



12-13-2022 a regular meeting of the Shellsburg City Council was called to order by Mayor Speckner at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. Roll Call was answered by Vogt, Reeves, Harvey, Thorkildson, and Travis.

Thorkildson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Reeves second. All ayes.

Jeff Bervid requested removing an old sidewalk and rolling the ditch so he can mow when the new house is built. The Council has two members working on reviewing sidewalks throughout town and requested that the Bervid's return to the March meeting to advise how to move forward.

Superintendent Robertson has been working on the Timber Ridge contract, solar project, and looking for a water leak off Grand Avenue. Bids should come in next week for the new bridge project. 12/14/22 a storm drain will be installed across from City Hall on Main Street.

Superintendent McNeal has the shop cleaned, snow removal equipment ready, and busy with cemetery work. Suggested surveying low areas due to increased cremations.

The library reports were reviewed.

November revenues were reviewed. November revenues are as follows: General \$ 11,011.59; Library \$ 803.71; RUT \$10,452.30; Employee Benefits \$1,233.03; Emergency Fund \$278.86; TIF \$1,366.51; Debt Service \$2,656.58; Water \$12,626.29; Sewer \$20,231.99; Garbage \$11,271.86. Thorkildson motioned to approve the November Treasurer's report, seconded by Harvey. All ayes.

The sheriff's report was reviewed.

Harvey motioned to approve the November claims, seconded by Reeves. All ayes. The November claims are as follows: AAA Pest Control \$31.00; ACCO \$779.80; Alliant \$4,887.44; Altorfer \$6,344.17; Appraver \$96.89; Benton County Auditor \$8,450.00; Benton County Engineer \$1,657.83; Benton County Solid Waste \$1,265.00; C&S Concrete, grave opening \$250.00; Cedar River Billboard, new city signs \$2,400.00; City Laundry \$108.11; D&S Portables \$95.00; IRS \$5,003.54; GIS Benefits \$217.14; GO VS \$35.00; gWorks \$2,809.00; Impact 7G \$1,645.00; Iowa Rural Water Assoc. \$225.00; IPERS \$3,106.05; John Deere \$95.98; Johnson County Refuse \$6,993.00; Microbac Labs \$436.37; Lynch Dallas \$160.50; Michael Vanderheiden, sidewalk by new bridge \$500.00; Municipal Supply \$1,320.00; Palo Savings Bank, credit card charges \$2,014.35; REC \$167.83; Roy's \$13.65; Shellsburg Elevator \$20.00; Shellsburg Quick Stop \$635.22; Simple Sky \$318.00; St. Lukes \$25.00; Treasurer of State \$728.00; Technicom \$460.96; Treasurer of State \$1,009.76; Unity Point \$42.00; USA Communications \$126.88; USPS \$159.28; Vinton Newspaper \$339.81; Wellmark \$4,640.29; Tim Estling \$245.05; Christie Kintzel \$1,447.20; Maybell McDaniel \$244.63; Scott McNeal \$4,653.75; Shane Rieck \$2,667.00; Rick Robertson \$5,587.50; Barb Tracey \$4,901.00.

The review of the comprehensive plan was moved to the second meeting in January 2023.

The Verizon contract was discussed.

The council gave suggestions for reserve accounts to be set in new budget.

Three resident properties were discussed and are to be referred to the city attorney regarding property clean up.

Thorkildson motioned to approve Resolution# 12-13-2022B, to set a public hearing on proposed vacation and conveyance of unused ROW. Travis seconded. Reeves nay. Vogt and Harvey ayes.

Thorkildson motioned to approve Resolution# 12-13-2022, establishing an additional park in Shellsburg and naming it East Park. Reeves second. All ayes.

The current building permit form was reviewed and discussed. A process is also to be defined for building permits and developments.

The sewer plant annexation was moved to the next meeting.

Vogt motioned to approve Resolution# 12-13-2022A, designating ARPA funds for Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Panel System. Reeves second. All ayes.

Scott McNeal announced his retirement date of 12-31-2022. Congratulations Scott!

Vogt motioned to adjourn, seconded by Reeves. All ayes.