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| Shambaugh City Council Meeting Minutes October 1, 2018 |

# Call to order

A meeting of Shambaugh City Council Meeting was held at Shambaugh City Hall on July 2, 2018. Attendees included Ron Peterman, Mahlon Sorensen, Bobbi Whitehill, Karen Miller, Sherry Stuvick, Sam Woodruff, Kevin Johnson, Patty Johnson, Lyle Palmer and Sandra Bilokonsky. Several community members in public attendance. Jodi Hilsabeck in attendance. Quorum was present.

# Approval of minutes

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

# Reading of Agenda

Motion Sherry Stuvick Second Kevin JohnsonAll in favor: yes Motion carried

# Reports

September 12th deputies was called out for a disturbance on 606 Main between Kyle Woldruff and BJ Woodruff, dog issue. September 29th Kyle Woldruff was arrested for attempting to elude law enforcement on an ATV. Hours: 14.63

# Unfinished business

Attorney Mahlon Sorensen discussed the landfill, there is a movement Page County and Freemont county to make sure what trash is removed out of Page County stays in Page County, therefore trash collectors will be required to have a permit from the city stating that abide by the 28E agreement created in Page County Landfill Commission. The Resolution Proposing the Amendment of Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities- Refuse Collection requires any commercial hauler of trash to obtain a license from the Page County Sanitary Landfill Commission and trash will be disposed of at Page County Landfill. The landfill commission is requiring towns that have their trash picked up in Page County, state within their city ordinances that trash will be sent to Page County Landfill and no outside landfill such as Missouri or Nebraska. Thus protecting the obligations of Page County Landfill and costumers. This is the first reading of resolution. Currently this issue has risen due the accusation of Shenandoah landfill and contractors trying to control the market. If they get control of the market it is hard for a small town to do anything about issues. Sandra stated it's a trickle effect, that our garbage will go up the more hands are in the pot dealing with waste management. She stated this is very common is bigger cities. Mayor stated what may happen as well as that Page County Landfill, then would turn into a transfer station and then trash would wait to go a city such as Des Moines or Nebraska City. Patty asked about the town's that have trash part of their utility bills, therefore everyone has to pay. Mayor stated that the towns then are contracted to one trash hauler. Patty asked how something like that work would for Shambaugh. Mahlon stated the town would be in the business of trash service. Sandra is concerned about if a new trash service comes into place if she will be notified, as currently she is only aware of 2 trash services that pick up in Shambaugh. This discussion has been condense in minutes. Motion set forth to approve the first reading of The Resolution Proposing the Amendment of Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities- Refuse Collection.

Motion Karen Miller Second Sherry StuvickAll in favor: yes Motion carried

Malhon stated that Auten property is now the city’s property. Auten requested with the city councils approval to allow him to retrieve items from the property. Council had discussion, that is was ok, as long as a set day was set up for him to arrive. If he doesn’t arrive on set day after discussions with Auten’s attorney. The items belong to city. Joe Dow, expressed interest in the property. The Mayor stated he has contacted the Goodpasture real estate agent to let them know, that the property is now the towns for any possible buyer. Mahlon will get in contact with Sam and Sandra on day for Auten to remove items. Sandra stated she does not want anyone to go in the house without a mask due to the air quality and possible mold in the house. Both Sandra and Sam felt ill, after inspecting and securing the property. The attorney and Sandra agree the house needs to be flatten. Motion was carried to have Auten’s attorney and Mahlon arrange a date to pick up his items. Council stated no show, he is done.

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

Sandra notified the attorney in regards to the Gary Kent alley way, attorney will work on that issue. Mahlon requested for Jim Chambers to contact him, Sandra stated she will contact Jim.

# Motion to Bills and Unpaid Bills

Motion Karen Miller Second Sherry StuvickAll in favor: yes Motion carried

Sandra announced that a bill in the amount of $764.63 for Mahlon Sorensen, breakdown of the bill is as follows: Sandra also announce the bill reimbursement for PayPal is for the notary supplies required, stamp and book. Several council members inquired about her notary status, Sandra stated she has received the documents from Iowa in regards to her commission.

# Business

Jodi Hilsabeck, Technical Assistance Midwest Assistance Program (MAP): Jodi noted the letter in city council packets, in regards to the sewer rate study. She gathered information from the accountant and Sandra to assist her in this study. Correction in letter is waste water, not drinking water. Jodi stated the highlights of the letter, which included projected figured based on previous financial and operation/maintenance expenses. Jodi noted that cost to fix any sewer related items, such and pumps etc., can cost the city over $5K, at this time the city of Shambaugh is not prepared for an emergency. Her current suggestion is the following: conduct a rate review annually during budget process, have a vulnerability assessment completed and have emergency response plans updated accordingly, have city council attend capacity development training, review water ordinances to implement a 3%cost of inflation increase annually effective July 1. Patty asked if the base rate is per 1000 gallons for clarification. Base rate suggestion is $29.58 Patty asked Sandra for current rates. Water is $45 and current Sewer rate is $25 with $1 increase 1000 per gallons. We start at 2000 gallons on our water rates. Base rate is fixed expenses that must be paid, as well as reserve accounts to sustain healthy waste water systems. Jodi stated for the city council to take the information and decide. Currently the sewer is not maintaining a healthy balance if there is an emergency. Rates are on how big a town is, the more people the less costs that are passed to consumers. Nationwide the base rate is $40. City council will review findings and move forward to make decisions for the beginning of the New Year.

Water/Sewer: Sam stated it’s been pretty quiet this past month. Nothing to report. There is a delay on the tube replacement on North Main St, due to wet weather. Sam did note that in regards to Jodi recommend rate increase, that she is correct if we did have anything happen, we currently do not have the funds in the sewer account to handle any emergencies, however since the water account is healthy, that possible we could offset the rate increase by lowering the water rate. Sandra agreed. The mayor also agreed, since the water does not have a lot of moving parts anymore.

Mayor: Mayor stated the landfill gives discounts for house disposal down, so to whomever bids on the Auten property in the future to make sure that information is passed forward. Teresa Parker would like to cook pies for a wedding in the community building. Council discussed it would be fine as long as she paid for gas used. Small fee of $5. Mayor stated on next newsletter Teresa requested if we could mention that she would like to start a quilting group and to have them contact her.

Clerk: Westridge Quality Care and Rehab has reached out to Sandra in regards to senior meals for the community. Sandra stated that she told them to pick a time date and she will schedule it for the community of Shambaugh. This will be part of her community outreach program, use of the community building will be used. Sandra asked about the property of 213 4th St, since it has been sitting with a for sale sign and a few community members have asked what is next for that property as well. Council discussed the property and other yard complaints and it was agreed to have Sandra contact the attorney.

Council: Council will need to think about what is next for the Auten property. This will be placed on next month’s agenda.

Public: 503 Main Alley way, Steve W. the owner of the property was present to speak about an issue in regards to the Church not allowing the tenet to park where the old garage once stood for the house. On beacon that land does show that it is church property, however for many years before it was always used before Steve had bought the house, so suddenly now it is an issue. This is caused an issue, as the dirt alley way is the only access to the property. Steve is asking for the city to place rock on alley way. Council discussed the matter. Motion was set forth to have Sam place spread rock in the alley way which is city property.

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

Stolz famly asked if their land issue was a dead issue in regards to the smell from the standing water. He stated is was from decomposed tadpoles. The land issue is dead at this time. Joe Dow stated if he takes the Auten property, he will have it demolished in a short amount of time, to get rid of the eye sore. Sandra thanked Joe for taking care of the property over the summer time.

Adjournment

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