

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
May 17, 2021**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Council members present were Brian Carlson, Stephen Smith, Deb Nebel, Rob Anderson and Ken Schultz. Dan Harrington and Mike Andrews were absent. Mitch Brown and Andy Eiche were also present.

Eiche presented the quote for a dumpster enclosure located at the Lake campground. The quote, provided by Berghammer Builders, was for \$24,982.00.

Schultz informed the council how we had come to a decision to consider an enclosure. He noted how the new garbage and recycling contract with Republic Services starting in July will result in the removal of dumpsters at the City Shop, and how the enclosure will help in deterring illegal dumping at the campground. Schultz also mentioned that the new enclosure would have a locking door along with locking gates. Smith stated, "The cost seems like a lot until I see what they are going to do. It does need to look nice. I think over time the money we will save will be more than enough to pay for the structure."

Mitch Brown corrected Schultz in noting that the proposed structure would not be equipped with a locking door for public usage. He went on to suggest the cost seems high to him, and a possible solution would be to place locking dumpsters at the site. Mayor Peterson asked how the City could possibly prevent illegal dumping, noting that it is not just citizens of Shell Lake doing illegal dumping, but also non-residents. Brown reminded the council that the new garbage contract is opening up the Saron Dump to City residents for free dumping of household waste. Brown also reiterated he has a hard time justifying such a high cost. Smith suggested the council just go with the locking dumpsters, because he liked Brown's idea.

Mayor Peterson asked if the police department could be more attentive to this issue and citing illegal dumpers. Eiche said yes. Mayor Peterson voiced favor in waiting for a year and see how it goes. Anderson concurred, and recommended the council consider bidding out the structure at a later date if it is deemed necessary. Carlson added, "Construction prices a very high right now, give some time for the prices to return to normal."

Mitch Brown added that appropriate signage would be placed as well.

Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to wait and see what happens and reject the quote received from Berghammer Builders. Discussion resumed. By consensus, the council requested Brown to have the dumpsters replaced with locking dumpsters. Mayor Peterson if we would make sure to police the dumpsters in the future to cite illegal dumpers. Schultz felt the issue was not germane to the agenda. Eiche responded that he would direct the Police Chief to plan on policing the dumpsters in the future. Roll call vote on the motion was taken; Anderson – Yes, Schultz – No, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes, Nebel – Yes. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn at 1:31 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer