that Bentleyville will be allowing viewing by car.

Andrews returned at 7:22 p.m.

Andrews requested the floor and stated, "I did not say what Mr. Anderson said. I quoted the owner of the hospital directly." Anderson replied, "I think this is too risky. It is a life and death situation."

Roll call vote was taken; Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Edlin – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Leckel – No, Anderson – No. Motion carried. Schultz reminded Matt Dryden that he would be responsible for the nine sites.

Mitch Brown presented the Public Works Director Report.

Wilson presented the Police Chief Report.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator's Report.

Schultz presented the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes.

Schultz presented the Plan Commission minutes. Edlin moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the CUP requested by William J. Shafer, 1738 S. Lake Drive, Shell Lake, WI 54871, PT GOV LOT 2 CSM #853 V 4 P 138 DOC# 387695 QC, requesting a conditional use permit to operate an in-home business within his personal residence. Zoning Code 13-1-94. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mayor's Report: None.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting.

General Administration: No meeting.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes.

Parks and Recreation: No meeting.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith informed the council of the Finance committee decision to hold the City Council Budget Hearing meeting on December 2, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve vouchers 1367-1494. Motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed.

New Business: Schultz referred the SEH Supplemental Agreement topic to the Public Works committee.

Discussion took place regarding future meetings and if they should be conducted via Zoom or In-person. Schultz voiced his desire to "see a person's face." Anderson voiced favor in utilizing Zoom. Leckel felt using the system being utilized today through the winter months would be fine. Anderson stated, "I will not be coming in person to another meeting." Further discussion took place regarding the use of Zoom. Smith requested that the December 2nd City Council Budget Hearing take place in person, and that we look at utilizing Zoom for the December and January Regular City Council meetings. Schultz polled the chair-persons of the various committees on preference. All agreed with Smith's request to begin Zoom with the December and January Regular City Council meetings. By consensus, all agreed.

Anderson informed everyone that they would be putting up the Love Light tree this winter, and that forms are available for those wishing to donate.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer