

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
August 12, 2024

Mayor Rowie Hansberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Terry Severson, Mike Andrews, Stephen Byrd, Rob Anderson, Ken Schultz, Dan Harrington and Deb Nebel. Regan Kohler, Mitch Brown, Andy Eiche, Mike Jaszczak, Dan Rayman, Nathan Carlson, Tim Scalzo, Tony Schultz, Bobbie Schultz, Phil Soltis, Jim Boigenzahn, Rachael Jensen, Zack Becker, Tammy Fulton, Trey Kast, Emerson Kabista, Kapri Larson, Darius Schultz-Carlson, Courtney Schultz, Tom Schultz, Brandon Lee, Eric Jensen, Therese Jensen, Pete Moen, Carol Thompson, Ann Ruschy, Bill Smith, Jacki Smith and Tom Rasmussen were also present.

Anderson moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the council minutes from June 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment: Eiche read an email he was cc'd on from Sheila Aderman-Squires. "Rowie. I just wanted to send you a quick note, congratulating you on the many civic activities this summer – a very successful Community Picnic, terrific WCCO Going to the Lake segment on Shell Lake, and your latest Mayoral Update in the paper to mention a few. Thank you for the many positive things you are doing for the community! Sheila."

Mayor Hansberger moved the presentation by city assessor Nate Carlson to the front of the meeting agenda.

Carlson presented an update on the revaluation taking place for the City of Shell Lake. Following are some of the details he shared:

- The average assessment increase for residential properties is 116%.
- The average assessment increase for commercial properties is 45%.
- The average assessment increase for residential On-Lake (Shell Lake) is 135%.
- The average assessment increase for residential Off-Lake is 83%.
- The preliminary Equalized Value is currently listed as \$395,203,600.00. (2024 final numbers are posted by the State on August 15th).

Schultz pointed out how taxes do not go up equivalent to the assessment increase.

Carlson continued:

- The Equalized Value for residential properties on Shell Lake is \$294,187,600.00.
- The Equalized Value for residential properties off the lake is \$75,790,000.00.

Mitch Brown presented the Public Works Director Report.

Jaszczak presented the Police Chief Report.

Hansberger presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Hansberger presented the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes.

Hansberger presented the library minutes.

Hansberger presented the Shell Lake Board of Commissioners Annual Lake meeting minutes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hansberger read a letter of thanks she received from resident Jim Ahasay.

Hansberger also updated the audience on the 1st Annual Great Shell Lake Get Together, noting the picnic was a great success with over 400 residents of Shell Lake attending. "Thank you to everyone who made the picnic a fabulous success.

Hansberger provided information she received after meeting with Republic Services management, and noted she will be going on a tour of their facility in the near future. She also mentioned that Republic Services does recycle their recycle waste, "So keep up the good work and recycle!"

Mayor Hansberger presented the dedication of the Shell Lake Beach House in the name of Kenny Schultz. Following was the presentation given by Rowie Hansberger:

"In 1948 when Kenny was 4 years old, he moved to Shell Lake. He claims he trained a lot of babysitters with his antics. One in particular occurred when running thru an area where people were playing horseshoes. In doing so, he was cuffed on the side of the head with a flying horseshoe resulting with most of his ear being torn off. "They just caught me and sewed it back on"

Kenny was a busy boy with a big heart. He graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1963. Kenny would experience what it meant to grow up in a small community where people paid attention to the needs of a little boy. Because now Kenny was one of theirs. He tells the story of being a teenager, and growing up without a dad being around much. He learned to drive a car owned by the local Doctor, Dr. Dale Mogn. He used Dr. Mogn's car to take his driver's test, because their family did not own a car.

I can't begin to tell you all of the involvements that Kenny has been active in, if I did, we would be here until Midnight! However, I would like to touch on just a few.

In 2008, he was voted as Shell Lake Citizen of the year. For good reason. He was instrumental in many of the building projects that have come to fruition. One of them in particular is the Pavilion. At the time they were building this, he had a client who supplied the logs for the siding. Kenny actually was there at the sight and helped peel the logs himself.

To name just a few others, for there are many, he also has helped with:

- New Library and City Hall building,; the beach sight registration building; Kiosk construction at both the lake side and at the ATV trail; The ATV development; the ONE TON picnic tables 😊, New Police Station remodel, remodel of the Community Center, and of course our Beloved Beach House, formally known as the Shelter house, my favorite building in all of Shell Lake. This building with the huge logs, fireplace that in itself is one of only three in the country, double doors that open wide to our beautiful beach. We as a council agreed to bring the Beach House back to usable condition, and proud to be able to rent it out to the people in our area. So, with the help of Kenny, we put in new doors, new windows, paint, additional electrical work, and hired Karen Olsen to do the chinking, and the carpentry for the new windows....and look at what again Kenny's hard work and dedication to our fine city has given us. He is just this energizer bunny who just keeps going.

Kenny has said in the past, that he has been able to do so much in his life because of his family support. And that goes back to his wife Bonnie, and children Theresa, Thomas and Tony, who are all

here this evening. I want to thank Bonnie for getting me some of the info that I needed for this dedication.

Bonnie asked him for me what he thought his biggest accomplished task was, and this is what he stated. To offer to DONATE his mother's home, to make room for the construction of the present Washburn County Service Center, to allow to keep the current offices in Shell Lake. This action on his part was the beginning of the process to retain and maintain the campus in Shell Lake, the county seat, rather than have it move to Spooner. A monumental win for Shell Lake!

Kenny Schultz, over the past 45 years has been a beloved member of this community, with endless hours volunteered to make and keep our city beautiful. He is humble, and works diligently for the betterment of others. He has called Shell Lake the city of Mentors. I am proud to say that Kenny was my mentor as I took on the position with the City Council, not knowing a lick about government.

I came in as a retired nurse, and could start the toughest of IV's in the ER on a patient ready to crash, "circling the drain" as we called it, but to understand government and all the rules to abide by....yikes...now that was scary!!

But it was Kenny to the rescue...NOW YOUNG LADY...he would kindly start with, as he would have a conversation with me. He has mentored me right up this awesome position of Mayor. He was looking at retiring from the council with the last election, ready to give up his seat to new blood. But I asked him if he could please just stay on for one more term, to help me get started in the mayor role. He agreed to do so.

Which brings us to where we are this evening. To dedicate this building ...our beautiful Shell Lake Beach House to MR. Shell Lake himself...Kenny Schultz, in honor of over 45 years of dedication to this city, to this man who has walked these streets, improved the city owned properties, and help make this city what it is today. Kenny once said, "Which is better, sitting at home and watching television, or out doing something"? I think we know the answer to that.

We thank you Kenny, from all of us who call Shell Lake our home, for your gift of giving, and for your exemplary example of what it means to care for, and about your community."

Mayor Hansberger went on to thank Deb Nebel, Rob Anderson, Bruce Hansberger, Karen Olson, Mitch Brown, Ken Schultz, Jim Boigenzahn and Dan Rayman for all of the volunteer work they did to make the Beach House rehab possible. Hansberger gave a special note to Jim Boigenzahn for the making of the new Shell Lake Beach House sign which includes the dedication of the building to Kenny Schultz.

Ken Schultz requested the opportunity for rebuttal. "I am very fortunate in my life to have lived in Shell Lake. During my time I have lived through 9 different mayors. I believe they all felt they were doing what was best for the city. I have also sat with many council members and they all cared. My compliments to the city councils." Mr. Schultz went on to give special recognition to Karen Olson, the Public Works crew and the many who helped in rehabilitating the Beach House. Schultz thanked everyone in attendance, and thanked Shell Lake for the honor.

Executive/HR Committee: No meeting. Hansberger announced the Exec/HR committee would be meeting on August 20, 2024.

General Administration: Anderson presented the minutes.

Public Works Administration: Schultz presented the minutes.

Parks and Recreation: No meeting.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve vouchers 878-1030. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith presented the budget status report.

New Business: Andrews moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve a street use permit to Lakeland Family Resource Center, Lake Run and Fastest Kids Race for August 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Stephen Smith moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the appointment of Chuck Levine as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion carried unanimously.

Stephen Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer