
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes February 4 2020

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
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Reading of Agenda

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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 Iowa 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

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
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Adjournment

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