

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
March 8, 2021**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Terry Leckel, Dan Harrington, Brian Carlson, Rob Anderson and Ken Schultz. Brent Edlin was absent. Danielle Danford, Dave Wilson, Mitch Brown, Shaun Anderson, Jon Snyder, Vicki Swan, Mike Swan, Dale Johnson and Andy Eiche were also present.

Mayor Peterson asked for a moment of silence.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the February 8, 2021 City Council minutes. Roll call vote was taken; Schultz – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Dale Johnson informed the Council he had read the minutes and permit regarding the fireworks permit. He had also spoken with a few people who concurred with him regarding his displeasure in the fireworks permit. Johnson felt the poor job by the police department enforcing fireworks rules in the past along with the permits allowance of days and hours where it is acceptable to fire fireworks was unfavorable. Johnson questioned if this topic should have been put to a public vote. Mayor Peterson discussed the possibility of bringing the issue back to the General Administration committee. Discussion took place. Smith reminded the Mayor that this is public comment, not a time for conversation. Anderson requested the comments be placed under advisement and leave it at that.

Mitch Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Harrington asked when McCabe would be coming back to finish the 3rd Avenue project. Brown replied that he wasn't certain, but he would look into it. Mayor Peterson commented that anything related to Parks & Rec. should be on the Parks & Rec. agenda, not Public Works. The Mayor went on to say that Mike & Vicki Swan should be notified of the meetings, otherwise the City should dissolve the Parks & Rec. committee.

Dave Wilson presented the Police Chief Report. Mayor Peterson commented on the number of calls, feeling it was a high number. Wilson implied the number is at about their average, perhaps more mental health calls than normal. Mayor Peterson asked for clarification on squad car idle mileage. Dale Johnson commented.

Andrew Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator's Report.

Mayor Peterson announced that the Plan Commission would be meeting this month.

Andrews presented the Library minutes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Peterson congratulated SEH for winning the 2021 Engineering Excellence Best of State Award for their involvement in the County/Hospital/City Project.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting.

General Administration: No meeting.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes. Schultz presented the recommended contract for City garbage. Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson, to award the City waste contract as presented to Republic Services. Andrews asked about the pricing. Eiche went over the cost to the end users for the various container sizes as well as rate adjustments over the 10-year contract. Eiche and Jon Snyder (Republic Services), also went over the addition of availability for the Shell Lake citizens at the Sarona Dump. Anderson pointed out the option customers will have to increase the number of cans they have at a cost of \$5.00 per can. Schultz referred the council to exhibit A-1 for pricing information. Schultz also thanked the committee, Andy Eiche and Republic Services for all of the effort that went into the development of the contract. Mayor Peterson asked Jon Snyder if all of Republic Services contracts are the same. Snyder replied that they are all unique in their own

way. Smith clarified that the start of this new contract will be July 1, 2021. Dale Johnson informed the council that he is seasonal. He asked why this wasn't bid out. Smith informed Dale Johnson that this was not public comment. Smith went on to state the committee felt they would not have received as good a deal if it were bid out and all Republic had to do was beat one competitor. Leckel added that the long-term relationship was the best for the City, especially since Republic has a big advantage in owning the Sarona dump site. Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Smith – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson, to award the bid for the Unisex restroom and two additional options, totaling \$45,862.00, to Berghammer Builders. Smith asked if this should have gone under Parks & Rec. or Public Works. Schultz replied that it could go under either. Roll call vote was taken; Schultz – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Schultz updated the council on the progress at the ATV Campground wayside.

Parks and Recreation: No meeting.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve vouchers 111-248. Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget status report was reviewed.

New Business: Discussion took place addressing City facilities and properties as it relates to opening/closing for 2021 due to COVID concerns. Specific concern took place related to the opening of the shelter house and community center and the cleaning of restroom facilities. Schultz reminded the council they could open all and reserve the right to close things back up if the covid environment takes a turn for the worse. Harrington agreed with Schultz. Andrews agreed with Schultz, but expressed concern regarding the shelter house and community center. Smith echoed Andrews comments, and suggested they hold off on a decision regarding the shelter house and community center until a later date. Mayor Peterson concurred with Smith. Anderson agreed with Smith. Leckel agreed and said the Administrator needs to hire lifeguards and inspectors. Carlson said, "Let her rip." Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to open everything for the 2021 season except for the shelter house and community center, which may open on May 15, 2021, and, ask for the advice of the County Health Director to see if the cleaning of City restrooms once per day is sufficient. Roll call vote was taken; Schultz – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Harrington – No, Anderson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson announced her appointment of Dale Johnson to the Plan Commission. Schultz moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the appointment of Dale Johnson to the Shell Lake Plan Commission. Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Leckel – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Harrington – No, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson announced that Brent Edlin has stated that he is resigning from City Council.

Mayor Peterson informed the council that Eiche would be e-mailing out the Committee Preference Questionnaire, and to please return them to Eiche so he can forward them on to her.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer