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2-17-2026 a regular meeting of the Shellsburg City Council was called to order by Mayor Vogt at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. Roll call was answered by Lubbock, Hepker, Howard, Risdal, and Reeves.

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

Lori Travis pointed out that the minutes date on the consent agenda was incorrect and should have been for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and the February 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

She also mentioned that the special meeting wasn't noted as being in the Council Chambers although the location hadn't been determined at the meeting and also the check for Angie Hazen, under claims needed to be voided and struck from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.

The bids from Republic, Kluesner, and ABC Disposal were opened and they were given an opportunity to speak and took questions. The council wanted time to review and will make a decision at the March 9th meeting.

Howard motioned to approve the January treasurer's report, seconded by Hepker. All ayes.

Risdal motioned to approve the January revenues, seconded by Reeves. All ayes. The January revenues were as follows: General \$5,029.07; Library \$2,408.51; RUT \$11,396.82; Employee Benefits \$278.25; LOST \$11,121.81; TIF \$107.27; Debt Service \$1,152.37; FEMA CD interest \$ 4,484.92; Water \$ 8,754.15; Sewer \$ 19,756.07; Garbage \$6,538.09.

Public Forum: Lori Travis with above corrections to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes, Justin Crawford mentioned his concerns about the park equipment repairs, and Nancy Thorkildson would like to be on the next agenda to request the park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Iowa Steel Band. She said an additional 3-4 more pieces have been donated for the music garden. Crawford mentioned his concern of the music garden being placed in a floodplain. The superintendent will speak with DNR.

Council forum: The mayor asked the council to review the packet from the Shellsburg Business Owners Association and they will discuss at the next meeting.

The statement of a "reasonable amount of time" in the sidewalk policy was discussed and will remain.

A resolution is to be brought to the next meeting. Hepker motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 484, to update water rates, seconded by Howard. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes.

Hepker motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance #485 updating sewer rates and services, seconded by Risdal. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes.

The Big Day Board ordinance was reviewed and discussed. It will be updated and brought to the next meeting for its first reading.

The mayor gave an update on the playground equipment. Howard motioned not to exceed \$ 4,500.00 to powder coat the playground equipment, seconded by Risdal. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes.

The mayor provided an update on the hiring process and they have one more interview yet to complete.

The clerk updated that Palo cannot participate in the P&Z training on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May so another date will be selected.

Hepker motioned to approve having a Stroll & Shop Vendor Fair on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10:00am -2:00pm. Risdal seconded. All ayes.

Hepker motioned to set a public hearing for the Max Tax Levy on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:30pm. Howard seconded. All ayes.

The City Wide Garage Sales have been set for May 15-17, 2026.

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