

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
May 10, 2021**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Brian Carlson, Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Deb Nebel, Rob Anderson and Ken Schultz. Dan Harrington was absent. Danielle Danford, Mitch Brown, Vicki Swan, Mike Swan, David Wilson, Megan Tuttle, Jonathan Brown and Andy Eiche were also present.

Andrews moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the April 12, 2021 City Council minutes. The motion carried unanimously. Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the April 20, 2021 City Council minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Mitch Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Mayor Peterson asked Brown where the new trees would be planted. Brown replied, "We are not certain at this time." Mayor Peterson asked if they would be planted on Main Street. Brown replied, "No."

David Wilson presented the Police Chief Report.

f. Andrew Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator's Report.

Smith presented the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes. Mayor Peterson voiced concern regarding the approved hospital parking lot emptying out onto Main Street. Smith replied, "Now is not the time to bring this up. The Zoning Board of Appeals has already made their decision." Carlson voiced his opinion, "I have no concern over this." Schultz pointed out how this lot would not be creating much traffic, as it is strictly parking for doctors and staff of the hospital. Chief Wilson said that this was the first time he had heard of this concern. Mayor Peterson reiterated her concern, and warned of future accidents due to the parking lot.

Mayor Peterson presented the Plan Commission minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson, to delegate the public hearing to the Plan Commission regarding the request made by David Swan to rezone and divided property at 700 East Lake Drive, Shell Lake, WI 54871, from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson revisited the Zoning Board of Appeals decision relating to the parking lot for the hospital, and asked if it could be placed on an agenda again. Smith reminded the Mayor that the Zoning Board of Appeals is independent of the City Council and their decision is final. The Mayor asked if anyone on Zoning Board of Appeals asked about the safety of a parking lot on a commercial property with people exiting the parking lot on to Main Street. Smith felt the Board was not concerned about that. Mayor Peterson stated, "I have said my peace."

Andrews informed the council that the library had met but there were no minutes.

Nebel presented the minutes from the Shell Lake Inland Lake Protection Advisory Committee. Nebel informed the council of the committee's decision to move forward with a goose round-up if the number of geese spotted in early June justifies the exercise. Rob Anderson informed the council of the committee's decision to hold the annual Lake meeting at the Pavilion this summer.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Peterson requested the City Administrator advertise for the vacant Ward 1 seat.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting.

General Administration: Anderson presented the minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson to approve the amendments to Title 3, Chapter 6 – Use of Force in the Shell Lake Police Department Policies & Procedures Manual. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson, to award the ATV Wayside/Parking Lot project to S.B. Madison Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$38,824.34 (City to provide black dirt), with the option to pay \$18.67/yd for extra black dirt if needed and \$16.33/yd for extra gravel if needed. Roll call vote was taken; Nebel – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation: Eiche presented the minutes. Discussion took place regarding a request by the Vet's Administration to move the Memorial stone to another location in the park. Schultz requested a point of order and stated, "Committees are where the bulk of debate takes place. City Council is not that time. Please attend the committee meetings if something interests you or you have any questions. The Committee level is where the work is done."

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve vouchers 356-474. Roll call vote was taken; Schultz – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget status report was reviewed.

New Business: Schultz began discussion by stating, "Vaccines are available. I am at the stage where I want my lifestyle back. Open the Shelter House, Community Center, and, discontinue meetings via Zoom." Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson, to open the Shelter House and Community Center immediately, and, discontinue meetings via Zoom beginning June 1, 2021. Smith expressed his desire to run the City Council meetings at the Community Center for the time being. Eiche informed the council that he has already posted a Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in June via Zoom, and as such, they would need to be performed via Zoom. Mayor Peterson asked if the council would consider using Zoom into the future. Smith, Anderson and Schultz disagreed with the idea, voicing their opinion to hold meetings in person. Smith stated, "Before the pandemic, we had all of our meetings in-person. We need to go back to that." Mayor Peterson agreed. Andrews reminded the council how bad the experience was when everything was being handled via tele-conference, and that it didn't work then and it won't work now. Schultz agreed, stating, "When it was by phone, it was a nightmare." Carlson moved, seconded by Smith, to amend the original motion to allow Zoom meetings where the City Administrator has already advertised the meeting. Roll call vote on the amendment was taken; Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Carlson – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken on the original motion as amended; Anderson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried.

Anderson asked the council to vote on the use of the Pavilion for the Annual Lake meeting held on June 26, 2021. Schultz moved, seconded by Nebel, to approve the use of the Pavilion for this year's Annual Lake meeting, with the recommendation that people practice safe social distancing. Roll call vote was taken; Andrews – Yes, Carlson – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Smith – Yes. Motion carried.

Anderson requested the City Administrator put out a statement to the citizens that the council reserves the right to reverse its decision if the environment worsens.

Andrews moved, seconded by Carlson, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer