REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SHELL LAKE
November 9, 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 Haarington and Tom Rasmussen. Andy Eiche, Mitch Brown, Warren Tuttle, Megan Tuttle, Ken Poehler, Reagan Kohler, Bob Hapy, Mike Van Gilder, Darrin and Shannon Tuttle, Jodi Jenson, Shannon Williamson, Tom Dahlstrom, Dan Rayman and Emma Adkison were also present.

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

Warren Tuttle performed the oath of office for the Shell Lake Chief of Police position. Mayor Hansberger presented asked for a three-minute recess for the audience to congratulate the Chief.

Public Comment: Eiche thanked the election inspector team for the wonderful job they did during the November election.

Brown presented the Public Works Director report. Brown noted the need to replace the heating system at the city shop, as it had failed. He went on to thank Shell Lake Marine for their assistance in removing an abandoned boat lift.

Tuttle presented the Police Chief report. Tuttle informed the council that the transition for the Chief position should be completed by December 1st, and he should have Spencer Johnson fully trained by January 1st. Tuttle also announced a "Drug Takeback Program" he will be beginning shortly in Shell Lake. This will allow residents to drop off unused medications at the police department. Dan Harrington voiced concern relating to the recent upswing in various e-bikes around town. Tuttle informed the council he is already working on this issue, identifying the users and educating them on the rules/laws.

Hansberger presented the Zoning Administrator report.

Hansberger presented the Plan Commission minutes.

Eiche introduced Mike Van Gilder with SHE Engineering. Van Gilder presented the Supplemental Letter of Agreement for the section of S Lake Drive between Peeper's Pond and Rolph's Point Intersection. Van Gilder noted he had received recent boring results from S Lake drive which were positive. He is hopeful that we receive larger contractors capable of bidding on all three projects resulting in lower cost. Rasmussen asked if the invoicing is itemized. Van Gilder replied, "Yes." Harrington asked how late into the season would we allow construction. Van Gilder said the bid specs will detail that information, so as not to go too late into the season. Harrington asked about the shading by Peeper's Pond. Mitch Brown said they would need to consider clearing where they can.

Schultz moved, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Supplemental Letter of Agreement for the section of S Lake Drive between Peeper's Pond and Rolph's Point Intersection as presented, to include Attachments 1 and 2. Roll call vote was taken; Severson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Byrd – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Rassmussen abstained, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Hansberger reminded everyone of the Police Department Open House taking place on November 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She also stated, "Please stop in and talk to us. We are here for the people."

Financial Administration: Smith presented the minutes from his October 12th and November 4th meetings. Smith moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve vouchers 1249-1402. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith presented the budget status report.

New Business:

- Severson noted Alex Hemshrot apologized for missing the meeting where she would present a request regarding the playground at the beach, and said he would invite her to a future Parks & Rec. meeting.
- Smith moved, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License for the Chamber of Commerce Wine Walk on November 20, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- Andrews moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve the 2027 Mobile Home Park Licenses for Boland's and Dougard's. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new squad car in 2027. Tuttle explained how Ewald Auto Group is approved by the State of Wisconsin to provide Municipal Discount pricing in the State of Wisconsin. Discussion about options and customization took place. Andrews moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the quote of $50,963.50 from Ewald Auto Group. Roll call vote was taken; Anderson – Yes, Rasmussen – Yes, Harrington – Yes, Schultz – Yes, Byrd – Yes, Andrews – Yes, Smith – Yes, Severson – Yes. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Andrew Eiche, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer