

CITY OF SHELLY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

JULY 25, 2006

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 (absent)
City Clerk: Sandy Gaydusek
City Attorney: B.J. Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Scout Jonathan Andrus
PRAYER: Mayor Christensen

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

Minutes of July 11, 2006 Council Meeting

Building Permits:

Troy Steinlicht	- shop
Derrick Dye	- new home
Karl Kelley	- fence
Bert Mecham	- fence
Basic American Food	- re-roof
BMC West	- remodel sign
Jill Undhjem	- egress windows

A roll call vote was called for – John – aye, Lorin – aye, Charlotte – aye, and Steve – aye.

Approved unanimously.

Sandy discussed the budget for the new 2006-2007 fiscal year. She said she needs some direction on some of the issues that have come up. The Mayor and Council determined tap fees would be left at \$1300 each for anyone residing in city limits. Water, sewer, and sanitation rates will be increased by a total of \$5 per month with \$4.00 going into the sewer fund, \$.90 into the sanitation fund, and \$.10 into the water fund. It was also discussed whether there should be a fee to drop off loads at the transfer station, limit spring and fall clean up to one week each, and accept yard debris only. Sandy will present a recommendation on this matter at the meeting on August 8th. Sandy said medical insurance will increase slightly; \$1100 per year for the city. She said she intended to budget \$20,000 out of the state revenue sharing fund to finish city hall's remodeling project, but would also like to see how much more it would cost to replace the carpet. The council gave her permission to proceed with obtaining quotes. Sandy said the pool is continuing to leak, and wondered if she should begin budgeting to fix it. She said Dawn would like to expand the pool if all of the gutters have to be replaced, and estimates the cost at about \$100,000. The Council suggested looking at raising the fees for admission to the pool. Steve said he will research any grants that may be available for the pool also. Sandy said Dawn would like to replace the playground equipment at Pillsbury Park which would cost about \$35,000. Lorin suggested researching what it would entail to seek donations possibly from Basic American Foods for the equipment, and then rename the park after them. Sandy said she will

need to budget to replace the telemetry system that operates the wells. She said the water fund should be able to handle the \$35,000 expense. Sandy said this item will have to be bid before it is purchased. Sandy said the cost of living index rose 4.2% last year according to the Idaho Department of Labor and Commerce. She said last year it rose 2.5% and that was the raise that was given to the employees. Sandy said without any cost of living raise the payroll will increase almost \$12,000 due to the scheduled step raises. She said with a 3% raise it will increase by \$35,000 and with a 4% raise it will increase by \$42,000. The council directed her to figure a 4% cost of living raise into the budget. Sandy said over the past three years the General Fund has lost about \$80,000 per year in cash balance. She said part of this was due to the increase in fuel, medical insurance, wages, etc. Sandy said she intends to move a little more of Dawn's wage from the Parks Department to the Recreation Fund to alleviate some of the strain on the General Fund. She said she also intends on taking some of the interest the city receives from the Street and Street Light Fund since both of those funds are in great shape, and putting it back into the General Fund. Sandy said the main source of revenue in the General Fund is property taxes. She said with a 3% increase as allowed by law the city will see an increase of approximately \$17,000 plus the revenue from the new construction roll. Sandy said she has not received the new construction roll from Bingham County yet. Sandy said another increased expense for the General Fund this year is a dispatch fee of \$26,100 that Bingham County has indicated they are going to start charging us for. Sandy said she would like to present some figures at the next council meeting to implement fees for annexation, water model study, variance, rezone, etc. John suggested that Sandy look into impact fees also. Sandy said after the next council meeting on August 8th, she will need to finish the tentative budget by August 15th for publication. She said a special meeting will need to be called for to adopt the tentative budget. Vicki Johnson, a member of the School Board asked if the SRO position was going to be discussed. Alan said it would be discussed in executive session. Mrs. Johnson said on behalf of the School Board they feel an SRO is greatly needed in the school system. She said the school's budget has been set and cannot be changed to accommodate the additional funds the city is seeking, and she hopes the city will not make the choice to remove the SRO from the school this year.

BJ said he received an agreement for review from Brayton Willis regarding the grant with the Army Corp of Engineers for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. He said the review needs to be done by Friday, so he may need to speak with each of the council individually if some direction is needed.

BJ said Ball Ventures is looking at some creative ways to use water rights to provide city services to a potential large development they are working on. He said he will be working with their attorney, Kent Foster on some agreements that will be presented to the council.

BJ said Lorin asked him to review a blighted situation on State Street at the last meeting. John said the property owner of the home in question is not interested in selling his property at the present, however he owns some little cabins on Locust Street he may be selling. BJ said he will need to review the blighted situation further.

Sandy asked if the Mayor and Council would like to reserve a space for a booth on Spud Day. The Council determined a booth should be set up for public relations.

Sandy presented the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) she received from the State outlining the projects for the next five years. She said the State has requested that the city keep this plan on file for the public to review.

Sandy presented a letter she received regarding the appearance of the Skate Park. The letter was written by Phyllis Arrington, and stated the litter and trash scattered at Brinkman Park was disgusting and an embarrassment to the city. Mrs. Arrington recommended in her letter to have a police officer to periodically stop by and have the skate boarders take a minute to clean up the park. Steve said maybe the park should be fenced and locked after dark like the City of Blackfoot does at their Skate Park. Alan felt it is late at night that the mess is being made. Lorin said he would draft Mrs. Arrington a letter and state the city is considering fencing and locking the park to see if that would help this problem.

Sandy said the final assessment for Terry Taylor had been paid by the County in full. She said Mr. Taylor was assessed through his property taxes for sidewalk, curb and gutter that were installed on South Park Avenue.

Sandy reminded the Mayor and Council about the Joint Impact Area Meeting at the Bingham County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2006. Also, the picnic is on August 9, 2006.

Vicki Johnson said Brent Christensen is working on the water and sewer lines for the North Shelley Business Park. She said he is waiting for a letter from Union Pacific Railroad giving him permission to bore under the tracks for the extension of a sewer line to his other development, Sunset Vista Subdivision.

Rick said his crew has been working on the east shelter at the Dawn Lloyd Field Park. He said hopefully it will be done by Spud Day.

John said the first annual Riverfest will be held August 19, 2006 at Brinkman Park and along the walking path. He said the city will have a booth with maps showing what the future walk path could look like. Charlotte said she will help John on this project.

Steve said the discussed the grant for the restroom facilities at Brinkman Park with one of the heads of the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board. He said it is only recommended that the city resurface the tennis courts and shelter at the Park. Steve said Rick is checking into the pre-fabbed restrooms that are available.

Steve said the city looks great and there are some positive things happening around the city.

Mayor Christensen said he met with the Santos family regarding some police matters. He said the Santos' were making complaints concerning harassment by the police department over the past several years. He said a member of the Santos family was arrested over the weekend for possession of drugs and they were upset. Mayor Christensen they were able to vent their frustrations, and he believes things were worked out. He commended Alan and his officers for the manner this issue was handled.

Lorin moved, Steve seconded to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation. Approved unanimously.

Steve moved, Lorin seconded to reconvene into regular session. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Christensen said during executive session personnel matters and potential litigation was discussed.

Adjourned: 10:27 p.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Daymark APPROVE: Eric Christensen