

Shueyville City Council Meeting – January 14, 2025

Mayor Coonfare called the regular monthly meeting of the Shueyville City Council to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the council chambers at the Shueyville Community Center.

Roll Call – Council present in chambers: Doug Votroubek, Bart Frisk, Patty Stephens, Chris Lacy, Becky Neuhaus.

Also present: Dave Schechinger, Leah Kolar, Thomas McDanel, Randy Russell, Rob Brown, Janice Horak, Andy Hasley.

Consent Agenda: Comments about police and ambulance sitings/presence. Neuhaus made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Votroubek seconded. All ayes- motion carried.

Public Comments, Items not on Agenda: A Shueyville resident had questions about placing a house on residential property and property boundary lines. City Engineer, Dave Schechinger, advised to obtain the legal description of the property to determine boundary lines. From there, it can be determined whether a boundary line adjustment or subdivision would be necessary before placing the house on the property. Another Shueyville resident asked about combining lots as it relates to homeowner's associations covenants. Thomas McDanel from the Johnson County Livable Community for Successful Aging Association announced a survey for Johnson County residents age 45+ coming out in early to mid-February, and encouraged all to participate in this survey that will help gauge the needs of the aging adult population in Johnson County.

Business:

- 1) Eagle Scout, Jacob Nizolek, presented his proposal for an Eagle Scouts service project to build a flagpole at the corner of 120th St. and Club Road, adjacent to the Shueyville digital sign. Jacob explained that he would be the lead on the project, coordinating labor and fundraising. Email comments from Renee Hanrahan called attention to flag placement and protocol. Dave Schechinger suggested more research on codes related to flag conventions, and advised the current flagpole at the Community Center needs repair or relocation to the west side of the building. Chris Lacy, the city's fire department representative, shared that the Jefferson Monroe Fire Dept. flagpole needs repair and offered to present Jacob's project idea at the fire dept. meeting. Others would like to see the project completed in Shueyville. Brown's Concrete & Backhoe offered help with labor, wherever the location. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- 2) The Secret Cellar shared preliminary plans to build and make improvements to their existing commercial site. Owners Lauren and Markus Cannon, with their project manager, appeared on Zoom to meet with the City Council and discuss the concept. They plan to replace the current garage with a new building, eventually demolishing the current shop building and relocating all the shop activities to the new building. Existing septic to remain in place but planning a new well site. Potential need to rezone the property to C-2 Old Town Commercial to better fit the project on the property. Discussion of parking lot spaces and hard surfacing requirements. Overflow parking potential on adjacent property and at Chalupsky Nursery- Dave Schechinger advised written agreements with these property owners. The consensus of City Council was favorable of the design concept. Once prepared, a site plan would first go through Planning & Zoning Commission for review.
- 3) City Council reviewed a list of repairs to be completed at the property recently acquired at 2857 120th St. NE. There are a number of repairs that need to be completed before the city seeks a tenant for this property. The city clerk will reach out to electricians recommended by Doug

Votroubek, and Mr. Handyman of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, whom the city has worked with on minor projects and repairs at the Community Center. The council hopes to have a tenant by March 1st.

- 4) The City Council reviewed the Joint Water Use and Access Agreement proposed by the Shueyville Church. The Community Center and recently acquired property at 2857 120th St. both connect to a shared well at the Shueyville Church. The Church requires an agreement in place and a fee of \$600/year to access the well. Neuhaus motioned to approve the conditions of the agreement and authorized the mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city, Frisk seconded. All ayes- motion carried.
- 5) Stephens motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01: Amending and updating the fee schedule for permits and applications submitted to the City of Shueyville, Neuhaus seconded. Roll call vote: 5-0, favorable.
- 6) The City Council discussed a plat submission proposing to combine lots 26 and 27 in Jacob's Landing, 3rd Addition. Dave Schechinger commented that he reviewed the plat and recommended approval. Neuhaus motioned to approve the plat, Votroubek seconded. All ayes- motion carried.
- 7) East Central Iowa Coalition of Governments (ECICOG) reached out to ask if City of Shueyville elected officials would like to join ECICOG's board of directors for the 2025 calendar year, attending one meeting per month. Elected officials in Shueyville chose to decline.
- 8) City clerk presented the current year budget report. Frisk motioned to set a budget meeting to work on the next fiscal year budget for Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30pm before the regular City Council meeting, Neuhaus seconded. All ayes- motion carried.

Announcements:

- Recent telemarketing scammers are asking "Are you doing okay today?" to gain an affirmative response.
- Mayor received inquiry about dollar store development on "agricultural land."
- Questions about Shuey's Pie and what is to come to that location.

Adjourn: Motion by Neuhaus, seconded by Frisk to adjourn at 7:51pm.

Meetings: Next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Mickey Coonfare, Mayor

Leah Kolar, City Clerk