



1-20-2026 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 Risdal, Reeves, Lubbock, Hepker, and Howard.

Hepker motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

The 4th quarter law enforcement report was reviewed. Deputy Garwood introduced himself from the Benton County Sheriff's office and answered any questions residents or council had.

Kelli Cornwell with Riverview Center introduced herself and the services they provide.

Jim Hidingier gave a presentation on the park project/music garden.

The Big Day committee gave some insight on some changes they would like to make this year and requested Pearl Street be closed between Jones and Main Street for the day. The street closure and parade route will be discussed at the next meeting, as well as park equipment.

There wasn't any public forum.

Council Forum: The mayor mentioned that recycling will be picked up first moving forward hopefully helping with issues from the recent strong winds and the tipping over of many carts, also in case the landfill would be closed. The building permit is now on the website and once the clerk hears from the inspector with the permit number and fee residents can pay online if they would like. VJ Engineering is currently doing nuisances/property clean up. This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. \

Reeves motioned to approve the new appointees to the P&Z Board, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

Risdal motioned to approve the new appointments to the BOA Board, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

The council discussed the additional software and concluded that we can handle in house.

The sidewalk policy and suggestions from the city attorney are to be reviewed and brought to the next meeting.

The Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments will meet Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the updating of the Comprehensive Plan.

The clerk is to email contacts at ISU for training and possible help with the Comprehensive Plan.

The resident leak was discussed and since they were running water to prevent pipes bursting the council would not consider taking off the sewer portion.

Reeves motioned to approve Resolution #01-20-2026A, Verizon contract and signing, seconded by Howard. All ayes.

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