

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Scott Sanders, at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 9th, 2019. Council Members in attendance were Jill Peterson, Nick Wilson, Dave Smit, Brad Mulford, and James Robbins. Also, in attendance was; Pat Nuehring, Public Works Director; and Brad Gardner, Police Chief.

Mayor Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Sanders announced that it was the time and place for the public comment time. Jessica Foreshoe, Library Director, was present to give the annual report from the library. Galen Eisentrager was present to ask for an update regarding the nuisance and junk tractors at 215 Thompson St. The mayor reported that they are working with the city attorney regarding the ordinance and situation.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing pertaining to City Code 165.04.02 "Amending the Zoning Map" at 7:20PM. No public was present with comment, so he closed the hearing.

Police Chief Gardner gave an update to the council on the calls the department handled during the month of November.

Public Works Director Nuehring gave an update on public works departments. They are working with the DNR writing a new waste water permit. They cut down a large number of trees surrounding the walking trail and there was discussion regarding other trees that need to go in town that are causing hazards.

Councilman Smit gave a brief report about the FY19 Audit that had just been completed. The official report will be available later after its been completed by the auditor's office, but general things look good.

The Mayor reported that he had spoken with Croell Concrete regarding a quote for the concrete and replacement of 255th Street.

Smit motioned to approve the consent agenda as posted. Robbins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Those items being approved: November 2019 Minutes, December 2019 Bills, and November 2019 Finance Report, and ABD License for Timeless Treasure.

New Business

- Mayor Sanders swore in Jill Peterson, Dave Smit, & Brad Mulford for their offices starting January 1st 2020. Mayor Sanders had been sworn in by the City Clerk previously in the day.
- Mike & Erin McKee presented cash for their delinquent water bill prior to the meeting, so no action was needed.
- Robbins motioned to approve a resolution setting a public hearing for FY2021 Budget. Smit seconded the motion and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Wilson, Smit, Mulford, Robbins. Mayor Sanders declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 20-22.
- There was discussion regarding a possible burn ban. Concern was raised over all residents having the ability to get stuff out to the city compost site. After further discussion, no action was taken.
- There was discussion regarding advertising for mowing and spraying contracts. Smit motioned to advertise for 2 weeks on Facebook and in the Sheffield Press. Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- There was much discussion regarding a resolution proposed amending the recognized holiday policy in the Employee Handbook. After this discussion, no action was taken. The policy will remain "as in".
- A resolution was presented setting an additional fee for burials at Hillside Cemetery that fall "after hours". Wilson was not in favor of the fee at all. Discussion occurred regarding the purpose of the fee is to help the city recoup some of the overtime wages paid during these burials. Peterson motioned to approve the resolution setting the fee, Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Smit, Mulford, Robbins; Nays – Wilson. Mayor Sanders declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 20-21.
- Smit motioned to consider the first reading and approve Ordinance #165.04.02 to rezone a parcel on 255th Street from Agriculture to Light Industry. Mulford seconded and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Wilson, Smit, Mulford, and Robbins. Mayor Sanders declared Ordinance 2020B passed and approved.

- Smit motion to waive the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020B and approve it. Mulford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Robbins motioned to wave the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2020B and approve it. Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Comments – None

Robbins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Smit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Adjournment at 8:25PM.

Barbara Havill, Assistant City Clerk

Scott Sanders, Mayor