#### **Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes September 2021**

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on **September 7, 2021** Attendees included Sam Woodruff, Sandra Bilokonsky, Sherry Stuvick, Patty Johnson, Ron Peterman, Joe Dow, Mahlon Sorensen and Karen Miller. Lyle Palmer was not present. Bob and Judi McCoy were in attendance for public. A 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 Patty Johnson All in favor: yes Motion carried

ARPA NEU funding was added the agenda.

#### Reports

8-04-21 Sheriff's Office was called to the Stimpson's on Hersey in Shambaugh for a domestic incident. There was no assault on one party left for the night. 8-11-21 Monthly Emergency Siren Test. It functioned properly. 8-12-21 Deputies were dispatched to 106 Hersey for verbal between family members. One left for the night, as it was all verbal at this time. 8-12-21 and 8-25-21 Deputies attempted to serve a warrant at 418 Main. Deputies were unable to locate the wanted person at the property. 8-12-21 Deputies were dispatched back to 106 Hersey for verbal incident. Once again, all verbal and family member left for the night. 8-30-21 Deputies arrested Michael Morton at 201 Fifth Street.

GPS Time: 22.68 hrs

Unfinished Business Mahlon stated that the state deemed ambulance services as essential services therefore there can be taxed to support. He stated the support would be tax on personal property not on 28E agreement.

## Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

Motion Joe Dow Second Karen Miller All in favor: yes Motion carried

# **Business**

Water/Sewer: Sam is working with Rural Water to find leak in city. RW will do a measure between 1-2am, Sam states he believes we are losing approx. 5 gal per minute, according to his calculations. RW will confirm Sam's calculations, then it will be process of elimation to isolate street/s. Sam stated if the leak runs parallel to the sewer, we might not find the leak. Sam will request from Sandra when he starts the process to isolate location, he stated it would be best to do 1-2am.

Streets: Tube has been replaced; Sam needs dirt to finish. City has not received bill from Byron for his help with tube. The city saved ½ of the cost if they tube was outsourced to fix.

Mayor: NA

Clerk: Sandra filed a clerk certificate on Sept 1 for non payment of a water bill. Sandra stated she begun a playground project excel tracker for the Clarinda Foundation and for the city. Sandra purchased 2 items for the playground, and they will be delivered on September 23. Sandra stated her student from Mexico, Ale has taken inventory for the reading community service project left behind from her student from Thailand. They decided on the date March 5, since March 2 is Dr. Suess reading day and would be a good day to focus on reading. Ale has deadlines she is following, including looking for volunteers and donations of children books to give to the kids. More information will be announced at later date. Sandra brought up the ARPA funding. Sandra noted that the American Rescue Plan funds phase 1 has been deposited in the city's general account on 8/27/21 for the amount of \$13337.62 the city will received a total amount of \$26675.24 however she did not know when phase 2 would be distributed. She stated she has a list of all the city's in Iowa amounts, if anyone was wanted to compare. Sandra has been reading a document on federal guidance on hoe the funds should be spent. She also received from IPERS if employers received premium pay which is a type of bonus they are not covered under Iowa Code, therefore IPERS will not collect. Sandra stated bonuses are up to the Council. Sandra stated funds are to be used for water/sewer infrastructure. "To assist in meeting the critical need for investments and improvements to existing infrastructure in water, sewer and broadband, the Fiscal Recovery Funds provide funds to State, local and Tribal governments to make necessary investments in these sectors....investments in projects that improve access to clean drinking water, improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems.." "It is important that necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructe be carried out in ways that produce high quality infrastructure, avert disruptive

and costly delays, and promote efficiency. Treasury encourages recipients to ensure that water, sewer and broadband projects use strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions, not only to promote effective and efficient delivery of high quality infrastructure projects but also to support the economic recovery...." Sandra read from the supporting documents for use of funds. Sandra stated that funds could be used for playground due to the following section "....investments in parks, public plazas and other public outdoor recreation spaces may be responsive to the needs of disproportionately impacted communities by promoting healthier living environments and outdoor recreation and socialization to communities. ....could include support to enhance outdoor spaces for COVID 19 mitigation...or to improve the built environment of the neighborhood...many governments saw significantly increased use of parks during the pandemic that resulted in damage or increased maintenance needs." Sandra stated to the council that she is aware that Sam has a wish list of items that the monies could be used for and we could also improve part of the park. Patty asked Sam about pits, Sam stated he knows of 2 right now. There was a discussion about insulated man hole covers. Sam stated that a little rehab was needed at station. Sandra stated she would get a wish list from Sam. Sandra moved conversation to the CARES Act funds. Sandra was sent an email 3 days before the deadline to used the remainder of the CARES Act funds dedicated to local governments. These funds were to dedicated to new computer equipment. Sandra ordered new computers for office, Ron and Sam. She stated out of the \$9500 allotted, only spent \$7500. These systems were in government packages, and the city was NOT entitled to the remainder of the funds. Sandra does not know when computers will be mailed out as the government has not sent that email at this date. Sandra welcomed our new community members Bob and Judi McCoy. Council spoke to the them casually.

Council: none

Public Communication: none

#### Adjournment

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