



1-05-2026 a regular meeting of the Shellsburg City Council was called to order by Mayor Vogt at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll call was answered by Mayor Vogt, Howard, Reeves, Risdal, Lubbock, and Hepker. Hepker motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Reeves. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes.

Public Works: Stephenson reported that they would be going out and evaluating roads and ditches for ongoing maintenance and then will prepare a list of all maintenance needed. Rieck will be preparing a list and getting a price on stumps in the city right-of-way that will need to be ground. Superintendent Robertson reported that PFAS testing had been completed on well #3 and the results came back that no PFAS was present. The council gave them the go ahead to proceed to get prices on a replacement truck for the 30-year-old dump truck. Further discussion on replacing the truck will be on the February agenda.

Hepker motioned to approve the December claims, seconded by Risdal. All ayes. The December claims were as follows: AAA Pest Control \$ 62.00; ACCO \$699.20; Alliant \$2,468.93; Amber Smith \$ 195.00; Appraver \$115.75; Arnold Motor Supply \$93.21; Benton County Solid Waste \$ 1,912.15; Cedar Rapids Municipal \$94.05; City of Laundry \$203.89; City of Palo \$ 157.14; Consolidated Energy \$1,530.62; Edmunds, software implementation \$ 4,875.00; IRS \$8,782.23; Electronic Engineering \$490.25; Eocene \$43.25; G&H Electric \$85.00; GFC Leasing \$ 372.16; Grainger \$91.68; IPERS \$5,757.17; Jennifer Zoller, Big Day Band \$3,500.00; John Deere Financial \$329.84; Johnson County Refuse \$13,795.95; Microbac Labs \$1,201.00; Konica Minolta \$162.35; Lynch Dallas \$40.00; Marge McDonald \$19.60; Martin Equipment \$232.22; Menards \$475.03; Nutri-Ject Systems \$1,000.00; Omni Site \$290.00; Palo Savings Bank \$3,912.44; Penworthy \$61.99; Quill \$81.96; REC \$193.37; Rocky Lubbock \$50.00; Roy's \$13.92; Royal Home Services, floor cleaning \$351.00; Sam's Club \$ 49.50; Schimberg \$448.00; Shellsburg Quick Stop \$140.71; Sherwin-Williams, city hall paint, \$172.18; Simplexsky \$120.00; State Hygienic Lab \$736.00; Treasurer of State \$938.04; Stoner's Radiator Service \$2,145.00; Strand Associates, WW Plant rerate \$5,251.00; USA Bluebook \$106.44; USA Communications \$146.91; USPS \$207.40; Viking Industrial Painting, waterball cleanout \$2,150.00; Vinton Newspaper \$ 320.46; Wellmark \$2,663.96; Tim Estling \$413.60; Sharon Harvey \$1040.00; Scott Hepker \$720.00; Tina Lillie \$726.00; Marge McDonald \$1,918.14; Linda Peters \$ 891.00; Brian Reeves \$960.00; Shane Rieck \$5,969.56; Rick Robertson \$ 9,943.56; Karl Stephenson \$5,790.83; Barb Tracey \$7,987.95; Lori Travis \$960.00; Phil Travis \$1,999.20; Shadoe Vogt \$920.00.

Hepker motioned to approve the November bank reconciliation, seconded by Risdal. All ayes.

Risdal motioned to approve the November Treasurer's report, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

Risdal motioned to approve the November revenues, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

The November revenues were as follows: General \$ 19,074.96; Library \$3,115.25; Rec Dept \$ 298.00; RUT \$11,986.62; Employee Benefits \$1,511.64; TIF \$1,310.65; Debt Service \$ 6,341.91; Water \$17,423.34; Sewer \$ 29,370.57; Garbage \$ 14,068.50.

Public forum: Lori Travis mentioned their garbage wasn't picked up and asked if the Venmo account was set up for the rec department.

Council Forum: The budget workshop was set for Saturday, January 17-2026 at 9:00am in the council chambers. Hepker will oversee updating the city's comprehensive plan and he is looking for an additional council member to assist. Mayor Vogt advised the council to forward completion certificates from open meetings class to the city clerk to be kept on file at city hall. Concerns regarding the elevator were discussed. The mayor reported that the sidewalk policy was sent to the city attorney for review and mentioned the MLA registration to the council. Reeves motioned to purchase a used sand spreader from the City of Fairfax for \$1,500.00, seconded by Hepker. All ayes.

Mayor Vogt mentioned that a new Facebook page has been created for businesses in town to post information on. Grave opening fees were discussed. The clerk is to prepare a resolution for the next meeting, increasing the fees from \$700.00 to \$800.00. The mayor appointed the following council members as liaisons: Reeves-library; Howard-Rec Dept.; Risdal-Big Day; Hepker-Fire Dept. The mayor appointed Lonnie Speckner & Hunter Eaton to the P&Z board and Brittany Roettman & Travis Waters to the Board of Adjustments.

Rieck mentioned that he plans to seek employment elsewhere. The date of departure will be determined later.

The mayor noted that the city has part time help lined up for snow removal if necessary. The mayor updated the council of discussions he has been having with the current garbage hauler, and they have scheduled a meeting for January 13.

Hepker motioned to purchase two TV's and a laptop, not to exceed \$ 2,300.00, seconded by Risdal. All ayes. The TV's will be used as monitors at city hall.

Mayor Vogt appointed Scott Hepker as Mayor Pro Tem.

Additional software modules will be discussed at the next meeting.

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