**Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes May 2023**

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **May 1, 2023**. Attendees were Ron Peterman, Sherry Stuvick, Patty LaFoy, Patty Johnson, Sam Woodruff, Joe Dow, Karen Miller, Lyle Palmer, Mahlon Sorensen and Sandra Bilokonsky. A quorum was present. Judy McCoy, Eric Showers were in attendance.

Approval of minutes

Motion Karen Miller Second Patty Johnson All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Reading of Agenda

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

The agenda was modified before the meeting to add the following: Council Pay Increase

Reports

4/2/23 Deputies were 106 Hersey Street Dave and son were in a shouting match. No report was filed.

GPS Time: 16.52 hours

Unfinished Business Water rate increase was set forth due to increase of Southwest Regional Water contract. New resolution will read the new water rate to begin in July. $48.68 for water flow rate per 1000gal will be $6.83. Sewer rate will remain the same at $27.58 and flow rate per 1000 gal at $6.37. A motion was set forth with 4 yes and 1 nah from Patty LaFoy

Motion to Raise water bill rates effective July to the following $48.68 base rate flow rate per 1000 gal $6.83. Sewer rate will remain the same.

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

Council recognizes Nah vote from Patty LaFoy. Motion pass due to 4 Yes votes.

Discussion in the matter of new account rates was discussed by attorney and council. Motion was made to change the deposit to $100 for both renter and owner of new account.

Motion to raise water bill application deposit to $100 for renter and owner.

Motion Patty LaFoy Second Patty Johnson All in favor: yes, Motion carried

Bank Loan was struck down due to new proposed action on sewer funds.

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

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

Bills paid for the month of February General Fund; $9208.14 Water Fund; $3553.36 Sewer Fund; $1530.49.

Park sign and grill have been ordered, which will be taken out of MidAmerican grant funds.

Business

Water/Sewer: Water side is ok, daily averages are good and no leaks. Sewer pump is in! Lagoons have been drawn down. Sam proposed that we leave the ARP funds and do take funding from sewer account. It will leave sewer account low, however the funds are available to pay for sewer pump. Pump will be around $16K. Council agreed.

Street: Sam had a meeting with blacktop services on road work. The quote for chip and seal will be around $30K and then an extra $3K-$5K in cold patch. After careful consideration, and proposal of moving ARP funds to help pay for road, the bank loan to be void. Work on roads will not begin until July/August. Council agreed. Original motion still hold on road work funding to be change around.

Mayor: Council need to consider wage increase for next election year. Council agreed to stay same rate $35 per meeting, however to raise the incoming mayor wage to extra $10 an month. Rate increase have the mayor wages at $80 per month starting January 2024.

Motion to pass Mayor wage increase for January 2024 $10 per month.

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

Ron stated after consideration of 2 candidates, the city has hired a new clerk. The clerk is Denise Rope, she is currently the Yorktown clerk as well. Denise has accepted the position, however due to the recent loss of mother, Denise will start the position in September. This leaves a gap. Sandra agreed to come in a few times during the month, to make sure bills are paid and water bills are managed, however will not perform any other clerk duties. Sandra will only be able to help in June and July, she leaves for out of state in August. Judy McCoy stated she will speak to her husband about helping the city as well. Mahlon stated a Resolution should be placed on the new hire and will work on. The other candidate was Alex Woodruff, where the committee agreed that his experience and time is valued more on the water/maintenance and looking forward to him getting his certificates. The office will temporarily be closed during the transition of new city clerk.

Jan Blake’s old property has been cleaned up. Sherry stated that the son of Jan had stated that the house is tied up in court, due to no will. Therefore, at this time, the city agreed to leave the matter alone and reconsider reviewing the situation in September.

Clerk: Sandra stated the Page County Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting QPR training, which is training to help identify warning signs of suicidal communications of people in trouble. Sandra encouraged the council to contact Denise Bryant or Gina Moulas at the PCSPC. Classes are free of charge. Contact number 712-246-4254 Roll offs have been ordered for June 9-11 City Wide clean up. Eric S. asked if the city was going to be advertised in the local paper, Sandra stated that she places on KMA closer to the date of event. It will be posted on KMA at the end of month.

Council: There was small discussion about railroad/shipping containers in town. Mahlon will review other ordinances in the matter. Mahlon stated his schedule will vary due to his wife being recently DX with a low-grade cancer. She will have some important surgeries and appointments soon; he asked the council to please have patience at this time. The council understood.

Public: Eric Showers asked about 210 Old Highway property as it has increasingly become an issue with more and more items on property. Mahlon stated he would handle a letter to the property owner.

Adjournment

 Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Karen MillerAll in favor: yes Motion carried