
Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes November 2022

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **November 7, 2022**. Attendees Ron Peterman, Mahlon Sorensen, Sherry Stuvick, Patty Johnson, Patty LaFoy, Joe Dow, Karen Miller, Sam Woodruff, and Sandra Bilokonsky. A quorum was present. Lyle Palmer was absent Deputy Charles McCalla was present in his place.

Approval of minutes

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

Reading of Agenda

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

Reports

10/9/22 Sheriff's office was called to the Church of God to speak with pastor William Fidler who wanted to report one of his church members (Jimmy White) had caused a scene earlier that day yelling things to other church goers. Jimmy had been asked to leave and he did, but also said that he could come back. William was advised to let the department know if anything further happened.

10/28/22 Deputy was dispatched to town for open burning violation during the burn ban. Eric McCalla was cited to court for open burning violation.

10/30/22 Deputy was dispatched to 510 2nd Street for a report of someone driving through the yard. Appears someone missed the corner and ran through the ditch striking an old bed frame and 55 gal. drum.

11/3/22 Deputies were dispatched to 409 Cinder Alley for a report of open burning. Deputy located the fire and spoke to Jimmy Blank who was burning in a barrel with a grate over the top. He advised he was going to put it out anyway as the wind had picked up significantly. This is legal according to the Iowa Code.

Deputy McCalla stated the burn ban is still in effect. Sandra stated she will post something via social media and flyer. McCalla stated he will have emergency management due the same.

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 E. McCalla was fined \$1000 for Pitbull violation. The judge cited if the Pitbull is in city limits again, automatic \$1000 fine. Mahlon stated that a % will come to the city of that fine. Patty stated there is concerns about little kids running about the town and the dog getting loose. Sandra and Sherry were present during his court appearance. Sandra stated that she asked the judge what the city can do to enforce the order. Judge stated to have the city contact Mahlon. Sandra stated that would have to be Ron to contact Mahlon.

Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

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

Bills paid for the month of August General Fund; \$5371.95 Water Fund; \$3780.69 Sewer Fund; \$1679.32

Business

Water/Sewer: Water is okay, there was rise in usage. Sam stated they moved Roger Barr and Lisa Foster's water pits to higher ground. The ground water was an issue previously. Sam stated the lead line survey will have to start soon as this will take a physical inspection. Patty asked Sam if there were any low-pressure issues on West Street as she has had some days of low pressure. Sam stated no he had not had any complaints.

Street: Sam stated Project Clean Brush he found someone that hires (Shane Hunt). The project will encompass Hersey, SE Wall, First and Second Street and a few other intersections. It is a tractor that cuts and mulches the brush. The project will cost \$1200-\$1500. Joe stated that was inexpensive for the type of work. Tractor is at Whipp for winterization.

Mayor: Ron stated that during the landfill meeting, the landfill is losing \$235K a year in recycling. Recycling is required by DNR, however only 3% is being meet out of the 25% required therefore the landfill must pay. Page County landfill is thinking about pulling some of the 44 bins in Taylor, Mills, Montgomery, and possible small towns. Ron is against them pulling from the small towns, as Shambaugh uses the recycle bin greatly. Patty stated if the county is losing that much money, they need to stop something. Ron stated with the requirement

of DNR, hands are tied. Ambulance service topic was discussed briefly, as it is an issue on the ballot. It would be an additional cost like the 28 E agreement.

Clerk: Sandra stated that the MidAmerican Grant has been submitted and she received a confirmation of grant submission the previous day. Sandra applied for Keep Iowa Beautiful grant, which is paint supplies for refresh city hall and park. Sandra asked Judi McCoy to cross train in the event of medical need, as she has ongoing health issues. She asked the council if Judi could be paid during that time period. Council agreed, Sam stated to the council he believes it should be on case load basics. There was more discussion, Sandra and Judi stated that Judi doesn't want her job, however, is willing to help on the water side if need. Judi will still volunteer on grants. Council agreed that it is good to have a standby. Bill Pay survey went out during November billing, there has not been a response. Sandra stated that there was response on the social media bill pay survey link, most of the votes were no, due to extra fees bill pay would be passed to customers. Council stated that bill pay is dead issue. Sandra stated that she gave Sam schematics on a dog agility course and working with Judi to submit for a small dog park. The dog park would be part of the city park. Sandra stated that this submission would be for the Clarinda Foundation.

Council: NA

Public: NA

Adjournment

Motion Joe Dow

Second Patty La Foy

All in favor: yes

Motion carried