
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes November 2020

Call to order

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **November 2, 2020** Attendees included Ron Peterman, Sam Woodruff, Sandra Bilokonsky, Sherry Stuvick, Joe Dow, Kevin Johnson, Patty Johnson, Mahlon Sorensen, Lyle Palmer, and Karen Miller. A quorum was present.

Approval of minutes

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

Reading of Agenda

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

Reports

On the 9th of October deputies were dispatched to 301 Hersey for a welfare check, deputies checked everything was okay. On the 31st the Reserves handed out Halloween Treats to kids. Lyle stated in total on Operation Trick or Treak they probably handed treats to over 300 kids. He stated Operation Blessing will happen this year. Donations can be accepted of Christmas wrappings and bows, however they are not accepting toys/gifts. If you want to donate money that is ok. They try to match wish list. He stated the blessing will be done differently this year to abide COVID restrictions.

Time: 16.5

Unfinished business

Mahlon stated he did not get a response from Christine Nicholson at Nodaway (Daniel Stone's sister) other than a green card on the certified mail. He did get a call from John in Page County jail with the assistance of Lyle Palmer. John indicated that his sister had contacted him about the city taking the property. The sister did not was to deal with the city and stated that John needed to deal with the City Attorney. Mahlon stated that John gave the usual of trying to get on the straight path. He stated it's a family house and his ex wife was going to help with recovering the premises and go to the property to clean it up. Mahlon asked if anyone had seen clean up on the property. Patty and Sam both stated that Gary Kent had been taking items out of the house. Sam stated that there was not really clean up of the outside of the property, just removal of items inside. Joe stated that the roof leaks really bad. Kevin stated that it had been leaking for a long time. Lyle stated that there was platic on the inside that collected the water. Council discussed if they should hire a independent inspector to inspect the house. Sam noted that the property lot is small, therefore that it is not a lot that is markable. Sam noted that there were people that was interested in buying the property before Daniel passed away, however Daniel said no. Council spoke about how the family can not sell the property without the property going through probate, the property has not been through probate. If they try to sell the property it will be illegal to do so. Mahlon stated if there was an interested buyer that would make it easier on the city. Council discussed further and concluded to have city officials such as Mahlon, Sam or Sandra enter the premises to view the property.

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

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

Sandra noted Mahlon's bill this month is \$444.55, it is noted that city's water bill is higher due the a leak at city hall. The toilet has been fixed, the handle was broken. Sandra stated the invoice of Christmas flags did come in but is noted on bills to be paid, the amount is \$1255

Business

Water/Sewer: There were a couple water leaks in town that have been fixed, water useage has gone down. One leak was at city hall toilet, handle was broken. Sam and Sandra talked about Josh, he was the only person left with a leak. Sam has a meter ready to go, for a new pit installation on his barn property. City is just waiting for all parties involved to have work done. Sam stated he did get an update from DNR on the Lynn Bloom issue, DNR requested information, Sam took photos and sent the information requested.

Streets: Tractor is back from Whipps and is ready for winter, it has the weights on the tires. Sam stated you can tell a difference. Sam will be installing the Christmas flags while the weather is nicer. Joe asked if the flags are bolted to the poles, Sandra showed the system to council it is a band system.

Mayor: Ron stated that budget will be coming and he will be getting together with Dee. Sam mention he would like for the city to include in the budget for the playground. He stated the shelter needs a new roof and would like to put a metal roof in. He also stated that, playground is outdated and more little kids are in town. We need to update the equipment. Sandra noted as when she looked for grants, the city has to pay for part of the playground equipment. Commerical equipment at the min is \$24K. Patty noted her church had a new swing set made and CI had built it, HULL trailers had donated the pipe, that could be an option. Sam stated that Harvest Church has a pretty good playground set and maybe we could ask Scott where they got it. Sandra stated the city would have to make sure it is in the inspection guidelines for insurance, Joe agreed. Church over City may have different rules applied to them. Council discussed playground a bit futher and conclusion is to have Sandra look into options. Sam also requested for the budget fencing for the lagoon area, as cows are breaking fence. Council was in agreement that is a priority, Sandra asked Patty if she knew people that did fencing, Patty stated yes. Her and Sam will discuss at later time. City employee pay raises are up for budget discuss. Kevin asked about refresher on the issue, Sandra stated that when raises were discuss last round the pay raises for January were based upon review, not automatic, the only automatic was last year, each following year is up for review. Sandra stated that this year she would like to include Sam's hourly rate as it was not discussed last year. Karen asked how much? Sandra stated she has two figures, one is based at 3% and one at 5% so council can see the differences. Sandra stated both projections- 5% is high but did include it, when speaking to council. Noted for minutes is the projected 3% presented to council.

<i>projected</i>	3% Raise		GROSS
SANDRA BILOKONSKY	6010		\$822.10
	6374.9	Water	\$212.10
	6375.9	Sewer	\$212.10
		SB total	\$1,246.30
SAM WOODRUFF	6010		\$0.00
	6374.9	Water	\$546.36
	6375.9	Sewer	\$546.36
		Sam total	\$1,092.72
RONALD PETERMAN	meter		\$117.60
Sam Hourly			\$15.45

Council discuss, Council was all in agreement that 3% was to high especially in for the year of COVID, however settled for a 2% raise for across the board. Karen mention if the council could get a raise as well. Ron stated that it can be placed on the agenda, however it would not be able to be done until after next election. Council discussed council raises, Sandra agreed to place on agenda. Kevin called for a motion on the city employee raises.

Motion to set city employee raises for January 2021 increase 2%

<i>Passed Raised for Jan 2021</i>	2% Raise		GROSS
SANDRA BILOKONSKY	6010		\$810.00
	6374.9	Water	\$212.10
	6375.9	Sewer	\$212.10
		SB total	\$1,234.20
SAM WOODRUFF	6010		\$0.00
	6374.9	Water	\$541.21
	6375.9	Sewer	\$540.91
		Sam total	\$1,082.12

