

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
February 12, 2024**

City Council President Ken Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Terry Severson, Mike Andrews, Rowie Hansberger, Rob Anderson and Deb Nebel. Dan Harrington and Mayor Sally Peterson were absent. Regan Kohler, David Wilson, Andy Eiche, Mitch Brown, Beth Owens, Steve Moncel and Tom Rasmussen were also present.

Smith moved, seconded by Nebel, to approve the council minutes from January 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve the council minutes from January 18, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the council minutes from February 6, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Beth Owens noted she was present to make sure the Plan Commission recommendation was withdrawn by Jeff Green.

Brown presented the Public Works Director Report. Hansberger asked if the weight ban would be lifted early this year. Brown noted it was too early to tell. Severson noted the cracking taking place on 7th Avenue. Brown replied the best solution would be crack seal.

Wilson presented the Police Chief report. Schultz asked about the ATV that went through the ice and the recent suicide. Wilson noted the ATV incident was the result of thin ice. He went on to note the suicide was a Washburn County employee. Hansberger asked how the new officer Gabe Kapanke was doing. Wilson replied very well. Smith voiced concern relating to the closing of Sacred Heart hospital in Eau Claire, and how it may impact future options for Chapter 51's. Wilson agreed with the concern. Discussion ensued on the subject of Chapter 51's.

Eiche presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Schultz presented the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes.

Schultz presented the Plan Commission minutes, and explained that the recommendation to re-zone had been withdrawn by the requestor Jeff Green.

Schultz presented the library minutes.

Mayor's Report: None.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting.

General Administration: No meeting.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve the Supplemental Letter of Agreement with SEH, for the Dobby Lift Station Project. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Nebel – Yes, Hansberger -Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Severson – Yes, Schultz – Yes. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation: No meeting.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Hansberger, to approve vouchers 1-130. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved seconded by Severson, to approve the following Temporary Class "B" Retailers Licenses for the Shell Lake Arts Center; February 17, 2024 – Claudia Schmidt Concert, March 16, 2024 – Randy Sabien Concert, April 20 2024 – Sherlonda Sharpe Concert, May 18, 2024 – Brunch with Ave Generosa. Motion carried.

Budget status report was reviewed.

Andrews moved, seconded by Severson, to approve a water rate increase of 8.00% beginning April 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Hansberger moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #1-2024 – Increasing Sewer rates by 8.00% beginning April 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to approve a garbage rate increase of 8.00% beginning April 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Hansberger moved, seconded by Anderson, to appoint Ken Kutz and John Carlson to serve as potential Hearing Officers for the City of Shell Lake as needed under the City of Shell Lake Employee Grievance Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Severson asked if the city could look into electric charging stations in Shell Lake.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer