Call to order

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **February 4, 2020**. Attendees included Ron Peterman, Mahlon Sorensen, Sherry Stuvick, Joe Dow, Kevin Johnson, Patty Johnson, Karen Miller, Sam Woodruff, Lyle Palmer and Sandra Bilokonsky. Quorum was present. Mickey (Thailand exchange student) was present

Oath of Office. Patty Johnson was sworn into office. It was noted for recorded.

Approval of minutes			
Motion Karen Miller	Second Joe Dow	All in favor: yes	Motion carried
Reading of Agenda			
Motion Karen Miller	Second Joe Dow	All in favor: yes	Motion carried

Reports

On January 10th call for a bus dispute, new owner's son was removing motor from bus on property that was sold. Old owner claims the bus was not part of the property. This is a civil matter between Jim Moses and Troy Landess. January 20th deputies had a 911 hang up from city hall. Deputies checked on city hall, everything was secure, no issues. January 21st deputies were called to 107 Main Street for welfare check, concern was no utilities. Person was determined to have lights and running water. Time: 30.12

Unfinished business

Mahlon gave copies to the council the order of default entry on 213 4th Street. Mahlon stated to the council the city now owns the property. Mahlon handed council the letter he sent to Cheryl in regard to the property, that was sent before the hearing (hearing was January 27th). In the letter it stated that she needed to come up written plan for the listed repairs. She could never get to the point of telling the judge nor the him the plan of what would be done for the house. The judge said, the case has gone on long enough, and ordered the entry. Mahlon stated that she does have 30 days to appeal. That order was enter in on the 24th therefore we are about a third of the way in. Ron asked does it cost to appeal, and would she need an attorney. Mahlon stated she could appeal but it would be not in her best interest. Patty stated "we own it, doe owe taxes on it now?" or how does that go? Sherry stated everything is forgiven, she thinks there is liens against the property. Mahlon stated it is crystal clear, nothing against that property. He asked the council now, what they want to do with the property. Ron stated the city has spent a lot of money on the property. Council had discussion on cost effectiveness tearing down vs. keeping standing. Mahlon stated if the city was to get the right buyers and get at least \$2K for the property to recoup cost and find someone to restore the house would be the best interest of the city. Sandra asked if the buyer was to purchase the house, would they have access to the inspectors report. Mahlon stated yes and the list letter of required repairs. Mahlon also handed to council photos of the inspectors notes. Sam stated that he will look at the property and lock the property down. There was discussion of the property and what could be done to the property, Mahlon stated he has seen people come in and turn house like that around and throw money into houses to get them up to code. Everyone agreed that would be nice to have a house, over an empty lot. Ron mention a paying water meter, we need more homes with paying water meters. Mahlon spoke about a house in Essex that nobody wanted then finally sold for \$1, person placed about \$38K worth of work and now uses it as a rental property. Mahlon gave the council the judgement on the 211 Old Highway trash issue. Patty asked how the city will get the funds from the judgement. Mahlon stated it will be against the Linda's property at 211 Old Highway and the property in Clarinda. He stated anytime there is a judgement like this, it is a judgement against the real estate. He stated he will make sure it is filed on both houses. Sandra stated that she did send the 30 day lien notice in regards to the water bill to the Laubers. Mahlon stated that Ron Bitting called and wanted to make a deal. Ron Bitting is the Lauber's attorney. Mahlon sent a letter to Bitting which he has not responded too. Mahlon explained earlier in the case the Lauber's did not show up in the case, therefore a bench warrant was issued. Lyle's office helps us, and found AnnMarie and Drew and they both posted \$300 cash bonds. They had a right to get those back after the case is over. Mahlon and Kevin stated if they get it back, it should pay this bill. Bitting was trying to settle it for \$500, Mahlon stated no, therefore sent the letter, requesting an offer. Sandra explained to council what the lien letter was and stated that she has the Clerk's certificate ready to go, if they do not pay on the water bill that is owed. Mahlon stated that would be special assessment against the property. Mahlon mention to the council that Sandra asked while at the court house about collection, he stated the quickest and cheapest way for the city to collect is through state of Iowa offset program, however Sandra mention at the time, the city does not collect social security numbers. Mahlon stated the city has every right to ask for social security numbers. Mahlon handed the council a letter in regards to collection of social security numbers. A synopsis of the letter is the following: City of Shambaugh can ask and require anyone seeking city services to provide their social security number. Reasons stated are 1. In order to do a credit check 2. In order to avail itself of the state of lowa income refund offset program 3. To verify the name given to city to be placed on account, this is part of the anti terrorism act as there are people who want a utility address to permit them to get other sign

ups using the utility address to support that identity. The letter clarifies that asking for a social security number is not discriminatory, nor is it against the law. Mahlon further stated, most cities have this in practice. Sandra stated in big cities, you do not have water unless you they have your social security number on file. Patty brought up the issue of collection of numbers for the city- stating you can't ask for one person's social security number and not another's, you are on the territory of discrimination. Mayor and Sandra agreed. Council discussed the issues of collecting social security numbers, pros and cons. Heavy discussion was on asking current members for social security numbers, as Patty placed a motion to collect social security numbers for all community members new and current. Council was seeing that there might be an issue on collection. Sandra stated yes, she could see a pushback on collection of SSN and would probably have angry customers in her office. Sandra and Mahlon spoke to the council in the matters of the lowa offset program, Sandra stated that lowa offset is willing to currently work with the city in the matter of current collection of K. Davis, Sandra stated the city just signed up for the program. There was further conversation in the matter of collection of water billing. Council concluded that it would not be in the best interest to try to collect on current customers, however would collect on new customers. A new motion was placed.

Motion to for collection of social security numbers for new residents incoming

Motion Joe Dow	Second Karen Miller	All in favor: yes	Motion carried
Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills			
Motion Kevin Johnson	Second Sherry Stuvick	All in favor: yes	Motion carried

Conversation about the \$5000 for fire protection. Sandra had finally had gotten the invoice for 2019.

Business

Water/Sewer: Large leak at post office, leak is on post office side. Mary Young's ongoing small leak. Kevin stated he had seen Mary had her yard dug up. Mayor Ron stated that the leak was being fix, he seen them.

Streets: Sam stated he will contact Black Top services. Patch material and oiling of the streets will need to be done this year. Sam stated there are some areas that need it really bad. Ron stated we need to plan on spending some money on streets this year.

Mayor: Ron spoke about the Levy tax stating the tax will be going up 6.33%, explanation of increase is due to increase of property evaluation. The property values of Shambaugh have went up. This more money that will be incoming for the city.

Motion to approve Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1 2020- June 30, 2021

Motion Sherry Stuvick	Second Karen Miller	All in favor: yes	Motion carried
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Ron stated he had a Page County Conference Board meeting, starting in July there will be a reappraisal of all Page County property this will be a walk through, the last time was 2008. There is a firm out of Des Moines that come and do the walk through. They will have identification. You will have to allow them in. It takes 2 years to complete. They do not tell you when they will come. Ron spoke about the upcoming budget in March. He stated the council has a copy of the prelimary budget. Ron went through the expenditures of 2019. They are the following: Police/Crime Prevention: \$6207 Fire: \$5000 Roads: \$4210 Parks: \$2310 Total Wages for Council, Mayor, Clerk, Legal, City Hall: \$39,084 Water: \$36,287 Sewer \$11,756 Most things were under budget from last year, except for wages. Ron stated what the council has in their pack will be the budget, with a few modifications, in regards to fire since it is currently not standing. Karen mention that with the new levy tax that will be more money for the city, Sherry then asked if anyone had gotten anything in regards to the new census. Sandra stated she got something in the mail, but never really looked at it. Sherry stated you have to go online. Ron stated to everyone to please be at next meeting budget will need to be passed at next meeting.

Clerk: Sandra noted to council that the new contract for water purchase was signed and returned to Southwest Regional Water District. She went over the contract briefly noting the cost of water the city will be paying: \$585 for first 0 gal min rate. \$3.90 per 1000 gal.

Council: none

Public: Mickey stated she will do her community service project and make an event for the kids. The theme is Read Under the Sea, the budget is \$200 for decorations, food and souviers that the kids can take home. The date will be April 11, 2020. She asked the council what they believe would be a good time. Council asked what age group are the kids. Sandra stated the event is geared towards kids ages 3-8 and event should last about 2 hours. Council suggested 10am to be the time. Sandra stated that Mickey has been really nervous about this presentation, Ron asked if she could explain the project. Sandra took over the presentation with Mickey's permission to explain the project. Sandra stated that Mickey will be reading a storybook to the kids and creating a book for the kids. It will be a cardstock with 1,2,3,4,5 where she teaches them how to count to 5 in Thai. The kids will have like a coloring page. Mickey was in agreement with time. Mickey approached the council for a donation to her budget. Mickey did request for \$200 however doesn't have to be that amount, to help pay for the offset of the cost of getting items. Mickey also asked for volunteers to help. Volunteers will be needed to help wrangle kids, make food and help with the day. Mickey stated she would like to make it sort of like a Children's Day which they have in Thailand.

Sandra stated there will be activities for the kids to do that day as well. Kevin placed a motion stating that this is good thing. Council agreed.

Motion to provide Mickey with a \$200 donation for her April 11, 2020 A Read Under the Sea event at City Hall

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