
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes May 6 2019

Call to order

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on March, 2019. Attendees included Ron Peterman, Mahlon Sorensen, Sherry Stuvick, Sam Woodruff, Karen Miller, Patty Johnson, Joe Dow, Lyle Palmer and Sandra Bilokonsky. Kevin Johnson, was absent due to back injury. Ruby Hanson was for the community. Quorum was present.

Approval of minutes

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

Reading of Agenda

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

Reports

On April 17th deputies were called out on 215 Fourth St for a disturbance, deputies spoke to both parties involved. The incident was verbal, not physical. Parties involved at back together. No further action was taken. Lyle stated hours will increase in Shambaugh due to the switch from Verizon to US Cellular, now all 10 units will be functioning. Mahlon asked if the drug problem was getting worse, Lyle stated he doesn't think it's getting a lot worse, that we are seeing a lot more on the arrests. He stated it is normally the same people over and over again. Discussion of the legal medication drug problems was discussed. There was discussion in regards to a matter in the City of Shenandoah, not related to matters in the City of Shambaugh. Time: 19.2 hours.

Unfinished business

Attorney Mahlon stated the documents for Gary Kent property is completed. Sandra and the Mayor Ron, signed and sealed the required documents. Motions are in set for the Cheryl Campbell property, he did file and Sandra will post the petition as soon as it stops raining. Mahlon noted there was some other judgements on the property. When Mahlon sent the paperwork from the address Sandra provided, Cheryl did not accept, he got a different box number and as resent to Cheryl. The other people and county treasurer has been notified.

Motion to Rate Increase Sewer: Base Rate (2000gal) \$26 Flow Rate (per 1000 gal) \$6 Water: Base Rate (2000gal) \$46 Flow Rate (per 1000 gal) \$6 Rate increase 3% effective July 1st Reading

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

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

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

Sandra stated there was additional bills that came in that day, bills are the following: Page County Sheriff 28 E agreement \$1193.75 Easters UPS \$52.02 Agriland Fuel \$261.74 Post Master \$35 for postcard stamps

Business

Water/Sewer: Confidence Report is ready and Lagoon have been drawn down according to Sam. Sam and Sandra talked about a water meter that a contractor had placed in backwards. Sandra stated she found out due to a "hunch" the account was part of an account that Amanda had done an over estimate on water usage for winter use, according to Rodney. Sandra stated when doing meter bill entries this month, her "hunch" told her to pull the last month's meter reads (note: meter reads are filed after enter in computer) She noticed that account's numbers were "backwards" she contacted Sam. Sam took a look at the meter in question, the contractor whom had done work last fall had placed the meter in backwards. The connection is end extremely tight. Sam contacted the company and they will be fixing the issue. Sandra stated she told at the time of the issue, that to let the company know the city will not be paying for their mistake. Sandra told council she will make sure the city will not pay for their mistake. Sherry asked if Sandra knew how much water the person did use. Sandra stated from the numbers it was an extra 3000 gallons, but unfortunately we could not bill the customer due to mistake. Sandra stated a new account will be made one the meter is fixed. Sandra would have to audit the entire meter usage on account to find out the exact loss revenue to city. This is not the customer's fault, therefore the customer is not liable. Patty stated the customer has been paying their bill and the min usage, it's not like they have not been paying the bill. Council agreed. Patty asked if there has been any complaints from farmer, whom thought lagoon was leaching on his property. Mahlon noted since the letter, he has not heard anything. Sam has not heard any information either. Patty stated great.

Streets: Sam stated he has worked on a couple of streets. Patch material was applied on 1st St (1 load) and Hersey (2 loads). Sam stated he has 1 load stock piled. Sam also bought fuel for tractor.

Mayor: Mayor asked council when they would like to have city wide clean up. Sandra announced that Clarinda's clean is June 1-2. Council members decided on June 7-9. Discussion on bins, was to have two bins this year. Last year the large bin was filled quickly and Southwest Sanitation could not pick up bin due to the weekend. Sandra stated she will contact Southwest Sanitation to order the bins. Lauber property on 211 Old Highway, was briefly discussed. Several council members noted the large amount of rubbish collecting on side of house. Sandra asked council if the city was doing another newsletter this year, since she wanted to announce the online presence for the city of Shambaugh. She stated the permits and forms are now available on the website. She stated she would like to see community members fall in line with the ATV permit, she has only granted one permit at this time. Sherry and Sam noted that not everyone has online access. Sandra stated she is aware of this matter, but still good to get the information out. Council discussed the pros and cons of the sending a formal newsletter. It was agreed that no formal newsletter will be sent this year, however Sandra will post on notice boards and at post office. Ron noted to make sure to include what is not allowed during city wide cleanup. Sherry stated signs should also be made on the bins like last year. Sandra stated she will also contact Gary Kent, who hauls metal to see if he would help out the city once again this year.

Clerk: Sandra stated city hall is fully booked for month of May, she asked the Mayor and Joe to please keep an eye on building for evening security. Ron and Joe agreed they would. Ron stated he would unlock the building. Sandra stated she received the election paperwork in an email and that the council to consider their options, she stated she will be placing that on June agenda. Ron announced he will not be running for school board, he stated 15 years for long enough. Sandra announced she approved a deck building permit for 508 2nd st. Owner is removing old deck and building new deck, no major structure build.

Sandra stated she receive a verbal complaint in regards to property near Gary Kent and Collette Wasson, of approx. 170 chickens, being held in the school bus. Sandra stated she did go check it out, there is signs of something in the school bus, since she seen straw in the windows and animal waste matter. She did note there is no ventilation, so if there is birds being housed they do not have access to fresh air. Sandra handed the verbal complaint with documentation of the property, to city attorney before meeting at started. The property owner does not live in town. She also stated she did not hear any noises from the bus. Patty stated we would need to find out what stages of chickens. Chickens are allowed per city ordinance, however do not know if this issue is valid. Sandra noted that if any chickens are in the bus they are only is part of the bus, as she noted she did see some items in the bus that looked like "storage". Sherry noted if they are baby chickens in this weather, they need to be at a certain temperature. At this time council is at rest with complaint since there is no proof.

Council: None

Public: Ruby Hanson announced that John Hanson, fell while working on post office, broke his leg badly. She wanted to let the council know that the post office work, will be finished. John was concerned and wanted the council to know. Sandra stated that he taking care of his injuries is more important at this time, everyone agreed. City wished John a good recovery.

Adjournment

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