

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SHELL LAKE  
February 14, 2022**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Ken Schultz, Dan Harrington and Rowie Hansberger. Brian Carlson, Rob Anderson and Deb Nebel were absent. Leo Dunlavy, Reagan Kohler, Michelle Martin, Dan Rayman, Bruce Hansberger, Christine Seaton, David Wilson and Andy Eiche were also present.

Smith requested clarity to last month's minutes to reflect the motion relating to the call the question be labeled as such. Eiche replied no problem.

Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve the council minutes from January 10, 2022, with the edit suggested by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the council minutes from January 13, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

Michelle Martin from Washburn County Tourism updated the council on planning related to the Governor's Fish Opener which will be held on Shell Lake this year. Martin spoke about the VIP dinner on the evening of May 6<sup>th</sup>, the invite-only continental breakfast on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the fish fry on May 7<sup>th</sup> which will be open to the general public. Marti noted that the committees which her department is establishing will have their first meeting on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Shell Lake Community Center. Hansberger asked where the Friday evening VIP dinner will be held. Martin said they are proposing the Shell Lake Art Center.

Brian Carlson arrived at 7:19 p.m.

Martin finished by letting the council know they continue to seek volunteers for the event, and that all volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Eiche presented the Public Works Director Report. Eiche informed the council of a water main leak on First Street. The leak will be repaired on Wednesday.

Wilson presented the Police Chief report. Mayor Peterson asked if the garage door open had been repaired at the police garage. Schultz informed that he has a repair company coming up next week to see which system will be needed to repair. Discussion took place.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator's Report.

Christine Seaton, Shell Lake Library Director, gave the council an update on a 3-year strategic plan that the library has begun to research. Handouts outlining the libraries strategic plan committees and statistics on the library were presented to the council. Hansberger asked if the usage of the library has been up or down from previous years. Seaton replied that they have been going up. Hansberger asked if the current space is cramped. Seaton replied, "Yes. We are much smaller than comparable communities." Mayor Peterson asked how much space was needed. Seaton replied, "We look at service population, which ours indicates we need more space now. If we do nothing, we could possibly lose circulation to a point the library will not be able to support itself." Smith commented on how so many factors are not within our control. Smith went on to voice opinion that the city is more likely to lose the local grocery store or post office. Seaton also mentioned how the library brings private investment into the community. Hansberger added, "I do believe the library is very important, so I would like the library to update us every month."

**Mayor's Report:** The mayor informed the council that the pictures were back up in the council chambers.

**Executive/HR Committee:** No meeting.

**General Administration:** Eiche presented the minutes.

**Public Works Administration:** Schultz presented the Public Works minutes. Schultz gave an overview of the recommended community center project and that Bruce Hansberger would be the facilitator of the project. Schultz moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the use of \$9,000.00 from the Community Center Fund 220, and, up to \$20,000.00 from the general fund unassigned balance, to be used toward rehabilitation work at the community center. Roll call vote was taken; Carlson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Schultz moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve the use of general fund unassigned balance to pay \$500.00 for the inspection of the walleye. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Hansberger asked about the snow bank at the class “C” access brought up by Bob Otteson at the last public works meeting, wanting to know if anything had been done. Dan Harrington implied that there was more information and that John Hagen was not happy. Eiche pointed out that he was not privy to any of this information, and that if Harrington is, he should be sharing that information. Harrington also mentioned that there is a process for abandoning an access, and that it requires the city to build a new one before abandoning one.

**Parks and Recreation:** No meeting.

**Financial Administration:** Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve vouchers 1-1230. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget status report was reviewed.

**New Business:** Mayor Peterson present the request to reconsider the sale of City property located on County Hwy B (West). Harrington asked, “What has changed?” Mayor Peterson replied, “Nothing.” Schultz stated, “I spoke with Leo Dunlavy about the council’s concerns. Leo Dunlavy gave me details and full plans.” Mayor Peterson responded, “We are only here to decide if they wish to address the request again.” Andrews moved, seconded by Schultz, to reconsider the request to sell property at the March City Council meeting. Roll call vote was taken; Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Andrews moved, seconded by Hansberger, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer