

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Monday, January 7, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, January 7, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Dianna Klinker, Lisa Munn, Zack Pickard and Larry Applegate. Employees in attendance were Diane Brand, Gary Strobel, Kevin Lamberson and Matt VanWyk. Michael Schaeffer was also in attendance.

Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Pickard made a motion to approve Resolution #010708A naming the Oskaloosa Herald and the New Sharon Sun as Official Newspapers for 2008. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #010708B Naming Richard Scott as the City Attorney for 2008. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to renew the Class C Beer Permit for Pronto Market of New Sharon. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pickard, Klinker, Munn and Applegate. Nays: Ward. Motion passed.

Applegate made a motion to approve the building permit for Larry VanWoerkom. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The Water Report was given by VanWyk. The average water pumped per day in December was 99,000 gallons with the high being 167,000 and the low being 49,000. They have been locating curb stops and plan to finish the West side this week. Discussed generators for the pump house.

The Sewer Report was given by Strobel. The average flow for December was 343,000 gallons per day. Two aerators were freezing up in late December. After chipping off the ice they are working fine.

The Street Report was given by Strobel. He would like the council to let him know how much money they want to spend on repairing streets for the next budget so he can get some estimates together.

The council agreed that they do not need the Water and Sewer Superintendents at every council meeting. They only need to attend if the council requests it or if they actually have a problem with something. The council would like to see a monthly report of what they have been doing.

The Police Report was given by Lamberson.

The Clerk's Report was given by Brand. Brand received a request to remove penalties from an account. The council does not want to remove penalties as that would not be fair to other citizens who pay their penalties.

Davis appointed the council to a five (5) member committee to oversee plans for the Depot Street Expansion Project. After some discussion regarding engineering firms, Applegate made a motion to hire Garden & Associates as the engineer for the Project. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The contract to accept the old Casey's building has been re-written and Casey's will assume all liabilities for any contamination directly attributable to Casey's until they obtain a No Further Action Letter from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The council agreed to sign this contract. Munn made a motion to hire Amy McGriff to do appraisals of this property and the city shop located at 108 E. Maple Street at the cost of \$125.00. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Davis had a request from someone who wanted to rent the City Park Building to hold dog obedience classes. The council denied this request.

The council discussed Bill Slycord's request to not receive a minimum water bill on empty apartments on S. Mulberry Street. City ordinance states that a minimum charge will be applied unless the water is shut off at the curb stop. Since there is no way for Slycord to shut the water off at the curb, he will continue to receive a minimum bill until such time as he installs the proper curb stops.

Davis discussed the request from Brad & Melissa Korell to have sewer run to some lots on W. Maple Street. It would be cost prohibitive to run sewer to only one property therefore the City will allow them to install a septic system.

The council discussed an e-mail received from Sharon Dawley. She wanted to know if the council saw any problem with putting a bar and grill in the old McGriff's building. Some concerns that the council have are whether the building would meet state fire codes, state plumbing codes and state electrical codes. They also have concerns with noise and parking near the retirement homes. They would like Sharon and Scott to attend the next council meeting to discuss these concerns.

There being no further business to discuss, Pickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Klinker seconded. All in favor.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor