
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes March 2022

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **April 4, 2022**. Attendees included Sam Woodruff, Sherry Stuvick, Ron Peterman, Patty Johnson, Sandra Bilokonsky, Mahlon Sorenson, Joe Dow, Lyle Palmer Patty La Foy and Karen Miller. A quorum was present.

Approval of minutes

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Karen Miller All in favor: yes Motion carried

Reading of Agenda

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Patty Johnson All in favor: yes Motion carried

Reports

3-3-22 Deputies were dispatched to 204 2nd Street. For juvenile female receiving bully text messages. 3-8-22 Deputies were dispatched to 215 4th Street for a report of a cat in vehicle unattended and report that the goats at this residence are not being fed. Deputy contacted the owner who removed cat from her car and goats had plenty of feed. 3-18-22 Dispatch received a 911 hangup from 201 5th Street. Deputy contacted owners who said that they've had issues with their lines before and Windstream has attempted to fix them. GPS Time: 15.51 hrs

Patty J. asked Lyle about the fox and coyote issues in town, since under Iowa code, if they harm livestock it is allowed to shoot. Patty stated since within city limits, falls in a gray area. Patty J. stated she has had issues with the foxes and coyotes attacking her livestock. Sherry stated state law overrides. Mahlon stated an orderly rule could be made. Sandra looked up current ordinance and only thing under discharge of firearm, was under Code Iowa Sec. 727.2. Council stated this needs to be discussed further next council meeting. Sandra stated she will place discuss wildlife control on May agenda.

Unfinished Business Nothing to report

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Patty Johnson All in favor: yes Motion carried

Bills paid for the month of March General Fund; \$4742.43 Water Fund; \$2793.27 Sewer Fund; \$927.94

Business

Water/Sewer: Water is going well. The city had a record usage of 5K gal a day. Sam stated there was a low-pressure issue late one evening, however was not able to find the source of issue of low pressure. Lagoon will be draw down after testing results.

Street: Sam and Ron had spoken out of council chambers in the matter of the roads, discussing the price of oil. Sam stated the roads will need cold patch. He stated he contacted Sta-Bilt and they do not have any patch material. Sam contacted another company which is \$145 per ton. Council and Sam discussed how much cold patch would the city need. Sherry stated if the city can get by with cold patch the city should do. Sherry stated West Street between Jan and Redline are in serious need. Sam stated there is edges that need cold patch as well. Patty J. stated cold patch is a good idea. More discussion in the matter of price of oil and previous quote of oil of streets, Council stated that oil of streets is not affordable at this time. Sam stated a full load will be needed. A full load is 16 tons and there would be the cost of the truck, which the city can get from Crain. The cost would be under \$5K to cold patch the streets. A motion was made by council.

Purchase cold patch for street repair 2022 Motion was carried

Motion Patty Johnson Second Sherry Stuvick All in favor: yes Motion carried

Sam stated the playground deadline in May 31. He would like Joe to finish gables. Sam stated he made a deal with Byron Osthoff to purchase the land next to park for \$1000. Sam stated the offer also applies to the city if the city would like to purchase from Bryon. If the city was to purchase the new playground equipment could be placed on that land. Sam also stated that it would be nice for the kids to play t-ball or soccer. Sandra stated that she did research on T-ball kit and one could be purchased under \$100 on Amazon. The council discussed the issue, the council said they would like to purchase the land, however a motion cannot be made as it was not placed on Agenda. Sandra stated she will place on agenda for the month of May. Mahlon stated he will need to publish, and it will take some time to purchase. Ron stated he can ask for an extension on the playground project. Ron stated he will ask for a 60-day extension.

Mayor: Nothing to report.

Clerk: Water audits is good, no disconnections. Sandra stated that she would like the council to think about the July 3% raise, if they want to have it this year, or skip. She stated that she will be placing on agenda. Sandra stated the floors will be done the weekend of April 9-10. Sam and Ron will help move items out of hall. The quote for the floors is \$435 from J&S Cleaning, Steve Sybert out of Maryville, Missouri. Spring clean up date needs to be set. Sandra stated Clarinda’s spring clean up is June 9-11. Sandra said the hall is rented during the middle of May, so she thinks May 6-8th or June 17-19th would be good dates, however this also is at the mercy of Southwest Sanitation. Council said that June date is to far out, therefor May 6-8th is a good date. Patty L. asked if a flyer can be posted at post office to let people know. Sandra stated she will post on social media, post office and city hall. Sandra asked the council to consider rubber mulch for the new playground equipment. Sandra researched and cheapest quote she was given was by Rubberecycle. Council had the quote in council pack to review. Patty J. asked if the city could get another color besides the unpainted black, Patty J. was concerned about the heat. Sandra stated yes, other colors are available, however the quote may go up slightly. Rubberecycle quote is \$2105.75 with military discount and tax exemption. Sandra stated the mulch in the long run is more cost effective, loads of sand run \$600 and require lots of maintaining. Sandra stated that she spoke to Sam about current sand fall protection, Sam will have to go in a rotary all the current sand. Weeds and erosion have been an issue with the city’s, current fall protection. Sandra stated the quote doesn’t include the plastic weed barrier; however, Orshelins in Clarinda does carry the plastic. The quote does include the wear mat for under the swings She did not get a price quote on the weed barrier. Council discussed the issued and stated that if other color available is a small price difference they see no issue of changing the color. Council asked if the company would deliver to site. Sandra stated, yes, the quote is for landed cost. Sandra stated that she can ask for the company to deliver at later date as well, however the quote will need to be signed and submitted. Council discussed further. Sandra stated the funds, can be taken from ARP funding, which the city at time of date has \$941.05 left from round one, round two funding is slated for springtime, from articles Sandra has read. Sandra does not know exact date for slated funds. A motion was made. Sandra asked what color of mulch the council would like to see. Sherry and Patty J. stated red would be nice. The color terra cotta red was decided.

Purchase rubber mulch and wear mat from Rubberecycle in the color terra cotta red and plastic barrier for new playground equipment. Motion was carried

Motion Patty Johnson Second Sherry Stuvick All in favor: yes Motion carried

Sandra stated that SWRW contract was sent, however they did not send one part of the contract, so will be resending the contract. She stated in the contract the water rates paid to SWRW will be base pay of \$645 and flow rate of \$4.30 per 1K gal, this is an increase from last year contract. Last year contract was \$585 for base and flow rate of \$3.90 per 1K gal. Sandra stated it is slated per ordinance that in July the city of Shambaugh is to impose a 3% rate increase on water and sewer. Sandra is asking the council if they want to continue with the 3% rate increase or modify it. Patty stated the account for water looks good, however what does Sam need to improve water. There was multiply Council discussions, that water account is ok, however sewer account is the main account that needs help. Sandra and Sam both stated that sewer account needs improvements, because that is what the city has working. For example, the pump that was paid last month, was taken out of ARP funding, if it was taken from our sewer funds, it would have dip in reserve funds. Sandra suggested to not raise 3% on water, leave sewer to be raise per ordinance. Council discussed. Patty L. asked for rates table and what the amount would be to on sewer. For based on sewer the rate increase will be .80 not including flow rate, nor taxes. Patty L. was not in favor of rate increase. Council discussed further. A motion was set not to increase water rate. Ordinance will remain for sewer.

To forego 2022 3% water increase. Motion was carried

Motion Patty Johnson Second Sherry Stuvick All in favor: yes Motion carried

Council: Council discussed clean up and properties that need to be focused on, due to verbal complaints. Patty L. said she had seen 1-800-got junk, Sandra said she would investigate that. Sherry said person/s are in ill health. Joe, Sam, and Karen discussed the removal of tin. They collectively gave Sandra 3 locations, that takes tin. Sandra stated she will do research and write a letter, in hope to give assistance. Mahlon stated in the past a Notice of Abatement was given to individuals to clean up property, that is something the city can consider.

Adjournment

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Karen Miller All in favor: yes Motion carried