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## Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes December 2020

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### Call to order

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **December 7, 2020** Attendees included Ron Peterman, Sam Woodruff, Sandra Bilokonsky, Sherry Stuvick, Joe Dow, Kevin Johnson, Patty Johnson, Lyle Palmer, and Karen Miller. Mahlon Sorensen was absent. Jim Moses Sr, Jim Moses Jr. and Gary Kent were members of public. A quorum was present.

### Approval of minutes

Motion Kevin Johnson                      Second Joe Dow                      All in favor: yes                      Motion carried

### Reading of Agenda

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

### Reports

11/07/2020 Deputy made a traffic stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main on a Moped with no plates Driven by Bradley Woodruff. Woodruff was cited for for DUS, and no registration

11/13/2020 the Sheriff's Office received a call from the city clerk wanting to talk to a Deputy about a sign issue. Sandra said that there was a sign nailed to a city Yield sign at First Street and West Street. It was a homemade sign that states "Level B Service Enter at your own risk". She advised city leaders wanted to remove the sign. She then wanted Deputy to go talk with the person whom they thought was responsible for placing the sign. Deputy told Sandra if they wanted to remove the sign then remove it if it was on city property and if someone came to complain at the clerk's office we would then talk to the person we would then know placed the sign.

Time: 27.98 hours

### Unfinished business

Mahlon was not present therefore council did not discuss any further legal matters on Danny Stone property.

### Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

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

Sandra noted 28 E agreement in the amount of \$1432.50 and Southwest Regional Water in the amount of \$2012.40

### Business

Water/Sewer: Nothing to report. Joe asked Sam if the fence had been fixed at the lagoon yet, Sam stated that will be a sping project.

Streets: Nothing to report

Mayor: Ron stated that SW Regional Water approved a 10% water rate increase to go into effect on all water bills in April 2021. Sandra noted to the Council to keep in mind the city has a 3% rate increase written in the water ordinance effective in July. Ron stated from the document: The City of Shambaugh base water rate will increase to \$645 for 0 gallons and all water metered in March of 2021 and paid for beginning April 1, 2021 will increase to \$4.30 per thousand gallons. A new contract will be sent to the city citing these changes. Council discussed why SW Regional Water was making these changes. Changes were due to SWRW upgrading systems. There was discussion about different price varies from rural water and other cities. Lyle stated that his bill is going up 10% since he is on rural water and it is higher than the average use of Shambaugh water ( base use \$74.76). Ron stated with the 3% increase it will take the city 3 years to catch up to SWRW, Council had concerns that SWRW might increase the rate again. Sandra stated that she would give the community a "head up" on the rate increase so the community. Rate increase will start in July 2021

Clerk: Sandra stated no disconnects last month. Sandra filed the Clerk's Certificate on Lisa Foster property for back water bill on December 2. Sandra asked the council to review the playground equipment profile in the city council pack, the playground equipment is from Manards, and under \$5000. This will be for the Mayor Ron to submit for a grant. Kevin asked about fall protection. Ron stated yes, the insurance does get after the city about sand, so the city would have to look into something different. Sandra agreed and told Kevin that yes, that the city would have to consider another type of fall protection. Sandra noted if the Ron is unable to get the grant, she spoke to Manards and the city can apply for a Contractors Credit Card.

Council: none

Public: Members of the public came to discuss Danny Stone property. Public was upset with the city due to how the minutes read "in house". Sandra explained to members of the public that clean up the property was a good thing. Sandra also explained that any selling of the house private or by city involvement, needs to be handled by legal channels. There was debate between Council and members of public, including Sandra. Members of public felt as city was not listening to them and needed to get "their facts straight", Council and City tried to reassure members of the public that they did no wrong, where the public felt there was an error. Issue came to an impasse. Property will set as is, until proper legal action is taken.

### Adjournment

Motion Sherry Stuvick

Second Joe Dow

All in favor: yes

Motion carried