

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:00PM on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026. Council Members in attendance were Julia Showalter, James Robbins, and Sherri McGuire; with Becky Moellers and Scott Sanders absent; also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, and Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief.

Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda. Robbins seconded it; it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. A resident spoke about the two stop signs that were added on Maple Street about a year ago. He feels that these stop signs have actually created a problem more than help slowing traffic. From the time they stop on S 6th over to the S 3rd stop sign it has become a drag strip. Could tickets be given to help slow traffic or can signs be removed. The resident has lived in his home 25+ years and it has never been like how it is now with the stop signs in place. This will be added to October's meeting to be further discussed. Another resident spoke on how they filled out a building permit, they had not heard back timely, so they thought all was good. Contractors had shown up when they were told it was not approved. The resident is wanting to understand the ordinance 165.07 4B when it is stated 5 foot off the property line and they are off 5 ½ feet. There is also a percentage of the yard that has to be taken into consideration. The City Council did state to fill out a variance to help get the permit approved.

Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda. McGuire seconded the motion, and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 8/10/26 Regular Session Minutes, September 2026 Bills, and August 2026 Finance Report.

Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. There were no department updates.

Old Business

- Fire Chief McCaslin spoke about two quotes that he received to put a new furnace in the shop. He received a quote from Murphy's for \$6,170.00 and from Fahrman Heating and Plumbing for \$3826.00. Robbins motioned to approve quote for \$3,826.00 from Fahrman Heating and Plumbing. The cost will be split between the fire department and police department. Showalter seconded it; and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

New Business

- There was discussion of the e-bikes/scooters. Chief O'Connor has researched how to enforce e-bike and those decisions fall to each city. The Chief currently talks to kids if he sees them not following the driving laws and talks to them if they are doing a great job following laws. Currently, the issues with the e-bikes/scooters have gotten a bit better, so the City Council has decided to wait on placing any restrictions on them. If there is a rise in issues then it will come back to the table. Chief O'Connor does hope to do a safety refresher course before school is out in the spring.

- There was discussion of adding a dock to the Sheffield pond. Sheffield Lions member, Darwin Meyer, added that they will take on the project for the Lions 75th anniversary project; naming it the Sheffield Lions Legacy project. They will work with their funds and local grant opportunities to make this happen. Ideally Lions will give \$4000, apply for the Barkema Grant for \$5000, and the Community Foundation grant for \$5000. The grants will be filed through the City of Sheffield, with the Lions leading the project. Two four-foot benches have been donated to go on the dock when it is completed. The estimate through the Iowa Pond Guy is for \$16,525.00; leaving a possible \$2000-3000 needing to be budgeted for next fiscal FY28.

- There was discussion of Halloween night's trick or treating hours. Showalter motioned to approve trick or treating on Halloween night, Saturday 10/31, from 5:00-7:00 and closing Maple St. down at S 3rd St. to Lincoln St. McGuire seconded it; and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

- There was discussion of if the lot of the old Marty's building, 112 Gilman, will go up for sale. The lot is pretty landlocked from other city property and no real reason to hold onto it. The city clerk will talk to the lawyer to find out what steps are involved to sell city property. This will come back in October for more discussion.

- Robbins motioned to approve the FY26 Street Finance Report. Showalter seconded it; and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

Council Comments – n/a

McGuire motioned to adjourn. Robbins seconded the motion, and it passed. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Ashley L. Francis, City Clerk

Brad Mulford, Mayor