

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:00PM on Monday, February 9th, 2026. Council Members in attendance were Julia Showalter, James Robbins, and Sherri McGuire, absent was Becky Moellers and Scott Sanders; also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief, and Morgan Symens, Library Director.

Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda. Robbins seconded it; it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. There was no public comment.

McGuire motioned to approve the consent agenda, Showalter seconded the motion, and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 1/12/26 Regular Session Minutes, 1/20/26 Special Session, February 2026 Bills, January 2026 Finance Report and ABD license for Block 10.

Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. Chief O'Connor asked that if anyone hears about any issues to please let him know. He will keep watch make sure it doesn't continue. The Library Director spoke that their accreditation was submitted and they will be kept at the third tier, which is the highest. She also stated they did get their requested increase from the county; that will be about \$1400 more. They are adding in a kitchen to the meeting room with Barkema Charitable Trust grant monies.

Old Business

- There was continued discussion on the FY27 TIF road project. Mayor Mulford and city employees will meet with Chase, WHKS, to discuss another possibility of milling out the clubhouse road, packing the millings back down, then place a 3" pavement overtop. This will come back to the March meeting.
- There was more discussion the DNR recommendations to the pits. There have been donations received; also Councilman Showalter offered to speak with Edgington's to see if they would be interested in donating. This will come back to the March meeting.
- A quote to asphalt a path to Casey's was received. The table discussed if a gravel path could be done instead of cement/asphalt due to cost. Also, they asked the city clerk if the main road could be widened to add a bike path on the road using TIF money. This will come back to the March meeting.
- Kevin Graves, WHKS, came and spoke on the available options to fix the lagoon violations. There are three options: 1. change the physical size of the third cell, 2. Use a chemical application with copper sulfate, 3. To use a eco-friendly ultra-sonic system. Option one would be the most expensive, option two could cause a copper testing issue, option three is the recommended option. Kevin will do more due diligence on if other towns have been successful with an ultra-sonic system and also speak with the DNR more on the use of one. He will update again once he has that information.

New Business

- There was discussion on the new FY27 fee schedule. The new fees will take effect on July 1, 2026. The schedule shows the new water/sewer rates, pool and camping rates.
- Robbins motioned to approve the new FY27 fee schedule, effective July 1, 2026. McGuire seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Showalter, Robbins, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Sanders. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 26-13.
- Robbins motioned to approve setting the public hearing for the FY2027 max levy for Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Showalter seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Showalter, Robbins, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Sanders. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 26-12.
- Franklin REC is donating a Community Book House to the City of Sheffield. This book house will be located in the city park by the north shelter/Veteran's Memorial area. Robbins motioned to approve the placement of the donated Community Book House. Showalter seconded it; and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.

- There was discussion of a needed general journal entry for the transfer to the new software. The city clerk explained with the transfer of data from the old software to the current software there can be a difference. The difference has been the same for three months and this is a consistent dollar amount. To make the accounts have a zero starting balance a general journal entry is needed.
- Robbins motioned to approve the general journal entry for Banyon Data Systems. McGuire seconded it and roll call was as follows, Ayes: Showalter, Robbins, McGuire; Absent: Moellers, Sanders. Mayor Mulford declared the resolution approved, adopted and numbered 26-14.
- Showalter motioned to start advertising for lifeguards, pool manager, and park maintenance for the 2026 season. Robbins seconded it; and it was approved with Moellers and Sanders absent.
- There was a brief discussion on adding in that the city does have a PPE allowance to the handbook. The auditor recommended that this would be good to add to the handbook. This will come back to the March meeting for approval.

Council Comments – Showalter asked there was an ordinance on having fully loaded anhydrous tanks sit in town. Chief O'Connor will look into this and get back to her.

Showalter motioned to adjourn, McGuire seconded the motion, and it passed. Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.

Ashley L. Francis, City Clerk

Brad Mulford, Mayor