

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SHELL LAKE  
May 8, 2023**

Mayor Sally Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Terry Severson, Rowie Hansberger, Ken Schultz, Dan Harrington, Rob Anderson and Deb Nebel. Mike Andrews was absent. Andy Eiche, Regan Kohler, David Wilson, Mitch Brown, Dan Rayman, Jon Hailey, Mike Ring, Ann Ring, Nick Nelson, Janis Burkhardt, Chad Crow, Marilyn Crow, Mike Mayne, Gene Harrington, Gerry Winch, Carol Thompson, Mary Dunbar, Leo Dunlavy, Bryan Rydberg and Bill Holmson were also present.

Schultz moved, seconded by Nebel, to approve the council minutes from April 10, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to approve the council minutes from April 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Peterson moved the agenda item relating to Hangar 97 to the next item addressed.

Anderson moved, seconded by Smith, on the advice of legal counsel, that due to conflicting information from the Department of Transportation, to postpone any further discussion on Hangar 97 until a future undetermined date. Smith called the question. Hansberger seconded. Motion carried. Vote was taken on the original motion, and carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Gene Harrington asked if the public would receive notice if the issue of Hangar 97 comes up again. Mayor Peterson said yes.

Nick Nelson introduced himself as the new MSA engineer for this region.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Hansberger asked about sweeping of sand from the streets. Brown informed that they have already begun the process. Schultz asked if the trees planted last year were doing well. Brown replied it was too early to tell. Mayor Peterson asked about the removal of Main Street trees. Brown explained that the Public Works committee made the decision to have them removed after speaking with all of the business owners that had a tree on the sidewalk in front of their property. Due to the potential hazards and the potential sidewalk damage, all had agreed to have them removed.

Wilson presented the Police Chief report. Wilson informed the council of his intent to increase firearms training considering the environment of late. Wilson noted the date for the new police station open house of May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Wilson thanked Ken Schultz and those others that had assisted on the police station restoration project.

Mayor Peterson asked Wilson if the council could help with anything like the body-cams. Wilson replied he is looking into body cams and intends to pursue funding sources. Severson asked when they would be looking into the body cams. Wilson replied, "Not sure." Severson asked when the firearms training would take place. Wilson replied, "Toward the end of the month."

Mayor Peterson noted that she had received good comments on the new police officer.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator report.

**Mayor's Report:** None.

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

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

**Public Works Administration:** Schultz presented the minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the amendment to the Bosch Lift Station agreement with SEH. Motion carried unanimously.

Schultz presented the recommendation regarding a generator at the new police station. Schultz gave an update to the quotes from Meyers Electric, Synergy and Fossil Fuels. Schultz also mentioned Mitch Browns idea regarding a generator

for the community center and lift station by the community center. Schultz stated, "In reality, we have a good opportunity, and we are not prepared to do the other idea by Brown. Schultz moved, seconded by Smith, to accept the proposal by Meyers Electric for a police station generator in the amount of \$8,838.00. Discussion ensued.

Smith asked for clarification on using propane instead of natural gas. Brown explained the potential issues in dependency on natural gas during a catastrophic event. Smith mentioned how City Hall does not have back up. Severson asked if the police station would be big enough to use as a shelter. Hansberger asked if the city had an emergency backup plan. Schultz said no. Hansberger recommended the city consider the community center as a shelter considering the fact it already has a kitchen, restrooms and can accomidate more people. Harrington agreed with Hansberger. Mayor Peterson noted how Chief Wilson had said he does not need a generator, and questioned if the police station would be a proper place for a shelter when the community center would be better suited. Hansberger felt the city should get a quote for the community center. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – No, Nebel – No, Harrington – No, Schultz – Yes, Smith – Yes, Severson – Yes. Motion failed.

Mayor Peterson referred the topic back to the public works committee to further research the community center for a generator.

**Parks and Recreation:** Nebel presented the minutes. Nebel moved, seconded by Harrington, to accept WashCo Grows community garden proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Nebel moved, seconded by Schultz, to accept the quote from Complete Computer Solutions, Inc. for a wifi upgrade at the lake campground. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Anderson -Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Administration:** Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to approve vouchers 395-516. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailers License for the June 3, 2023 Shell Lake Arts Center Capital Campaign Kickoff event. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed.

**New Business:** None.

Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer