

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
July 13, 2026

Mayor Rowie Hansberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Terry Severson, Stephen Smith, Mike Andrews, Steve Byrd, Rob Anderson, Ken Schultz, Dan Harrington and Tom Rasmussen. Andy Eiche, Mitch Brown, Mike Jaszczak, Dan Rayman, Emma Adkison, Ken Schrankel, Lynn Moline, Adam Wabrowitz, Mary Ryan, Ron Ryan, Reagan Kohler and Gerry Winch were also present.

Schultz moved, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the council minutes from June 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Mary Ryan voiced concerns regarding the annual boat parade on Shell Lake, where the participants throw water balloons, leaving the remnants of the balloons to litter the lake. She showed the council a photo of a bucket she filled from just three properties. Ryan asked the council to get the word out to not use water balloons in the future.

Gerry Winch noted the FAA is getting closer to starting the aviation easement process. He also informed that the Young Eagles event took place on July 11th, and they were able to give flights to 80 children.

Lynn Moline presented a donation offer from the Lake Point Aero Club of a bicycle repair station they were asking to place along the shared use path. Moline displayed the station and location near the informational kiosk. He also noted there would be no cost to the city. Gerry Winch added, "Please approve and come back for more pancakes."

Adam Wabrowetz voiced concern regarding the appearance of three businesses in the downtown area. He asked the City Council and Chamber get together and work on this. Adam also noted the false information that was spread recently on-line and asked how he could attain more accurate information more quickly.

Brown presented the Public Works Director report. Brown noted the new park custodian Andrea Miller was doing an excellent job. Rasmussen noticed several days with no lifeguards on duty. Eiche explained how this would happen from time-to-time based on availability, illnesses, etc.

Hansberger thanked public works for their assistance with the Great Shell Lake Get Together.

Jaszczak noted there was no police report for the month of June.

Hansberger presented the Zoning Administrator report.

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Mayor's Report: Hansberger noted how, with the assistance of the veteran's, the handing out of ice cream, flags and pinwheels for the 250th Anniversary Celebration on July 3rd, went very well. Thank you to all that helped.

Hansberger noted the Great Shell Lake Get Together went over very well, with over 300 guests. She also noted they collected \$234 in donations.

Hansberger responded to the public comment made by Adam Wabrowetz. In regards to who can the public call, she suggested herself and city hall. "I noticed nasty comments about the fireworks. If you have something to ask, just come see us. It is easy to hide behind Facebook. We are open to talk to anyone, anytime.

Schultz thanked the mayor for all the work she did putting these events together.

Hansberger presented the Executive/HR committee minutes. Schultz moved, seconded by Severson, to forgo the use of a third-party advisor regarding police department composition and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

Schultz moved, seconded by Andrews, to proceed with taking steps resulting in a police department consisting of a full-time Chief of Police, two full-time police officers, and, the potential of a LTE officer. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Byrd – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Rasmussen – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Schultz presented the Public Works committee minutes. Brown informed the council of his meeting with Fahrner about handicap parking on Main Street. Although they felt the spot in front of Hearts of Gold would be fine, they said the spot near the entrance to the ATM would not be a good idea. Discussion ensued. Andrews moved, seconded by Anderson, to refer the issue back to the Public Works committee for further consideration. The motion carried.

Schultz moved, seconded by Smith, to return the issue regarding the purchase of a new squad car back to the Public Works committee for further consideration. The motion carried.

Andrews moved, seconded by Harrington, to accept the donation proposal by the Lake Point Aero Club of a bike repair station. Mayor Hansberger thanked the club for their generous donation. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Severson presented the request for gates at the Tiptown baseball field. Smith moved, seconded by Severson, to table the request until budget time for consideration in 2027. The motion carried.

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes. Smith moved, seconded by Byrd to approve vouchers 627-754. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith presented the budget status report.

Smith moved, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer