
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes March 2023

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **March 6, 2023**. Attendees Ron Peterman, Sherry Stuvick, Patty LaFoy, Patty Johnson, Sam Woodruff, Mahlon Sorensen, Joe Dow, Karen Miller, and Sandra Bilokonsky. A quorum was present. Lyle Palmer was present. Several members of the Woodruff family were in attendance. Judy McCoy and Henry Elliot were in attendance.

Approval of minutes

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

Reading of Agenda

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

Reports

2/4/2023 Deputy located and spoke with Jimmy Blank advising him that he is not allowed in the field he pulled down in after his vehicle allegedly broke. This was west of Rose Avenue on 260th Street.

2/5/2023 Deputy spoke with Aaron Stolz, who reported that his neighbor Tanya Dow was lighting off fireworks the night prior and now there are large areas that are burned in Aaron's yard. Aaron did not see Dow lighting off fireworks but stated that this is common behavior for Dow. Deputy spoke with Dow, who stated that her son was lighting the fireworks off. Dow was advised that lighting off fireworks is not legal at this time of the year.

2/8/2023 Deputies were dispatched to 308 Wall Street for a female receiving threatening text messages. Deputies spoke to Tanya Dow who stated that her daughter, Kemper Beckel, had moved out of the residence and was now sending her threatening messages of assault. Deputies spoke with Kemper who stated she was just mad due to the reason she had to leave.

2/22/2023 Patricia Johnson called office state there was a trash dumped on her property at 210 West Street and she found a letter with a person's name on it. Deputy went to 210 West but was unable to locate trash in the yard or in the immediate area of property. (During meeting Patricia Johnson stated that it was located on south side of the property 3 white bags. City of Shambaugh had similar bags dumped by Eric Showers property. Names do not match. Letter found in that trash was handed over to deputies at that time.)

GPS Time: GPS data is unavailable for the month. Department has some units installed and functioning, but not all of them to get an accurate reading for time spent in towns.

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; \$2501.61 Water Fund; \$3280.61 Sewer Fund; \$983.36

Business

Water/Sewer: Water side is ok, daily averages are good. Sewer, Pump went out. The pump will need to be replaced or rebuild. Sam gave 2 options to the city on the estimate of cost factor for both. Option 1. Rebuild at the price of \$12997.00 not including the pull of the pump which is an additional cost of \$280 and any install fees. Option 2. Purchase of a new pump for \$14235.00 plus cost of install. Ron, Sam and Sandra looked for grant money. There are no grants available. There is a loan program, however would not like to go down that route. Council asked where to get the funding. ARP funding is available for sewer/water and the sewer reserve funds. Council discussed for the cost of new pump, that is the better route. Joe and Sherry stated better off with new pump in the long run. A seal has broken on the current pump, causing water damage in motor, therefore it is not an "easy fix" nor warranty for replacement. Discussion of funds and turn around on pump, turn around on pump is 10-12 weeks out. Sam requested to Council that \$1000 be taken from ARP funds and \$6000 from sewer reserve account for the purchase of new pump. Council agreed a motion was set.

Motion to pass purchase of new sewage pump.

Motion Joe Dow Second Patty LaFoy All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Street: Streets will need more that patch work, they will need to be oiled. Last estimate in 2020 was for \$21,500.00, this not other expenses such as gravel etc. Sam, Sandra and Ron asked the consideration of using a loan program for streets. Council asked what would be the interest rate, at the time of the meeting, Ron did not have any figures as this was passing discussing between Sam, Sandra and Ron. Ron stated that he would go to the bank to find out any information for municipality loans. The loan program is something to consider, council discussed.

Mayor: Budget Resolution 2023-2, the council agreed no changes. No further discussion on budget and a motion was made.

Motion to pass Budget Resolution 2023-2

Motion Patty Johnson Second Joe Dow All in favor: yes, Motion carried

SWRW contract was sent to the city, contract rate has been increased, due to expansion projects of SWRW. Rates for the city have increased, therefore the city will need to raise city water rates. There was heated discussion about rates Patty L, is against raise of the rates, other members of council agree with rate increases. Mahlon reminded everyone that the city by law is obligated to pay their bills, therefore the money needs to come from community. Rate increase was not on the agenda therefore tabled for April agenda.

Clerk: NA

Council: Patty J. stated the property 106 Hersey Street, backside is looking like a trash dump. Ron stated that it is getting bad. Joe stated if the items were from the flood in the basement. Council discussed the property needs to be address. Sandra is required to start process of giving 30 days to clean up property, if the property is not cleaned up, it will be handled by the attorney. Sandra stated she will start the process.

Public: Judy McCoy took the floor, thanked the Council, Ron, Sam and Sandra for their hard work. She wanted to thank Sandra for her professionalism and being the welcome face of Shambaugh, when her and her husband moved from Arizona. She also told council how lucky they are to have Sandra, in her work skills. Judy thanked Sam for trying to preserve the history of Shambaugh, and suggested a Founder's Day, so that that stories can be passed down. Sam stated he pulled 2 books now they are missing, Sandra stated for the record she doe not have the books. He stated he would like to get the binding restored on one of the books since it is in bad shape. Council asked if the museum in Clarinda would know how to do that. Sam said he will inquire about it. Henry Elliot attempted to place an offer to buy Short Street. Short street belongs to the city, but not a in use street. Mahlon stated to Henry that he can not place an offer, it legally has be offered to his neighbor Eric Showers. The issue was tabled for next meeting. Henry Elliot will be placed on April agenda. Henry expressed interest in the large map on the wall stated that it needs to be protected. Should be behind glass, he also stated he wanted to buy a large map. Ron stated that would have to be taken in special since it is a special plotter, they print maps. Council stated to Henry, they would investigate it, but would not guarantee it.

Council moved into Closed Session

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Patty La Foy All in favor: yes Motion carried

Council returned back to Open Session

Motion Patty La Foy Second Sherry Stuvick All in favor: yes Motion carried

Council was satisfied with IPERS repayment, one payment has been made, thus resolved.

Due to health issues, hours have been reduced to MWF 830-1200 and rate will be 10.5 hours a week at \$19.95 to be based in salary form and split between general, water and sewer account.

Adjournment

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Patty La Foy All in favor: yes Motion carried