

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe
Council Members: Jeff Kelley, Kim Westergard (absent), Dallin Jolley, and Don West
Public Work Director: Justin Johnson
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek
Police Chief: Chad Purser
Recreation Director: Mikel Anderson
City Building Inspector/Planner: Jordon Johnson
Deputy City Clerk: Lisa Ybarra

Pledge of Allegiance: Justin Johnson

Prayer: Kim Westergard

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Don moved, Jeff seconded to approve the consent calendar:

Council Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024

Work Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024

July Overall Budget & Treasurer's Rpt.

July Expenditures

Building Permits:

Dawson Thompson	- fence
Chris Nelson	- new home
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Michael Hay	- new home

A roll call vote was taken: Jeff – aye, Don – aye, Dallin – aye, Kim was absent.
Approved three in favor, one absent.

Jenna Layton – Report on Kids Craft Fair

Jenna Layton was not in attendance to report on the Kids Fair.

Rick Hihath – Easement Request

Rick Hihath said he would like to obtain an easement for his property at 498 E. Center Street. Mr. Hihath's property is in an apartment complex, but he has been using the emergency access which is a city owned former railroad spur to access his property. He has access through the parking lot of the complex currently. The city granted permission several years ago to use the spur as an emergency access per the Fire Chief. Mr. Hihath would like an easement to enter into the Parks Subdivision but there could be no easement because that is completely private property he would have to cross to get to the street. Justin said the city does not maintain railroad spur/emergency access. Sandy was asked to research the

minutes to see if it was designated who if anyone would maintain the emergency access.

Water Improvement Project

The Water Improvement Project is \$16,300,000 which will inventory and remove and replace all lead and copper lines including up to five feet of the foundation on private property. This will also pay to install meters. The grant portion that does not need to be paid back is \$8,000,000 and the loan portion is \$8,300,000 which will be paid back over a period of thirty years at 1% interest. The scope of work will include the removal of all copper and lead fittings, service line replacement on the property owner's property, and the installation of meters. Ted said there is another source of funding through Rural Development for \$10,000,000 to complete the upsizing of the water lines, install boosters, and improve the well, etc. that has been listed in the facility planning study. Ted said if the city does not accept this offer there will likely be no other aid for funding offered by DEQ. The city would need to fund the project alone. The Mayor and Council discussed the project with the understanding that the water rates will need to be raised to be able to pay back the debt when the debt is incurred. The rates will likely need to be increased up to \$60 to \$70 a month but could be altered based on what the Council decides what the base rate will be and a variable flow rate. It will also be altered based on how much we put into our improvement reserve fund. Kim said we have been discussing this project for over a year. She said this has not been an easy decision to make. She said we are trying to look out for our citizens, however the city will not have this funding opportunity again. Kim said she feels this will be a positive thing for the future. Jeff moved, Kim seconded to accept 8 million dollars in grant and 8.3 million dollars in loan with 1% interest from DEQ and allow Mayor Pascoe to execute the surveys and environmental study documents needed to move forward. A roll call vote was taken: Jeff – aye, Kim – aye, Dallin – aye and Don – aye. Approved unanimously. Jeff said the public needs to understand there will be processes and discussions before the metering charges will take place. We will allow the citizens the opportunity to see their usage and make adjustments before any billing occurs. Ted said we will move forward and wait and see what funding may be offered from Rural Development.

Constitution Week Proclamation

Dallin moved, Don seconded to adopt a proclamation proclaiming September 17th through the 24th as Constitution Week. Approved unanimously.

Consider Approval of Westmark Agreement for Brinkman Park Funding

BJ said he has reviewed the agreement with Westmark regarding their contribution for the Brinkman Park Improvements. He said he would like to clarify the start date of the fifteen-year term of the agreement and clarify that the signage would follow the city code. Don recused himself from this discussion as a conflict of interest. Dallin said he would like the start date as January 1, 2025. He said he is awesome that Westmark has agreed to contribute \$125,000 towards the multisport complex and other improvements to the park. Dallin moved, Jeff seconded to accept the agreement and terms Westmark has provided regarding their contribution of \$125,000 to be used for the improvements at Brinkman Park. A roll call vote was taken: Dallin – aye, Jeff- aye, Don – recused himself, and Kim had left the meeting. Approved, motion carried. Mayor Pascoe and the Council Members expressed their appreciation to Westmark.

Department Head Reports

Sandy said Charlotte Fredrickson stopped in to say how wonderful the flowerpots look downtown.

Sandy said the ribbon cutting ceremony for Twilight Park will be September 20, 2024, at noon.

Sandy said Jacqueline Wittwer provided a document updating the Mayor and Council on what has taken place at the Historical Park. The name has been changed to the Snake River Historical Homestead. Jacqueline provided a detailed report of the expenses and the work that has been done or needs to be done. The committee is pursuing a new well to be drilled for water to the garden area and the restrooms. The new well may be funded by a grant or the Recreation District may fund it. The packet presented included quotes that was obtained for fencing, sprinklers, etc. Mayor Pascoe said he appreciates all of the hard work the volunteers are doing at the park.

Lisa asked the Mayor and Council about an open house for Maureen and Sandy's retirement. It was determined an open house will be held at City Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 24, 2024.

Mikel said soccer for the fall season has been tough getting people registered. He said it is the last part of the summer and people are getting ready for school or finishing vacations. He said he would like to scale back and just have spring soccer. Mikel said this would be more cost effective. He said currently he is holding Flag Football registration. He said on another note, the pool will be closing for the season on Saturday.

Jordon said EIRSD has just approved Project II. He said Western Smokehouse, formerly known as Golden Valley, will be moving towards installation of a pre-treatment facility around September 7, 2024.

Justin said he is still waiting on the parts for the Hawk light. He said the gas lines have been ran for the lift station generators.

Justin said there was not as much attendance at the Movie in the Park events this year. He said there were a few movie cancellations due to the high winds. Justin said he would like to give a shout out to Protech Fence and ICCU who sponsored two of the movies this year.

Justin said he would like to give a shout out to Jacqueline Wittwer for all of the hard work she and the other volunteers have done at the Historical Park.

Chad said all is going well in his department. He would like to remind everyone to be cautious since school has started and be sure and watch in the school zones. Chad said there will be a DUI Task Forces ongoing until September 2, 2024.

Chad said the officers will be actively patrolling on State Street since it will be fair week soon. He said there will be a lot of traffic through the city at this time.

Council Reports

Dallin said the marquee should be installed in the next two weeks.

Dallin said Richardson Concrete is finishing some of their projects and it looks like it could be in September before the construction of the multi-sports complex begins.

Don thanked Jacqueline for her hard work and dedication. Don said he appreciates the job the officers are doing.

Jeff thanked Jacqueline for her work at the Park.

Jeff said Lynn Beck would like to spray the sidewalks in the business district for weeds before Spud Day. Justin said that would be awesome. He said the crew will trim and spray down the sidewalks as well the week before Spud Day.

Mayor Pascoe said thanks for the update on the tennis courts. He said he appreciates the police department and the work they have done since school started. Mayor Pascoe said he appreciates the city crew and has been attending the interviews at city hall for the DMV position. He said forty applications were received.

Adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

APPROVE:  ATTEST: 