

Monday, November 20th, 2017 6:00PM

The Sheffield City Council Special Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Nick Wilson, at 6:00PM on Monday November 20th, 2017. Council Members in attendance were Jim Hegarty, JC McCaslin (arrived at 6:30PM), Mike McKee, and Brad Mulford, Absent was James Robbins. Also in attendance were Pat Nuehring, Public Works Director, Sam Cain, Police Chief, Colten Kensett, Police Deputy; and Megan Rosenberg, City Attorney.

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

McKee motioned to approve the agenda with the change, Hegarty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

New Business

- Megan Rosenberg was present to discuss with the council the nuisance property at 112 Gilman, owned by Gene Whitmore. She explained the process which is to send a nuisance abatement notification, which the city did on October 25th. Whitmore had 30 days from that point to abate or approach the council for an extension. He has not done either of those and the 30 days will be due on November 25th. At that point Chief Cain will serve Whitmore with a municipal infraction which will require him to attend a court date in front of the magistrate. At that point, the city will share photos of the outside of the building showing the violations and ask to allow the city to tear the building down. A rough estimate of \$50,000 was quoted to take the building down. There is also roughly \$12,000 as liens against the building at this time. Chief Cain had served Whitmore a municipal infraction previously (December of 2016), but no follow-up had ever occurred, so the process must be started over. Hegarty made a motion to: 1) have Chief Cain follow the Municipal Infraction Process, 2) Have the city clerk look into the IEDA grant for taking down the building and rehabbing the lot, 3) Have Public Works blockade the area around the building, 4) direct the City Clerk to issue a press release about the closure of the building, sidewalk, area around the building, etc. 5) Direct Chief Cain to Gary LaRue about closing the ally between 112 Gilman and his business, Deb's Wild Horse Saloon. Mulford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor/Council Comments – Councilman McKee brought to the attention of the council that the school has roped off the right of way area on the North side of the school ball-diamonds, along 255th street. They did not obtain permission to do so and need to do so. There was also concern about the safety of the type of ropes used when snow falls and snowmobiles are traveling through town. Chief Cain was directed to talk to the school, have them remove the ropes, and apply to be placed on the city council agenda for permission.

McKee motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mulford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Adjournment at 6:51PM.

Katy Flint, City Clerk

Jim Hegarty, Mayor Pro-Tem