

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

City Council President Ken Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Deb Nebel, Dan Harrington and Rowie Hansberger. Mayor Peterson, Brian Carlson and Rob Anderson were absent. Reagan Kohler, Dan Rayman, Bill Taubman, David Wilson, Mitch Brown and Andy Eiche were also present.

Schultz requested a moment of silence to observe those involved in the Ukraine conflict.

Schultz thanked the Public Works crew for the work they did during the bad weather we experienced in the past week.

Smith moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve the council minutes from February 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Bill Taubman voiced his opinion against the sale of the 3 lots adjacent to the commercial property located at the northwest corner of Hwy 63 and County Hwy B West.

Brian Carlson arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report.

Wilson presented the Police Chief report.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator's Report.

**Mayor's Report:**

Schultz brought forward the request to the City of Shell Lake to sell three (3) parcels of land owned by the city. Schultz presented the request from Leo Dunlavy. Schultz also provided the board members with a map laying out the location of the storm drain. When asked, Brown informed the board he would need an easement of 40 feet on each side of the storm pipe if and when the pipe needed to be repaired. Smith asked Eiche to explain the Plan Commission process. Nebel read Leo Dunlavy's email request and noted the error in Dunlavy's comment that the Parks & Rec. committee had already approved the sale of the property. Eiche concurred, stating that the Parks & Rec. committee only confirmed that the city had not used the property as a park, and had no intent of using the property as a park in the future. Harrington asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the retaining wall, and would it be engineered. Eiche responded those would be great questions for the Plan Commission to address. Mitch Brown explained how the new storm sewer system addressed all of Taubman's concerns relating to erosion, and that the proposed parking lot would only serve to further enhance storm water runoff.

Nebel moved, seconded by Andrews, to not sell the three referenced parcels of land. Schultz noted that everything Bill Taubman spoke of in public comment was history and is no longer a valid concern. Nebel suggested that customers could park on the road. Carlson asked if the owner would be responsible for repair costs if the city had to dig up the storm sewer line. Schultz responded, "Yes." Smith pointed out that he felt the parking on the street would be inadequate. Andrews stated he was not opposed to a sale. He was concerned about future maintenance. Hansberger asked Brown, "Would we have unintentional consequences if this were allowed?" Brown replied, "I do not foresee that. There is already a very large catch basin which barely gets used." Roll call vote on the motion was taken; Carlson – No, Nebel – Yes, Harrington – No, Hansberger – Yes, Andrews – No, Smith – No, Schultz – No. Motion failed.

Carlson moved, seconded by Andrews, to recommend to send the request to sell the three properties to the Plan Commission. Roll call vote was taken; Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Hansberger – No, Harrington – Yes, Nebel – No, Carlson – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried.

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

**General Administration:** No meeting.

**Public Works Administration:** Schultz presented the Public Works minutes.

**Parks and Recreation:** No meeting.

**Financial Administration:** Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve vouchers 121-242. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve the request for two temporary class "B" Retailer's Licenses for the Shell Lake Arts Center for April 9, 2022, and May 7, 2022. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:** Eiche explained the offer by our current assessor to continue on as the assessor for the City of Shell Lake. By consensus, the council agreed to continue with James Toth as the City Assessor.

**New Business:** Schultz requested the council continue to meet at the Community Center for the April Regular City Council meeting. Carlson moved, seconded by Andrews, to have the Finance and Regular City Council meetings on April 11, 2022 be held at the Community Center, with all future meetings after being held at the City Hall Council Chambers, unless the COVID environment changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Schultz presented the request to identify the use of ARPA Funds. Smith moved, seconded by Carlson to utilize the ARPA funds for a replacement of the Dobby lift station. Roll call vote was taken; Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Carlson – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Eiche informed the council of recent information provided by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics, in which the City of Shell Lake was awarded \$110,000.00 per year for the next five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to accept the mayor's appointment of Jim Boigenzahn to the Shell Lake Airport committee. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer