

Shueyville City Council Meeting – April 22, 2025

Mayor Coonfare called the special meeting of the Shueyville City Council to order at 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the council chambers at the Shueyville Community Center.

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

Consent Agenda: Neuhaus motioned to approve the consent agenda, Lacy seconded. All ayes- motion carried.

Business:

1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

- a. Neuhaus motioned to open the public hearing to adopt the final proposed budget, Lacy seconded. All ayes- motion carried. No comments were made by the public. Neuhaus motioned to close the public hearing, Votroubek seconded. All ayes- motion carried.

*At this point in the meeting, the recording was started

- b. Neuhaus motioned to approve the final budget for adoption, Frisk seconded. Roll Call vote: 5-0, favorable. Resolution 2025-03 Approving Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was passed and approved.
2. Council opened a discussion on the application for subdivision request at 1257 Winchester Dr. NE. This topic has been discussed at the previous two regular city council meetings, and the motion to approve the application was denied on April 8, 2025. The City code does not prohibit re-application, and the property owner wanted to bring it back under review by the council. There was clarification that this property does have an access easement on Winchester Drive, thus not requiring her to join the Winchester Drive HOA to access Winchester Drive. Comments from council urged removing personal opinions from the matter, and acting under obligation as a city representative. The dispute over road maintenance fees over a private road should be settled between property owners. Neuhaus motioned to approve the application for subdivision of 1257 Winchester Dr. NE, Frisk seconded. Roll call vote: 4-1, favorable. Councilman Lacy abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. The application was approved.
3. The Iowa Department of Transportation Predesign Agreement for Primary Road Project was tabled to the next meeting. City Engineer, Dave Schechinger, reached out to the Iowa DOT with questions about the agreement, and the city is still awaiting those answers.
4. Becky Soglin and Sarah Thompson from Johnson County Planning, Development, and Sustainability appeared at the meeting to invite Shueyville City Council to meet with a consultant regarding the Johnson County-wide housing study to address the housing needs of the county. City Council conveyed the message of the 2015 town survey, the community appreciates the “small town” feel of Shueyville and does not want expanded development. City council did affirm that they are open to conversations with the consultant. More to come on this topic.
5. Water Street Bridge needs repairs. There is a hole in the wooden planks on the bridge. The understanding is that there is no imminent danger. The company quoting repair work stated that they will need to order the 24’ planks, and it may take 45-60 days to receive the planks. There was another option to splice the 20’ planks they had on hand. City Council agreed that the 24’ planks are the ideal option. Lacy motioned to approve the costs to repair the 24’ planks at \$6,850.00, Votroubek seconded. All ayes- motion carried. This will be communicated to City Engineer Dave Schechinger, who is arranging for the work to be completed.
6. Mayor Mickey Coonfare presided over her final meeting as Mayor of Shueyville. Mayor Coonfare was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for 18 years of public service on city council and as mayor of Shueyville. With Mayor Coonfare’s departure mid-term, there was discussion over

who would be appointed into the position of Mayor. Lacy motioned to appoint Councilwoman Becky Neuhaus to the position of Mayor, Votroubek seconded. All ayes- motion carried. This leaving an open council seat, Frisk motioned to appoint Richard Schoene, who currently serves on the P&Z Commission, to the open council seat. Neuhaus seconded. All ayes- motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Neuhaus, seconded by Lacy to adjourn at 6:15pm.

Meetings: Next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Becky Neuhaus, Mayor

Leah Kolar, City Clerk