

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Scott Sanders (via telephone), at 7:00PM on Monday, November 9th, 2020. Council Members in attendance were Jill Peterson, Dave Smit (via telephone), Brad Mulford, and James Robbins. Councilman Nick Wilson was absent. Also, in attendance was Pat Nuehring, Public Works Director and Police Chief, Brad Gardner.

Mayor Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Smit made a motion to approve the agenda and Robbins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Sanders announced that it was the time and place for the public comment time. There was none.

Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mulford seconded the motion, and it was approved. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 10/12/20 Minutes, November 2020 Bills and October 2020 Finance Report.

Mayor Sanders asked the department heads to give brief updates to the council. Police Chief Gardner presented his monthly stat sheet. He also informed the council that the new equipment was installed in the police truck. PW Director updated the plow trucks are ready. He is also in the process of moving the office to the shop. He also informed the council the flags will come down after Veteran's Day and Christmas decorations will go up. Mayor Sanders asked for an update on the resurfacing of Brickyard road. Councilman Mulford stated that Shrock is about two weeks behind. The city clerk reported that she and her replacement will be attending budget workshop via zoom next week. Her replacement is in her third week of training.

Old Business

- Regarding 112 Gilman, the City Clerk and the Mayor spoke with Chris Diggins in using TIF funds to pay for tearing down 112 Gilman. Diggins recommending in applying for the Derelict grant. Mayor Sanders is also looking in the Catalyst grant.
- Updates were given to the council regarding moving the Public Works Office to their shop. Internet service has been installed by Router 12. After discussion regarding a computer for the Public Works Department Smit made a motion to approve a purchase of a new computer, Robbins seconded and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

- A representative from ARES of North Iowa attended via telephone. He explained how they operate and that they were requesting to place a repeater on the water tower. After brief discussion Robbins motions to approve the request, Peterson seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- Mayor Sanders informed the council he would be on vacation at the time of the regular January council session. After discussion Robbins made a motion to leave the regular session on it's normal night and scheduled budget workshops on January 18th and 25th. Mulford seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- There was discussion in regards to cancelling Auxiant as a benefit to employees. At a previous meeting it was voted to cancel the service. Robbins motions to end it December 31st and not offer a run out period. Peterson seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
- The City Clerk informed the council that the Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning commission could not be dissolved due to the City having a code. The recommendation by the League of the Cities is to reduce the committees from 5 to 3 members. Peterson made a motion to bring the amending verbiage for Ordinance 22.01 to the next meeting. Mulford seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
- Robbins motioned to approve the CY2021 Health Insurance Renewal Rates. Peterson seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
- Robbins motioned to bring amending verbiage for Ordinance 165.14 to the next meeting. Mulford seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
- The City Clerk informed the council the existing snow removal contract expires Jan 14th, 2021. Robbins motioned to advertise in the Sheffield Press and Facebook for a 2-year contract. Bids will be open and awarded at the December meeting. Peterson seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

- There was discussion as to whether the City would provide and install the lights on the pine tree in Rick's Park. After discussion the council asked the clerk to put out a notice that the city is looking for donations to purchase the lights and volunteers to put them up and take them down. This request is due to current financial constraints on the City's budget.

Council Comments – None

Smit motioned to adjourn, Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Adjournment at 8:04PM.

Katy Flint, City Clerk

Scott Sanders, Mayor