

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
August 14, 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, Mike Andrews and Deb Nebel. Andy Eiche, Regan Kohler, David Wilson, Mitch Brown, Dan Rayman, Jan Ullom, Jennifer Riziq, Bud Styer, Diane Styer, Larry Biskey, Bruce Hanson, Steve Byrd, Pete Seager, Pete Moen, Vicki Swan, Ken Paylor and Tim Bauernfeind were also present.

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

Public Comment: Bud Styer introduced himself as the new owner of the Red Barn Campground. Styer mentioned he liked what the city has done with their campgrounds, and looked forward to working with the city in the future.

Jennifer Riziq introduced herself and the Ullom family. She voiced concerns relating to the seasonal camper selections in the past and questioned the council's decision to eliminate seasonals via attrition moving forward. She also felt the decision to limit campers to 21 days would result in lost revenue for the city.

Pete Seager updated the council on the sculpture being proposed in honor of Thomas Scott. Smith moved, seconded by Nebel, to move the recommendation by the Plan Commission in relation to the memorial forward on the agenda. Motion carried. Andrews moved, seconded by Nebel, to approve the sculpture plans, location and memorial. Discussions took place regarding safety, grounding and durability. Seager asked who would own the sculpture once completed. Eiche responded, "The city." Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Severson – Yes. Motion carried.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Mayor Peterson asked Eiche to explain the potential grant opportunity with the county and Mike Pederson with the Department of Forestry. Eiche explained how Mike would be looking into the eligibility of obtaining a federal grant for the county of Washburn to potentially pave the ATV trails where they travel through Shell Lake.

Wilson presented the Police Chief report.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Mayor Peterson gave the Mayor's Report. The mayor read the following letter. "I know it may seem like a roller coaster ride with me trying to decide whether I am going to be a candidate for mayor or not next term. After giving this a lot of thought and discussion with my family, friends and even some of the current council members, I have made the decision that I will not be a candidate for mayor in the April, 2024 election. I know this is an early notification but it will at least give anyone who is considering a run for mayor some extra time to think and/or plan for it. I hope everyone here realizes how much I love this city as well as the love I hope we have for each other that is important to me. I am proud of the things we have accomplished as a team since I have been mayor. I can be very passionate at times regarding certain issues of the city and if I have in anyway offended any of you, I apologize. There is much more that I would like to say but I will save that for another time."

Smith thanked the mayor for her comments.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting.

General Administration: Anderson presented the minutes.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the change order from SEH relating to the S Lake Drive project in the amount of \$1,530.00. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation: Nebel presented the minutes. Nebel moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the Lake Campground Reservation Policy as amended. Schultz spoke about the revisions and voiced his opposition to seasonal's. Nebel clarified the amendments. Severson stated we would need to get the new policies out to the campers as soon as possible. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Nebel moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Lake Campground Rules as amended, with the addition to limit the maximum number of dogs to two. Discussion ensued relating to the topic of service animals and the number of dogs being limited to two. Nebel moved, seconded by Andrews, to withdraw their original motion.

Nebel moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Lake Campground Rules as amended, with the addition to limit the maximum number of dogs to three. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Hansberger – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Severson – Yes. Motion carried.

Nebel read, for the record, her statement she had given to the Parks & Rec. committee relating to the sale of three city lots which were in the Parks & Rec. committee minutes.

The mayor allowed Jennifer Riziq to comment on the council's decision relating to the campground. Riziq voiced concern over favoritism. Severson noted how the new rules would eliminate that.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve vouchers 862-1021. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget status report was reviewed.

New Business: Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to sign the letter for the Washburn County ADRC, showing support for their grant application relating to county transportation. Motion carried.

Eiche presented the request to open County Hwy B (West) from the city limits to 8th Avenue, for ATV traffic. Mayor Peterson referred the request to the Parks & Rec. committee.

Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer