

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Scott Sanders, at 7:10PM on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Council Members in attendance were Jill Peterson, Nick Wilson, Dave Smit (via telephone), 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.

Mayor Sanders requested agenda item #10 be moved prior to item #6. Smit made a motion to approve the agenda as requested and Robbins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Sanders announced that it was the time and place for the public comment time. Councilman Wilson stated that Galen Eisentrager would like an update about the tractor situation at 215 Thompson. Mayor Sanders stated that he had had several discussions with the property owners and interested in parties. Sanders told them he would like to see an effort made by them. It was also stated that a nuisance violation had been written, but it had not been paid. Nick Wilson, resident, approached the council regarding the lot on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street owned by Fred Retz. Currently the lot is zoned residential, but in the past, it has been a hayfield. Wilson now owns the lot adjacent to it and would like it mowed as a residential lot. Retz stated that the lot is currently rented from him for the purpose of hay. It was stated that the issue was to either have the lot rezoned to agriculture so it can be used as a hayfield or enforced as a residential property. After some further discussion, Councilman Smit stated that further discussion would need to occur at a later date. Retz stated that he would have preferred if Wilson had spoken to him first before making it public.

Mayor Sanders opened the Public Hearing Regarding the FY20 Budget Amendment #3 at 7:27PM. There was no comment and Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 7:29PM.

Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda, Peterson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: approval of 4/13/20 minutes, approval of May 2020 bills, approval of April 2020 finance report, approval of cigarette license for Casey's General Store, and the approval of ABD License for the West Fork Wharf.

### **New Business**

- Fred & Nancy Retz were present via telephone to discuss the nuisance complaint against their dog. Retz put together a timeline of events. There were threats made against the dog by the neighbor. She also spoke about the situation and provided documentation. A letter from Diana Blood, owner of the property across the street from the Retz stating that the dog barked non-stop when it was outside. Retz's stated that they have tried several different bark collars and nothing works. Retz's are enrolling the dog into a training school, which will last 6 weeks. Councilman Smit stated that he appreciated the steps that Retz's were taking to fix the situation, however there is still an ordinance regarding to dogs barking and that is the issue at hand. Councilman Peterson stated that there is an ordinance and she felt like it should never have been in front of the council to determine. After further discussion, Smit motioned to reverse the existing find as long as the dog attends the previously mentioned training program. Any future finds would be in effect after the dog returns from training. Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed with Petersen, Smit, & Robbins voting Aye and Wilson and Mulford voted Nay. Wilson stated that he was against the motion because ordinances should be enforced regardless.
- Wilson made a motion to approve the repair of 20 or so fire hydrants at a cost of \$5000. Robbins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- There was discussion regarding the opening of the swimming pool. After some discussion, Mulford motioned that July 1<sup>st</sup> would be the deadline to open without any guidelines, if possible. Peterson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Robbins motioned to approve the purchase of a generator for the Public Works shop and hook up in the amount of \$5000. Mulford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Wilson motioned to approve the purchase of 600ft of jetter hose and a leader. Smit seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- Sanders began the discussion regarding mosquito spraying in town. He was not happy with last years job. He called and spoke with Mosquito Control of Iowa in detail and his recommendation was to try them for one year. Robbins stated its worth a shot because last year wasn't good. Wilson made a motion to approve a resolution and sign a one-year contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa. Mulford seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Wilson, Smit, Mulford, & Robbins. Mayor Sanders declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 20-49.
- Robbins motioned to adopt a direct deposit process for payroll to make available to employees for payroll. Peterson seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Wilson, Smit, Mulford, Robbins. Mayor Sanders declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 20-51.
- Mulford motioned to approve the MetLife Vision Insurance renewal plan. Wilson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- There was brief discussion as to whether a spring appliance clean-up day would occur. Robbins stated that in light of COVID, it was probably not a good idea. Mulford didn't think it was necessary at this point, so there will not be one this spring.
- There was discussion regarding using the state to conduct the FY20 Exam vs a private firm. After brief discussion, Wilson made a motion to send RFP's to three firms for a 2-year contract. Robbins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Robbins motioned to approve a resolution approving FY20 Budget Amendment #3. Smit seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Peterson, Wilson, Smit, Mulford, Robbins. Mayor Sanders declared the resolution approved, adopted, and numbered 20-44.

Council Comments – There was discussion regarding a 4<sup>th</sup> budget amendment. Wilson would like to know how much of the general fund reserves we have dipped into this current fiscal year. The city clerk will prepare the budget amendment and the figures for the next council meeting. Mayor Sanders would like himself and 2 other people to start doing research what it will take to tear down the old Marty's building. Wilson, Sanders, & Muford will work on this.

Mulford motioned to adjourn, Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Adjournment at 8:53PM.

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Katy Flint, City Clerk

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Scott Sanders, Mayor