
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes February 2023

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **February 6, 2023**. Attendees Ron Peterman, Sherry Stuvick, Patty LaFoy, Patty Johnson, Sam Woodruff, Mahlon Sorensen, and Sandra Bilokonsky. Karen Miller was absent A quorum was present. Lyle Palmer was absent. Lyle sent report via email. Several members of the Woodruff family were in attendance. Judy McCoy, Seth Stimson, and Jesse Stimson were in attendance.

Approval of minutes

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Patty LaFoy All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Reading of Agenda

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

Reports

No calls to report for the month of January.

GPS Time: GPS data is unavailable for the month. Department is in the process of getting all new units for the vehicles as the current ones, will no longer be able to provide data under their provider's new system.

Unfinished Business Mahlon asked if the city had any more dog issues. City stated no. Sandra stated the city is in continual of coyote problem, latest was coyotes killing Patty Johnson's llama. Patty stated it was near the hay ring, so the coyotes are coming in closer. There is an ordinance that community members may shoot coyotes if done safely.

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Joe Dow All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Bills paid for the month of January General Fund; \$6228.89 Water Fund; \$3734.23 Sewer Fund; \$1563.4

There are additional funds of \$60 for meeting fees to pay Ron Peterman.

Business

Water/Sewer: Sam stated there were a few leaks in town, taken care of. Sam will draw down the lagoon in April. Sam stated the city will need to consider rate increases, due to SWRW. SWRW will send out a letter, explaining the increase to the city. Sandra stated she will give a copy of the letter once received to Council in their packs.

Street: Streets will need more that patch work, they will need to be oiled. Sam stated he will turn in recommendations on street repair. West street near the park is one of those considerations, due to more use of park. Sandra stated a \$2500 grant was awarded from MidAmerica for the park.

Mayor: Ron stated that he spoke to Roger about the 28E agreement for fire, the agreement stayed at \$5000. Tax levy Resolution 2023-1 is on the table to be passed. Tax Levy will be 7%. Ron asked council if they had any questions. No questions, Resolution was placed for motion. Sandra stated she will need a roll call.

Motion to pass Tax Levy Resolution 2023-1

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Joe Dow All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Roll Call: Patty Johnson: Yea Patty LaFoy: Yea Joe Dow: Yea Sherry Stuvick: Yea Karen Miller: absent

Ron stated preliminary budget was reviewed nothing out of line. Budget will need to be settled in March, so asked council to be present. A motion was set to accept the preliminary budget.

Motion to accept the preliminary budget as is presented.

Motion Sherry Stuvick

Second Joe Dow

All in favor: yes,

Motion carried

Discussion of personnel was requested by Sandra to go to close session, on March 6 meeting. Request was granted.

Ron stated the accessor asked for 3.8% raise, and a hearing as been set that he will attend. Ron spoke about the landfill and recycling program. Letters were sent Red Oak, Shenandoah, Essex, Bedford and New Market to increase their rates on recycling. Local will not change. He also stated during Covid, the hiring process came from ASI, not the prison, therefore was a rate increase in pay. He stated that the landfill has 20 semi loads, ready to be sold once price of cardboard/plastics rise.

Clerk: Sandra stated it was not on the agenda, however she wanted to let Council know that the city now participates in a program to help low income families pay bills. The program has helped a couple of community members already.

Council: NA

Public: Sam asked the council to if he and Ron Peterman, can go through the closet and remove historical documents and submit them to the Clarinda museum. Sam was upset that Sandra had taken some of the documents for an art installment for City Hall. Sandra stated that in hindsight she should had used copies of the documents, however looked at it the same as the photos on the wall. Several members of the Woodruff family was angry as well. Sam stated the documents belong in the Clarinda Museum, in the Shambaugh section. Council stated that it was ok. Sam requested a motion.

Motion for Sam Woodruff and Ron Peterman to submit documents to the Clarinda Museum.

Motion Sherry Stuvick

Second Joe Dow

All in favor: yes,

Motion carried

Sam stated he wanted to make sure Sandra pays here audit on Ipers. Sandra stated she is going to.

Seth Stimson had the floor to ask Council about development of Shambaugh. Seth asked the council what they believe for the decline of community members. Sherry stated death and changing of jobs. Sam stated there is no housing, no houses for sale nor to rent in town. Ron stated there is lots for sale (non-city owned) and due to the help of community, there has been a lot of "cleaning up" the town. Seth asked the council what the desired housing would be, Council stated SF housing, housing not to be modular. Mahlon stated it would be nice to have a program for seniors from farms to town. Small 2B house for them to retire. This could be a program within a 501 c 3, however the person would have to have seed money from a corporation. Low-income housing for seniors, duplex/ 4 plex as well. Joe stated it would be nice if Shambaugh had housing now, due to the 2 apartment complexes closing in Clarinda. Seth stated he would like to see more homes in town. Mahlon stated the city needs to do something as an invitation to Shambaugh. 4H started here, heritage and pride of Shambaugh is important. Judy McCoy stated there is programs for senior housing, she helped on a program in Red Oak. There was discussion of senior health med/mobile unit for simple health checks like blood pressure/blood sugar. Seth stated he has a calling from the Lord to serve, therefore would like to see what he can do. Sandra gave Seth some information on housing grants.

Adjournment

Motion Sherry Stuvick

Second Patty La Foy

All in favor: yes

Motion carried