

CITY OF SHELLY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

AUGUST 28, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Eric Christensen
Council Members: Earl Beattie, Kurt Russell (absent), Stacy Pascoe, and Jeff Kelley
Police Chief: Rod Mohler
Public Wks Dir: Chuck Lloyd
Recreation Dir.: Dawn Lloyd
City Clerk/Treasurer: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: B.J. Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dawn Lloyd

PRAYER: Earl Beattie

Jeff moved, Earl seconded to approve the following consent agenda:

Minutes of August 14, 2012 Council Meeting

July 2012 Expenditures

July 2012 Overall Budget & Treasurer's Rpt.

Building Permits:

Brian Wright - deck

Barbara Wells - re-roof

Beco - building

A roll call vote was called for: Jeff – aye, Stacy – aye, and Earl – aye. Approved three in favor, Kurt Russell absent.

Dawn introduced the Mayor's Youth Council. She said the President this year will be Lexus Hansen, and the Vice President is Andrea Jo Jolley. Lexus said some of the services the group would like to do this year are to help with Spud Day, work on the property owned by Kari Payne, recycling, paint the toys at the parks, work with the elderly, etc. Mayor Christensen said he appreciates their service to the community.

Mayor Christensen said there is a public hearing scheduled to consider a zone change to property owned by Jed and Odell Young. Bo Young is in attendance to represent the Young's. Bo said they purchased the building at 487 N. State Street, and they would like the property rezoned from Manufacturing to Heavy Commercial so they can operate a retail sales business from that location. Mayor Christensen turned the public hearing over to BJ. BJ asked if anyone is in attendance tonight to give testimony regarding this hearing. There was no response. BJ opened the hearing. Bo Young had nothing further to submit. BJ said the application has been submitted properly, and all notification and publications have been done. There was no public testimony given in favor, opposition or neutral comments. BJ closed the public hearing for testimony, and turned the time back over to the Mayor and Council for deliberation. Stacy said he felt this request is in compliance with operating a retail business. He said the building next to this property is zoned as Heavy Commercial. Jeff said the Planning and Zoning Commission have recommended approval of this request to rezone. Earl felt the proper procedures have been followed. Stacy moved, Earl seconded to approve the request to rezone this property located at 487 N. State Street and identified in the published legal description to Heavy Commercial. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Barbara Scott, 480 Robald introduced herself and her husband Leroy. She said several years ago they came to the city regarding the High School traffic problem. She said some things were done, not done, and undone. She said there is now a new Council and Police Chief and she feels the High School traffic needs to flow smoothly, and will only be able to do so with the city's help. Mrs. Scott said she is asking the Council to go over to Robald and view the traffic to understand the problem that exists. She felt the traffic cannot be managed with only signs. She said the Council should have an expectation of the School Board that their responsibilities are being met. Mrs. Scott discussed how the traffic flows on West Fir, which is mainly truck traffic. She said the traffic backs up on Robald, Holly, etc. She said there is more traffic during the High School games and other events, than on a normal school day. Mrs. Scott asked the council if the traffic moves in and out and around the school safely. She said if they cannot answer yes, then they should change it. She said they should also look into the future. Mrs. Scott asked the council to not do anything, or let anyone else do anything that would make the problem worse. BJ asked if she has any solutions or proposals. Mrs. Scott said in the past she had suggested making Robald a one way street. She said unless the city is willing to explain and defend a solution, there will be no solution. Stacy said he viewed Robald Street and watched the traffic. He said coming in to Robald, most of the traffic is coming from Baseline and south from Highway 91. He said he was there during the beginning of school, lunch time, and when school was released. He said he understands that during football games there is a lot of traffic and parking along the road. Stacy said when he was viewed the street he did not see any speeding, running the street signs, etc. Rod said the officers have been watching Robald also, since the beginning of school. He suggested that he could meet with Mrs. and Mr. Scott and look at ways to help them. Jeff asked for any ideas to make the traffic more efficient. Mrs. Scott said she would like to see what could be done to improve the flow in front of the school on West Fir. Jeff said if this issue regarding the traffic on Robald would have been addressed in 2000 when the stadium was built it may have made a difference. However, if there are no safety issues, etc., then there may be another way to handle it that would undermine people's convenience in getting to and from the school. Stacy said if any other school is build, Robald will be extended west to Longhurst Lane. He said this is an access point. Stacy said at this point he does not see a problem, however he has not seen the traffic on Robald when there has been a game. If something could be done to improve the traffic he would be all for that. Earl said he is pleased that the Police are willing to help and they will try and improve the safety in the area. Jeff said he hasn't had anybody else say there is an efficiency problem, and he doesn't see any problem at this time. Stacy said he believes that locking a gate is not the answer. He said the school has to have two access points. Mrs. Scott said she is not asking for anything except for the city to watch, and answer the question, if the traffic can flow as safely and efficiency as possible. Jeff said he would like to see other people come forward if they feel there is a problem. Jeff said the Scotts are in a unique situation, but the volume of the traffic is not an issue as much as the safety.

Daniel Borrup, the High School Art Teacher said school has started, and he has asked his advance art students to design an art mural that could be painted near the handball court in Brinkman Park. He said they designed something unique and represents Shelley and its residents. Mr. Borrup said there were twenty students that participated. He said there were three

students who had their artwork chosen by the class and the teachers. Mr. Borrup presented three artwork designs to the Mayor and Council. Each of the students gave a presentation of their artwork, and what each design represented in the community. Mr. Borrup asked the Mayor and Council to choose one design, and let him know tomorrow so they can get started on the mural before bad weather hits. Mr. Borrup said the mural can be protected with a graffiti barrier, however it is quite expensive at \$150 per gallon. He also suggested a spot on the city website showing the community artwork.

Ken and Ryan Anderson from Anderson Insurance addressed the council to discuss the health insurance options for the city employees. They presented handouts with several options and packages. Ken said typically health care costs increase each year, however this year the rates are going down. He said Regency Blue Shield is the best of all of the insurance companies that were shopped. He said quotes were received from Blue Cross, Primary, and Altius. Ken said the rates quoted by Blue Shield are good from September 1st until August 30th. Ken said he recommends taking the decrease of approximately 3.5% this year and see what happens next year with Obama care. Ryan said new dental rates from Delta Dental were received, and there is a PPO program with a higher annual maximum and a lower monthly cost. He also discussed the benefits of a HSA Plan which may benefit the city and the employees. Ryan said with the savings from a lower premium the city could fund \$3100 each year for each employee which would be used towards their \$3500 deductible. This would actually save each employee \$100 each year in deductible. Ryan said once the \$3100 is deposited for each employee, it becomes theirs. If the money is not used for medical expenses it stays in the employees account, and can be used at retirement. The Mayor and Council were interested in this, however since they would like the employees input, they determined they would keep Blue Shield this year with the intentions of changing to a HSA Plan next year after the employees meet with the Andersons to hear about the plan. The Council also determined that the city would go with the PPO Plan with Delta Dental.

Rod said there is a "Deaf Children At Play" on East Locust that has been there for several years. He said Officer Curnutt has talked to Glenda Arave (the requestor that the sign be installed) about taking the sign down. Mrs. Arave said her child is old enough now that the sign could be taken down. Rod said he would still like to get something in writing from Mrs. Arave agreeing that it is safe if the sign is removed. Chuck said there is also one on Holmes that could be removed.

Rod said there is a Yield sign on the corner of Aspen and Birch that should be changed to a Stop sign. He said there was a new crosswalk put in, and it would be safer if the drivers on that corner would stop and look both ways. The Council concurred on this sign change to a Stop sign.

Sandy said Bryce Jolley has requested annexation and a rezone on his property behind 487 North State Street. She said the P&Z Commission held the first public hearing and recommended approval. Sandy said this property has two cell towers on it at the present. She said Mr. Jolley contacted her and told her there may be one more tower moved onto the property, and he would like to table the second hearing until he know for sure at the end of October. Mr. Jolley

informed the P&Z of this development. Earl moved, Jeff seconded to table the calling for a second public hearing for Bryce Jolley. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Chuck said he has spoke with Randy Stark, the owner of New Phase which is directly to the south of City Hall. Mr. Stark said the city has paved approximately seven feet of his property. He said he would like to donate that seven feet along with ten more feet to the city for the purpose of a public parking lot. Mr. Stark is willing to donate the property if the city will pave and stripe it. Chuck said the property will still have access off of Emerson Avenue. He said it is approximately 10' x 168', and will cost approximately \$1600 for the asphalt. Chuck suggested URA money be used for the asphalt, and the city will provide the labor. Sandy will check with Kathleen Lewis to see if URA money can be used for the legal work associated with this exchange. Earl moved, Stacy seconded to move forward and discuss these plans with the URA Board, and approve the exchange contingent upon using URA funds for surveying the land, legal work, etc. Approved three in favor, one absent.

BJ said he emailed Scott Hall the changes he suggested to the ERU exchange with EIRWWA. He said some of the changes were the language in the document such as changing the word connection to ERU. He said EIRWWA also wants the right to do repairs to the easement without obtaining city consent first. The Council could see no problems with the changes. BJ said he would amend the agreement and send it to EIRWWA.

BJ recommended an executive session be called for later during the meeting.

Sandy reminded everyone that the Budget Hearing will be held September 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Sandy said ICRMP is offering a 5% discount for every entity that participates in their on line training. The Mayor and Council said as long as it is not taking up too much of the employee's time it is worth saving 5%.

Sandy said she was contacted by Tina Gresham with USDA regarding the letter sent by the city stating we do not wish to renew the lease to use the transfer station with them. She said they would like to continue using the property, and she has done everything possible to get the city their money from the garage door damage. Chuck said he spoke with Tina also to explain there has been damage that USDA has done, but they say they are not responsible for if it can't be proven. Ms. Gresham was told she may address the council regarding this matter at a council meeting prior to the expiration of the lease which is September 30, 2012.

Dawn said there will be a Triathlon at the Pool on Friday, September 7th. She said this will be a fun activity for the kids.

Chuck said the construction of the new well started last Thursday. He said the well digger will be coming in soon.

The Mayor and Council had a tough time choosing just one, but the artwork that was chosen for the mural was the geese flying. Earl moved, Stacy seconded to use the geese artwork by Corbin Van Leuven in the mural at Brinkman Park. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Jeff moved, Earl seconded to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (f) regarding pending litigation. A roll call vote was taken: Earl – aye, Stacy – aye, and Jeff – aye. Approved three in favor, one absent.

Stacy moved, Jeff seconded to reconvene into regular session. Approved three in favor, one absent. During executive session pending litigation was discussed.

Adjourned: 10:05 p.m

ATTEST: Sandy Wadsworth APPROVE: Earl R. Olson