

2-07-22 a 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 Harvey, Thorkildson, Travis, Vogt, and Reeves.

Mayor Speckner opened a public hearing for Ordinance #467, to adopt the updated "Code of Ordinances." There was discussion as to which chapters and items were updated. Thorkildson will get that information to City Hall, the Library, and have it posted on the City Facebook page. Reeves motioned to close the public hearing, second by Vogt. All ayes.

Reeves motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #467, second by Harvey. All ayes.

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

Superintendent Robertson reported pressing sludge, getting bids on portable generators, and waiting for one more asphalt bid. The county siren options were discussed and Robertson will get pricing to help with the decision. Vogt motioned to approve Resolution #02-07-2022, to enter into an agreement for engineering related to the water treatment system with Fox Strand. Reeves second. All ayes.

Superintendent McNeal is working on budget pricing, cleaning machines and the shop. He will get pricing on a mower for the cemetery. The library reports were reviewed and questions were answered.

Harvey motioned to approve the following January claims, second by Thorkildson. All ayes. AAA Pest Control \$ 31.00; Alliant \$5,749.42; Amanda Rhinehart \$13.74; Baker & Taylor, library books \$166.33; Benton County Auditor, election costs \$814.72; IRS \$ 4,975.35; Fastenal \$26.38; Frank Hulshizer & Dad, Storage trailer rent \$2,300.00; G&H, pole lights in park \$75.00; GIS Benefits \$77.40; Gordon Flesch, City Hall copier \$113.44; Grainger, warning strobe \$66.55; IPERS \$2,957.85; John Deere Financial \$198.53; Johnson County Refuse \$6,993.00; Keystone Labs \$ 378.00; Konica Minolta, Library copier \$ 121.43; Lynch Dallas \$428.50; Mutual Wheel Co, mud flaps \$27.46; Orogen Design, arch bridge hydraulic modeling \$7,080.00; Palo Savings Bank \$2,713.59; Polydyne \$791.78; Quill \$195.89; REC \$224.55; Shellsburg Quick Stop \$436.85; Simple Sky \$48.00; State Hygienic Laboratory \$13.50; Treasurer State of Iowa \$681.00; USA Communications \$247.79; USPS \$142.00; Vinton Newspaper \$67.86; Vulcan Industries, screening bags \$368.00; Wellmark \$3,442.86; Heather Clark \$331.50; Tim Estling \$701.26; Julie Kimm \$1,739.50; Scott McNeil \$5,118.00; Rick Robertson \$5,853.60; Taylor Shipley \$350.00; Barb Tracey \$4,710.13.

Public Forum – discussion of options to help with speeding on Jones Street. Stop sign, speed sign, have the county ticket. Thorkildson motioned to set the public hearing for the Max Tax Levy on the 22nd of February meeting at 6:00pm. Reeves second. All ayes.

There was continued discussion on the museum. The council requested to have the Board meet so the Council could ask questions.

The clerk is to ask the auditor if incorrect penalties can be removed from delinquents then bring actual amounts to council for review. Postings of resolutions and ordinances have never been posted with the agenda. If the public would like to review before the meeting, they are welcome to visit City Hall and read them before the Council passes. Per State Code roll call votes are not required. They are suggested on larger items such as resolutions and ordinances, but not required.

The mayor is to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting to give input on the rate increase, February 10th at 5:30pm, Vinton.

The request for an additional handicap sign at the school was denied as it is only one parking space in front and there are additional spaces on the back of the school. Temporary parking for pizza was not acceptable at this time. Check if a parallel space is available and if so it would be available for all businesses and would require the ordinance to be updated.

Final pay on the Dixie Desotel property was received. The balance above expenses \$ 1,282.06 will be sent to the County as required.

Hiring a new employee was discussed. The mayor will meet with the Superintendents and clerk to get a set of parameters for the position.

Direct deposit was denied at this time, as it is not cost effective.

Cemetery software was discussed and more information requested.

Vogt motioned to adjourn, second by Reeve's. All ayes.