

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Wednesday, April 16, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Dianna Klinker, Lisa Munn, Larry Applegate and Zack Pickard . City employees in attendance were Kevin Lamberson and Diane Brand. Others in attendance were Michael Schaffer, Ralph Ihde, Duane White, Tina Layman, Susan Upton, Sharon Wilkin, Ralph Munson, Randy Moffitt and Scott Simmons.

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

Munn made a motion to approve a request from Steve Long to move his driveway to the north side of his house with Long paying expenses to put in a drainage tube. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Ralph Munson appeared before the council with an update of the activities planned for this year's Spring Festival. This will be a three day event being held on June 13 – 15, 2008. There will be a carnival, car show, cow-pie bingo, kid's parade, teen dance, flower show, parade, queen contest and an adult dance. Ralph asked for permission to hold the adult dance at the City Park Building. The council is not in favor of this due to the problems that occurred the last time it was done. If the dance is to be held in needs to be outside. Chief Lamberson will contact the Mahaska County Sheriff's Department to request help with security.

Klinker made a motion to withdraw an application from Joanne Staples for building improvements to her salon. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

At this time there was discussion regarding Scott Simmon's request to have the NSREDF and the City purchase the two west lots at the Old School Square. Klinker made a motion to purchase these two lots from Simmons at a cost of \$39,000 with Simmons paying all fees associated with this transaction. The property will then be deeded back to the City of New Sharon along with the three remaining lots at the east end. If the property is eventually sold, the money will be put back into the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Randy Moffitt was in attendance to discuss the request from the Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center for a \$100,000 grant to help with building construction of the North Mahaska Early Childhood Education Center from the NSREDF. Pickard made a motion to grant \$100,000 for the NMECEC in lieu of a contract for 50% of the equity in the present facility and grounds when sold. If the daycare dissolves with the North Mahaska Schools and the daycare facilities have not yet been sold, the City of New Sharon will receive 100% equity of the facility and grounds. Applegate seconded. The City of New Sharon will then return the money to the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Davis gave the water, sewer and street reports. We had to take the booster pump from the river pump house to Gritters for a new impellar. The guys are still hauling and spreading rock. Gary and Ed have been measuring streets and will be getting a bid sheet out next week. There was discussion regarding sidewalks, and needing to enforce the sidewalk ordinance.

The Police Report was given by Lamberson.

The Cemetery report was given by Applegate. Hoven's Lawn Care spraying the cemetery. Hoven recommends raising the mover blades to 2 ½ - 3". Aaron Schock will be pruning the hedge.

The Clerk's Report was given by Brand. Brand is still working on the Census, it is due 5/2/08. Summer clean-up will be August 5-7, 2008.

There was discussion regarding building permit fees and water rates. The council agreed to submit these changes to Iowa Codification for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances. The building permit fees will increase as follows: permits for residential and commercial structures will now be 7.5¢ per square foot, garages will be 4¢ per square foot, remodeling an existing structure will be \$20 and permits for decks, patios, small sheds and fences will be \$10. Water rates will be increased to \$21 for the first 2000 gallons and \$3 per 1000 gallons thereafter. The Code of Ordinances will be approved by the city council at a later date after the proper public hearings have been held. Bulk water rates will be adjusted at a later date.

Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution #041608E Bid Requirements. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution #041608F Approving an application a SRF Loan Application for the Water Improvement Project. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor