

City of Shirley
Regular Council Meeting

AGENDA

April 9th, 2024

7:00 PM Call to Order

1. Motion to waive the reading of the Mar. 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Motion to approve Mar. 2024 Meeting Minutes as mailed.
3. Open discussion of Mar. 2024 Financials.
4. Motion to approve Mar. 2024 Financials as mailed.
5. Heith Jones: Shirley Baseball/Softball Commissioner.
6. Approval for use of Fiscal Recovery Funds.
7. Jeremy Reed: Follow-up on City Hall/Community Center roof repair.
8. Open discussion of any new or old business.
9. Meeting adjournment.

Next Meeting: May 13th, 2024

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MINUTES

The City of Shirley held its regular monthly city council meeting on April 9th, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Shirley Community Center. Present were:

Mayor: Lisa Hackett

Council Members: Wanda Poynor
Deborah Kerrigan
Margaret Earnhart

Staff Present: Matthew Scharein
Elsa Gonzalez

Guests: Jeremy Reid
Angie Sowell
Christa Griffith
Heath Jones (Absent)

Absent: David Cook
Randall Gardner

A quorum was established with three Council Members present and the meeting was called to order by Mayor Lisa Hackett.

I. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Deborah Kerrigan, Wanda Poynor) unanimously to waive the reading of the March 11th, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

M/S/C (Deborah Kerrigan, Wanda Poynor) unanimously to approve the March 11th, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

II. Approval of Financials

The financials for the month of March 2024 were opened to discussion by Mayor Lisa Hackett. There were no questions from the Council.

M/S/C (Deborah Kerrigan, Margaret Earnhart) unanimously to approve the March 2024 city financials.

III. City Affairs

- A. Mayor Lisa Hackett explained to the Council that Shirley Baseball/Softball Commissioner Heath Jones was scheduled to speak to the council but could not attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict.

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- B. Mayor Hackett requested approval from the Council for the use of Fiscal Recovery Funds in the ongoing improvement of outdoor spaces; specifically, the work on the City ball fields, and the repairs to the small pedestrian bridge behind the Bandstand. Alderwoman Deborah Kerrigan approved of the use of Fiscal Recovery Funds for these projects, and the Council unanimously agreed.
- C. Mayor Hackett informed the Council that, in honor of the late Alderman Randall Gardner, he will be named as the Grand Marshal for the 56th Annual Shirley Homecoming Celebration. A vehicle, to be determined, will be driven in his honor and his family will be invited to attend. The Mayor and Council expressed their sadness at the loss of Alderman Randall Gardner, who was an important member of the Council and Community, and will be greatly missed.
- D. Mayor Hackett opened the floor to the City's newly appointed Event Organizer, Christa Griffith, and applauded her efforts before and during the recent eclipse event. The revenue generated, as well as the successes and issues that were encountered during the event, were discussed at length by the Mayor and Council. Mrs. Griffith is set to organize the upcoming Homecoming event and has already confirmed several craft and food vendors. She is also looking into providing more entertainment for visitors.
- E. Mayor Hackett opened a discussion of any new or old business. The Mayor expressed that the front doors to City Hall and the Community Center need repair and Alderwoman Kerrigan approved of the repair costs. Recent issues with neighborhood dogs being a nuisance to residents in the city were brought up for discussion. Mayor Hackett agreed with the concerns and is working towards a resolution. The Mayor is also working to put together a catch and release spay/neuter plan for the City's current cat population.
- F. The NWC Roof Repair Contract for the Community Center was brought to the table by Mayor Hackett. Due to the extent of the previous hail damage, multiple buildings owned by the City were subsequently assessed and found to be in need of repair. The Council asked Mr. Reid of NWC to submit separate repair contracts for the roof repair of these buildings, to which he agreed. M/S/C (Deborah Kerrigan, Wanda Poynor) unanimously, to continue with the NWC contract for the Community Center and the other buildings as individual contracted jobs.
- G. To conclude the evening meeting, Mayor Hackett and the Council discussed possible compensation for certain volunteers from the eclipse event. One Council member had to recuse themselves, which negated the previously affirmed quorum, and the matter was tabled till the next Regular City Council meeting.

IV. M/S/C (Wanda Poynor, Deborah Kerrigan) unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday May 13th, 2024.