



Shirley Town Council Meeting
April 11, 2022

Open Council Meeting:

- David Messer Council President opened the meeting.

Call to Order:

David Messer – Council President, Becky Perkins – Council V President, Robin Boucher – Council,

Others Present:

Teresa Hester – Clerk Treasure, Brian Vaughn – Maintenance, Brian Pryor – Police Chief, Attorney – Julie Newhouse

Minutes – March 14, 2022, and March 31, 2022 special council meetings. David Messer moved to approve the minutes of both meetings. Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.

Guest:

- Angela Mahaffey – Deputy Chair of events for Democratic Party and running Henry County Council Dist. 3. Learning from communities what needs and happening in the area.
- Randy Sorrel, Hancock County Economic Development and Jeff Lance, Tech Castings tax abatement request. Jeff Lance gave an update on the construction process. Randy Sorrel presented the process to the council for tax abatement for Tech Castings request. David Messer moved to approve Tech Castings to move forward with tax abatement. Second Robin Boucher motion carried 3-0. David Messer moved to approve public hearing for May 9, 2022 (Council Meeting) second Becky Perkins motion carried 3-0.
- Request to close alley going east/west between 115 and 113 White Street. The person requesting will ask the other resident about quick claiming their portion of the alley.

Open Bids: Trash collection bids to open.

- There were two trash bids opened Waste Management initial cost \$14.25 per unit. Quoted a 3-year contract with increases. Best Way Disposal quoted \$12.35 per unit, with increases over 3-year period. David Messer moved to review the bids and report at the next meeting. Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.

Department Head Reports:

Utilities – Nicole Alexander

- 71 Delinquents March
- 5 Shut offs April
- Request April 14, daughter having surgery (PTO Day) approved

Fire – Andy Ebbert Fire Chief

- Pool fill requests are starting already. Are we cleared to sell water and have you made any changes in the costs to us? Council gave permission to continue pool water fills.
- Held the annual FD Breakfast fundraiser April 9th. Went well
- The tanker baffle repair parts came in and where cheaper than originally quoted. Hoping to have them installed in the next few weeks.
- We are receiving four new pagers from the Hancock County Dispatch center at no cost to us.
- Working with Henry County Fire Chiefs' Association to apply for there COVID relief monies. Looking to replace fifteen-year-old air packs.

- We are meeting April 24th to discuss new station plans. I submitted a letter of intent to Hancock County for COVID relief funds to help with the building costs.

Maintenance – Brian Vaughn

- Currently working on Illinois street drainage
- Drainage at White and Center Streets updated bid. David Messer moved to accept JT Trenching bid for \$5420 to do the digging work. Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.
- Quote to purchase a Utility locator. Cost \$4655 + \$65 shipping. David Messer moved to purchase. Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.

Police – Brian Pryor Police Chief

- Had lights replaced on the Ram Truck they were under warranty. Would like to replace lower lights that are not working (not under warranty). David Messer moved to replace lights for \$750. Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.
- Retirement: Asked clerk/treasurer (Teresa) for an update on increasing retirement funds. Clerk Treasurer stated this is still being looked into. The broker that handles the Hoosier START funds is changing and need to connect with financial adviser for an appropriate amount the town can sustain over time.
- Officer Pryor request to add Fuhrman as a part-time officer in the 2023 Budget. No discussion
- New Truck: Asked where the process is for purchasing new vehicle. Clerk/Treasurer stated the process with the USDA Grant requires a public hearing which will be at the May 9th meeting. All other paperwork is mostly completed.
- Officer Pryor stated K-9 training in Texas in 2 weeks. Requested the town to pay for the fuel. After discussion about fuel cost and amount spent on fuel, Officer Pryor stated he would pay for fuel.
- Vest: Clerk/Treasurer gave update to Council (after reviewing prior minutes) that they had not previously approved the purchase of any police vest except for Walkers. The PD thought they were going to receive a grant to purchase these. No further discussion. Becky Perkins asked if vest could be purchased with ARPA funds. Clerk/Treasurer (Teresa) stated it possibly could. Clerk/Treasurer informed the council the need to determine how they wish to spend the ARPA funds.
- Officer Pryor requested to cancel initial order of 10 guns and purchase other ones that would arrive in a timely manner. After discussion Officer Pryor ended discussion. Discussion was revisited after Officer Pryor left the building. David Messer moved to approve the purchase of 10 guns, Becky Perkins second motion carried 3-0.

Town Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Hester

- Financial Reports
- Accountability
- Comp Time:
 - 2022 Comp hours Brian Vaughn 29 hours; Wendell Davis 34
- David Messer told maintenance Brian Vaughn he wanted to see all comp time at 0 by end of June.



Old Business:

- Tennant Building updated that the Hancock County building official is mailing unsafe building notices out by certified mail to both owners of the property.
- WW/SRF Update – Teresa (CT) read an email update from John Bergelin from Fleis/Vanderbrink engineers.
- Shelter House -
 - Possible bad outlet in kitchen
 - Robin Boucher to get numbers (cost) for putting in a commercial kitchen with gas stove.

New Business:

- Public Hearings – Water/Wastewater/USDA/HCED (Tech Castings) – May 9th meeting. This is an upcoming FYI for council.
- Approval for paving the circle by the Shelter House. David Messer moved to approve. Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.
- American Legal approval. David Messer moved to approve. Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.
- 20-minute parking signs. Clerk/Treasurer (Teresa) is to find ordinance then ask attorney to do a resolution to remove the signs.
- Park
 - Lower drain in concession stand, maintenance to check to cut down. It is a trip hazard.
 - Trash cans Memorial Park – Clerk/Treasurer (Teresa) will research for new containers for Main Street in front of Memorial Park.
- Community Service Projects - EH Golf team is looking for projects. Theresa Ebbert/Teresa Hester will organize/oversee.
 - Paint concession stand inside and out
 - Fire Hydrants to be painted

Claims:

- Approve Payroll Allowance Dockets David Messer moved to approve Becky Perkins second motion carried 3-0
- Approve Claims to be paid David Messer moved to approve Becky Perkins second motion carried 3-0

Adjourn:

- David Messer Council President closed the meeting.

David Messer (Council President)

Teresa Hester (Clerk/Treasurer)