

## SCHALLER CITY COUNCIL

### March 11, 2024, Schaller, Iowa, Regular Meeting

**Roll call:** The meeting was called to order in the council chambers by Mayor Sean Ehrp at 6:30 p.m. Council members present: Keith Thompson, Mike Bailey, Chris Grothe, Cindy Segebart. Other city officials present were Clerk Theresa Bailey, Fire Chief Derek Wall and City Supt. Todd Bloyer.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Keith, second by Mike, to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public forum:** Donna Box expressed her concerns with safety at the intersections of Dundas and Third Street.

**Former Railroad Property:** Mayor has been contacted by Jeff Hansen regarding the old railroad city property. He would like to see the city trees cut down that are over-hanging his property. Council does allow Jeff to trim off the over-hanging branches at his expense. Council agreed no money will be allocated for tree removal at this time.

**Schaller Fire Department:** Chief Wall informed council the department has been doing spring cleaning at the station. Bids for the former quick attack vehicle were opened at the meeting. Bid number one: Austin Ronfeldt \$1,350; bid number two: Sean Ehrp \$1,500. Motion by Mike, second by Cindy, to accept the high bid from Sean Ehrp for the quick attack vehicle. Roll call vote: Mike, aye; Chris, aye; Cindy, aye. Nays: none. Abstain: Keith. Wall also indicated the department would like to replace tables and chairs in the meeting room. With this being council chamber he hoped the city could share in this expense. Clerk shared information regarding the process for a USDA grant.

**Clean Up Day:** Motion by Keith, second by Mike, to set city wide cleanup day for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. City will offer the appliance disposal tag option for \$15.00 this year.

**Stop Signs:** Motion by Keith, second by Cindy, to install stop signs at the north and south intersections of Third and Dundas. All ayes, motion carried.

**Stray Animals:** Discussion continued regarding a stray animal ordinance. Council has determined the penalty regarding feeding stray animals will be a simple misdemeanor. Motion by Chris, second by Keith, to approve the first reading of ordinance 185 Feeding Stray Animals. Roll call: Mike, aye; Chris, aye; Cindy, aye; Keith, aye. Nays: none. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **55.18 FEEDING STRAY CATS AND DOGS.**

1. Definitions for this section.

A. **"FEED or FEEDING"** means the placing of dog or cat food, or similar food products or consumable materials attractive to dogs and cats, which may result in dogs and cats congregating thereon on a regular basis, placed on the ground, in an obviously intended feeder, or in a feeder at a height accessible to cats and dogs.

B. **"STRAY"** means an unlicensed domestic or feral dog or cat running at large and unaccompanied or controlled by an owner.

2. Prohibited. No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any stray cat or dog within the city.

3. Exceptions. Veterinarians and persons who, acting within the scope of their employment with any governmental entity non-profit, or humane society has custody of or manages stray dogs and cats are not subject to the prohibitions of this section.

4. Violation of this Code of Ordinance may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor.

**Sidewalks:** Council members would like property owners to comply with city sidewalk ordinances in regards to repairs and replacement. City clerk will send a copy of ordinances to property owners.

**Resolution 24-10:** Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to approve resolution 24-10, annual transfer. \$74,000 from the local option sales tax fund (121-910-6910) to water fund (600-910-4830). Roll call vote: Cindy, aye; Keith, aye; Mike, aye; Chris, aye. Nays: none. All ayes, motion carried.

**Revolving Loan Board Member:** Motion by Keith, second by Cindy, to appoint Kendra Wall, for another three-year term on the revolving loan board. All ayes, motion carried.

**Planning and Design Loan:** The city has been approved for a planning and design loan on the wastewater project. Current expense totals out of the city's sewer fund are \$30,000. The feeling of the council was not to borrow money for payback of those funds at this time. The disadvantaged community application has been submitted to the DNR for review.

**Open Council Seat:** Motion by Keith, second by Cindy, to appoint Rex Rimmer to fulfill the two-year vacancy on the council. Roll call: Keith, aye; Cindy, aye; Mike, nay; Chris, nay. Motion failed. Motion by Chris, second by Mike, to appoint Trent Thevenot to fulfill the two-year vacancy on the council. Roll call: Keith, nay; Cindy, nay; Mike, aye; Chris, aye. Motion failed. After discussion, motion by Cindy, second by Mike, to appoint Rex Rimmer to fulfill the remaining two-year council seat vacated by Rick Roling. Roll call vote: Chris, nay; Mike, aye; Cindy, aye; Keith, aye. Motion carried. The publication requirements will be completed by city clerk

**Budget:** City clerk presented information regarding the budget. A special meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. A special meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for budget approval.

**City Personnel Reports:** Theresa reminded council we host the Sac County League Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> at Topsy Goat, Corey McCoid will be our speaker; a box of Hometown Pride yo-yo's will be donated to the Schaller Public Library; attending the IMFOA clerk conference April 17-19; Sac County would like a rep from Schaller for a newly created EMS board (Derek Wall has volunteered for this), asked for permission to send a notice to a property owner to repair the water service curb stop; shared recommendations from insurance company to reduce potential liability exposures-one being more rock under swings and slides at the park (of which Curt Brau has donated 9,560 lbs of rock for this); **Todd** inquired about property owners displaying building numbers; in reference to his certifications for water and wastewater, he spoke with Jason Butler who would serve as a tutor and would like city to sign a contract for \$1,000-\$1,500 for his services. This would require an extension to Todd's employment contract, Mike voiced a concern with the extension, city superintendent exited the meeting; **Keith** would like the city to purchase matching lights for the city park and Power Solutions will donate the time to install; inquired about hiring part time help to complete the lead line survey due to the DNR in October; reminded council Evan Grieme will be replacing the roof on the Don Pyle Park gazebo; **Mike** inquired about the revolving loan fund balance; **Cindy, Chris, Mayor Ehrp**, nothing at this time.

**Consideration and approval of claims:** Motion to approve \$52,993.32 claims by Keith, second by Mike. All ayes, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Mike, second by Chris. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theresa Bailey, City Clerk

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Sean Ehrp, Mayor

A&C CUSTOM TRUCKS	FIRE TRUCK MAIN	\$304.01
ACCO	SUPPLIES	\$453.00
ACE SIGN DISPLAYS	WRAP NEW TRUCK	\$3,765.00
AG STATE	FUEL	\$838.63
ALPHA WIRELESS	MILEAGE FOR RADIO PICK UP	\$390.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	\$173.58

BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$244.76
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$92.72
BRENDA NABERHAUS	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$154.20
DOCKIT BAR N GRILL	LEAGUE MEETING	\$162.14
EFTPS	FED/FICA	\$2,454.16
FOUNDATION LAB	TESTING	\$16.50
REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ	LEGAL FEES	\$220.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL LICENSE	\$105.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$461.81
IPERS	REGULAR	\$1,946.95
J&M REPAIR	SERVICE TRACTOR	\$739.15
JACOB MYRTUE	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	\$500.00
JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY	INSPECTION	\$1,190.00
MARCUS LUMBER	CITY SHED DOOR	\$1,183.34
MCCLURE ENGINEERING	WWTP IMPROVEMENTS	\$14,796.19
MELANIE PYLE	PARK SUPPLIES	\$21.38
MENARDS	SOAP	\$5.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$3,608.07
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	AIR COMPRESSOR REPAIRS	\$720.89
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	TRUCK SUPPLIES	\$471.92
OFFICE ELEMENTS	COPIER PAPER	\$112.54
POWER SOLUTIONS	WATER TOWER	\$90.00
RUDD SANITATION	ROLL OFF SERVICE	\$300.00
SAC ECONOMIC & TOURISM	MEMBERSHIP	\$1,822.50
SCHALLER HERALD	LEGALS	\$238.41
SCHALLER LIBRARY	PETTY CASH	\$23.81
SCHALLER TELEPHONE	SERVICE	\$282.70
STANTON ELECTRIC	LIGHTS AT CITY SHEDS	\$106.74
STORM CITY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE MAIN.	\$45.96
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS	LIFE INS	\$88.37
USPS POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$272.00
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.	COPIER CLICKS.	\$109.07
WARREN'S SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$18.50
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INS	\$5,326.99
AP TOTAL		\$43,856.96
PAYROLL		\$9,136.36
TOTAL		\$52,993.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
GENERAL		\$9,062.27
LIBRARY		\$2,251.26
FIRE		\$6,242.07
ROAD USE TAX		\$7,781.29

WATER	\$4,227.63
SEWER	\$17,632.04
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$5,796.76
RECEIPTS	
GENERAL	\$4,778.13
LIBRARY	\$141.00
FIRE	\$10.00
ROAD USE	\$7,507.49
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$60.46
LOCAL OPTION	\$9,143.15
DEBT SERVICE	\$16.56
WATER	\$5,400.53
SEWER	\$17,675.32
LANDFILL	\$8,892.96