

Shawneetown City Council Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023. Called to order by Acting Mayor Steve Wood @ 6:00 PM

Agenda

Roll Call-absent: Michael Blaine and Brandon Vickery

November Minutes

-Motion by June Rushing, 2nd by Scherrer to approve December minutes as presented.
Motion passed.

Guest Commentary-

- 1) Jim Schoeberl is here to discuss the ditch area needing a new culvert. Hard to get in and out of driveway and would like a 100-foot culvert. Will put it on the agenda at the next meeting.
- 2) Ron Dunk is here to discuss TIF questions on reimbursement. The explanation was given as to how the program works according to Moran Group out of Edwardsville. A TIF Application will be voted on tonight and able to be downloaded/picked up after the meeting.
- 3) Dawson Scherrer has a \$600 gas bill. He would like to get on a payment plan. Starting with the February bill, he will pay an extra \$250 a month to pay off the balance. Council accepted the proposal.

Fire Department Report-Federal Surplus Property Program resolution needed to be passed and signed. Foreign Fire Insurance Board resolution needs to be passed and signed. Garage to be moved to the maintenance building.

Police Department Report-Nick has taken the job as County Deputy. Will we continue to stay in the MOU with the school? Discuss at a later day.

Water & Sewer Report-Water usage doubled. 127,000 gallons every 24 hours. There were several water line breaks due to the cold. The usage is down to normal now. The gas lining is done.

Park Report-None

Gas Dept Report-Consumers Gas bills will go down \$6.97 per unit due to a billing mistake. Consumers had been adding on to our rates over the last few years at the urging of previous clerks. This was not reported on monthly breakdowns until it was asked about. These fees are being removed.

Treasurer's Report-No Treasurer's Report due to Chris Mills being out of town.

Monthly Bills-Motion by Lisa Smith, 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer to approve monthly bills. Motion passed.

Old Business-

1. Motion by Lisa Smith 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer to purchase a front door and have it installed by Marion Door and Glass for \$7,192. Motion passed.
2. Library bathroom not going to be able to put the door in the right spot.
3. Pharmacy roof to be fixed where it leaks. TIF money to be used.
4. Tree bids were presented for tree removal and cleanup: Ron's Tree Service \$1,400. Shawnee Hill Tree Service \$1,300. Motion by Sheryl Scherrer and 2nd by June Rushing to hire Shawnee Hill Tree Service for the job. Motion passed.
5. Carmean Electric hasn't gotten back to us yet on the park cameras.
6. Chris Mills' laptop will be updated and given to Robbi to use.
7. Mowing bids will be due March 1st. Ads will be placed in newspapers and online. A map will be placed online to view.
8. Committee Appointments are made and posted online.
9. Employee evaluations will be done quarterly

New Business

1. DOT Carbondale-will see if they will clean out ditches
2. Water samples-Take to Carbondale or send through UPS-Tabled
3. Illinois Vehicle Code-Tabled
4. City Towing Ordinance-Tabled
5. Motion to adopt Speaking Rules were adopted. Motion by Lisa Smith, 2nd by Scheryl Scherrer to give each individual no more than 5 minutes with a total of all speakers not to exceed 30 minutes. Motion passed.
6. Housing Authority gas deposits-Steve will talk to attorney to see if it is legal to have HA have to cover any costs over deposit if a tenant leaves without paying.
7. Open Meetings Act Form-Aldermen and Mayor to turn in their forms by next meeting.
8. 2023 calendar presented. Motion to adopt by Scheryl Scherrer, 2nd by June Rushing. Motion passed.

9. Motion by Lisa Smith, 2nd by June Rushing to go into closed session. Council went into closed session.
10. Motion to move out of closed session by Lisa Smith, 2nd by June Rushing. Motion passed.
11. Motion to adjourn by Lisa Smith, 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer. Motion passed.

Next Meeting -February 13, 2023