

CITY OF SHELLY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Eric Christensen
Council Members: Lorin Croft, Steve Cederberg, John Lent, Charlotte
Fredrickson
Police Chief: Alan Dial
Public Wks Dir: Rick Anderson
Recreation Dir.: Dawn Lloyd
City Clerk: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: B.J. Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rick Anderson

PRAYER: BJ Driscoll

Steve moved, John seconded to approve the following consent agenda:

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A roll call vote was called for: Steve – aye, Charlotte – aye, Lorin – aye, John - aye. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen discussed the creation of an Interfaith Council. He introduced Dave Lefler, John Lovegrove, and Craig Cutler. Mayor Christensen said Roger Manwelleer could not be in attendance. He said a Youth Council was formed in 2008, and Craig Cutler introduced Devrie Hanson who is one of the Council's team leaders. He said there are several team leaders with different responsibilities. Ms. Hanson said the Youth Council has been brainstorming over what type of service activities the group could participate in. She asked if the city has any suggestions. Dawn said the replacement of the gazebo could be a project that the Youth Council could work with the Bingham County Youth Coalition on. Dawn also suggested meeting with the Senior Citizens at the Senior Center. John said besides the gazebo, possibly their group could work on putting together a project to tie the walking path in with Gem Lake. He said there would need to be a few bridges constructed. John said he would like to work Bonneville County and the City of Firth to tie into their walk paths eventually. John said another item the Youth Coalition might consider, is taking care of the weeds that grow on State Street in front of the businesses during the summer. John said the city has invested many dollars in the downtown area, and while it is the property owner's responsibility to take care of the weeds in front of their properties, it may be helpful to form a team to aid in this effort. He said Brent Clark, the Tree Committee Chairman may have some projects in mind for the Youth Coalition also. John said the Tree Committee takes care of the flowerpots in the business district and could use some help. Mr. Cutler said the Youth Committee is looking for physical projects, but would also like projects that change attitudes, creates well being, inspires self confidence, etc. Steve said several years ago there was a group of kids called "Up with People" that toured areas and tried to help people. They visited children in the hospital, the elderly, etc. Steve suggested that the Youth Coalition visit with the residents of the Gables. John said the key person has resigned from Riverfest and maybe assisting with this event could be an opportunity for the group also. Mayor Christensen said the new President is adamant about taking more personal responsibility in our

lives. He suggested community gardens be started that could involve both the youth and the elderly. Mayor Christensen said he envisions the Interfaith Council as making the community, as well as Idaho a better place. Mr. Lefler said the Food Bank Group has already become a community project. He said each church has provided different components. Mr. Lovegrove said he will help anywhere he can jump in. He said at this time he is mainly listening to be able to focus where he would need to help. Mr. Lefler said the Food Bank will need more assistance as the unemployment rate continues to rise. He also felt the children in the community be taught values, so vandalism such as what occurred at the gazebo on the walking path does not happen. Brent Clark said one shortcoming with some of the projects that the community can be involved with is communicating to the public. He said the public needs to be more informed on what events will be taking place so volunteers can help. Frank Hawkins suggested have a food drive at each activity such as Riverfest, Spud Day, etc. to help the Food Bank. He also suggested helping the elderly during the winter months by shoveling their walks. He said this should possibly be planned for next year. Mayor Christensen asked everyone to think about these ideas and see if there might be a possibility to get the Interfaith Council off the ground, if there is enough interest.

Frank Hawkins said several months ago the newspaper informed the public about a parking statute that would be enforced in the city. He said there was also a snow emergency proclamation a few weeks ago that specified when vehicles were allowed to be parked on the street. Mr. Hawkins said there are still vehicles being parked on the street the wrong direction and not being moved for the snowplows to plow the street. He suggested the people in violation be warned and then cited or towed. Mayor Christensen said the city will be reviewing the snow emergency proclamation ordinance before next winter. He said ordinances really only have validity when they are enforced.

Lorin moved, John seconded to approve the following General Business Licenses for 2009: Hair It Is, Alva Harris Law Office, M&A Plumbing, Laura's Hairsquare, Lisa's Daycare, Doug's Meats, Sugar Plum Pre-School, U.S. Bank. Approved unanimously.

Sandy reported that Mr. Harris has objected to paying for city water, sewer and garbage because he does not use it in his place of business. She said she has sent him a notification that the ordinance states he must pay for sanitation even if he does not utilize the service. She said he was also notified he would be charged for water and sewer unless it could be physically turned off. Sandy said the building has two offices that Mr. Harris leases one of them. She said he will need install another tap to be able to turn off service to his office.

BJ said he is still waiting to hear from the Irrigation District on the agreement for water mitigation. He said the water right hearing has been set form March 12th and 13th, 2009.

BJ said Ball Ventures is working on draft of a "latecomers" agreement as reimbursement for some of the infrastructure that will be installed at their expense for the new water line to the new grade school on the New Sweden Highway.

Sandy said she received an email from Bubba Ricker stating representatives of the INEL are looking for service projects for their personnel, and asked if the city has any service projects they may be able to assist in.

Rick said the crew is caught up with snow removal. He said they have begun to mix sand with the cinders to help remove the ice from the streets.

Alan said the Police Department is re-writing their policy manual. He said the crime rate is also up by 30% more than last year.

Alan said on Monday, February 2, 2009 representatives and athletics for the Special Olympics will be coming to Shelley. He said he and the Mayor have been asked to speak at a brief assembly at the High School. Alan said runners will take the torch from the Shelley City Hall to the High School down Emerson to the Highway to Fir Street and then to the High School.

Charlotte said the Planning and Zoning Commission did not have a meeting this month. She said there will be a meeting March 4, 2009 to work on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Charlotte said the Comprehensive Planning Committee have planned a town meeting for public information on March 25, 2009.

John said he spent the morning today riding with the Public Works Department. He said he looked at the progress of the wastewater treatment plant and the experimental line being installed on Country Club. John said he has received compliments regarding the condition of the streets.

John said Diane Mickelsen has resigned from the Urban Renewal Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He said he would like to publicly thank her for the jobs she has done and the service she has given the community. John said the city will have a hard time replacing her. He said he will try and recruit someone to help with Riverfest.

Steve said he has received compliments on the way issues in the city are being handled. He said he has heard good things about the streets department, police department, and city hall.

Steve said there may be a grant available to help with installation of a restroom at the City Park. He said an application has been filled out, and will be delivered to Boise.

Lorin asked if Doug attended the Building Inspection Workshop in Post Falls. Sandy said no, he did not. He found other courses that will be coming up in the future that are closer to the city.

Mayor Christensen said the Regional Wastewater meeting scheduled for Thursday at 10:00 a.m. has been cancelled. He said the next meeting will be held February 26, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Christensen said the council will need to elect a Council President for 2009. Steve moved, John seconded to retain Lorin Croft as Council President for 2009. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen said he will not be in attendance at the council meeting scheduled for April 12, 2009.

Mayor Christensen said he and Lorin will be attending the AIC Legislative Luncheon in Boise on Thursday, January 29, 2009. They will be meeting with Senator Bair.

Charlotte recommended that Sandy and John along with their spouses be treated to dinner by the city since they were not able to attend the Department Head recognition dinner at Iggy's in November. The Mayor and Council gave permission.

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Hajdusek APPROVE: Eric R. Christensen