

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SHELL LAKE  
February 9, 2026**

Mayor Rowie Hansberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Terry Severson, Dan Harrington, Ken Schultz and Tom Rasmussen. Steve Byrd and Rob Anderson were absent. Andy Eiche, Mitch Brown, Mike Jaszczak, Regan Kohler, The Honorable Angie Winton and Dan Rayman were also present.

Andrews moved, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the council minutes from January 12, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Angie Winton announced the upcoming April election, and her desire to continue serving as the Washburn County Judge. Judge Winton also shared her background as a judge as well as the previous fields she performed in her past, including serving as the District Attorney for Washburn County.

Brown presented the Public Works Director report.

Jaszczak presented the Chief of Police Report. Mike expressed a great deal of thanks to Mary Ann Rigby and all the work she has done for the Shell Lake Police Foundation. Mary Ann recently announced her retirement from the foundation.

Hansberger presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Hansberger presented the Plan Commission minutes.

**Mayor's Report:** Hansberger reminded everyone of the Second Annual Winterfest which will be taking place on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this Saturday. She also noted that Ben Juza will be working on conditioning the ice this Wednesday starting at 9:00 a.m. if anyone is interested in helping out.

Tom Rasmussen expressed his gratitude in allowing his family to use the Beach House for his daughters recent wedding. Rasmussen thanked the Mayor, City Administrator, Stefanie Naessen, Mitch Brown, the Public Works crew, the Laughing Goat, Shannon Klopp, The Shell Lake Lodge, Tractor Central, Celebration Rentals, Lakeview, The 5 O'clock Club, Adam Lundberg, Jiffy Biffy, and, Dane, Abbey and Chloe from the Lakeview. Eiche thanked the Rasmussen's for their donation of benches to the Beach House.

**Executive/HR Committee:** Hansberger presented the minutes. Harrington moved, seconded by Schultz, to have the City Administrator and Chief of Police begin the advertising for a full-time police officer in the Spooner Advocate as well as other avenues, with a deadline of application submittal being March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**General Administration:** No meeting.

**Public Works Administration:** Ken Schultz presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve a water increase of 3.00% effective April 3, 2026. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Rasmussen – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Andrews moved, seconded by Harrington, approve Resolution #1-2026, to reflect an increase to the sewer rates of 9.00%, to begin April 3, 2026. Smith made a motion to amend the motion to reduce the increase to 8%. Due to a lack of second, the amendment failed. Smith noted he felt 9% was too high, stating, "I understand a 1% decrease to 8% is a crass argument, but 8% is less than 9%. Mitch Brown explained the ever-increasing prices

for sewer related supplies. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – No, Andrews – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Rasmussen – Yes. The motion carried.

Schultz moved, seconded by Severson, to approve an increase to the garbage rates of 9.00%, to begin April 3, 2026. Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to amend the motion to increase the rate by 8%. Severson noted that the increase is part of doing business, things have become more expensive. Roll call vote was taken on the amendment; Severson – No, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Schultz – No, Harrington – No, Rasmussen – No. Amendment failed.

Roll call vote was taken on the original motion; Severson – Yes, Smith – No, Andrews – No, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Rasmussen -Yes. The motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation:** Severson presented the minutes. Severson moved, seconded by Schultz, to allow rental of the Shell Lake Beach House to the public from May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> annually. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Financial Administration:** Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to approve vouchers 1-122. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith presented the budget status report.

**New Business** – Eiche explained the need to select authorized signers for the city’s CDBG account. Smith moved, seconded by Rasmussen, to make City Administrator Andrew Eiche, Mayor Rowie Hansberger and City Council President Kenneth Schultz the authorized signers for the Shell Lake CDBG account at Shell Lake State Bank, and to remove Arthur Berlin as an authorized signer on the account. The motion carried unanimously.

Andrews moved, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer