

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, May 5, 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 Diane Brand, Gary Strobel and Matt VanWyk. Others in attendance were Michael Schaffer, Mindy Rozendaal and Ralph Munson.

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

Ralph Munson and Mindy Rozendaal appeared before the council to discuss the adult dance to be held on the north side of the city park building on June 14th. Dave Sampson will be supplying the alcohol for the dance and he wants to keep his bar open for his regular customers. The council did not make a decision on allowing this as it depends on whether the sheriff's posse will be available to help Chief Lamberson with security. Chief Lamberson is attending a posse meeting and will report back to the council. The Mayor will contact Ralph as soon as he has heard from Lamberson. There was some discussion on where the car show is to be held. A decision still needs to be made regarding this.

Applegate made a motion to approve a building permit for Duane Renaud to construct a deck at his property. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion to approve a building permit for Ed Davis to construct a deck at his property. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a Class C Beer Permit for East Market Grocery & Deli. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Munn, Applegate, Klinker and Pickard. Nays: Ward.

Applegate made a motion to approve a Class C Beer Permit for Casey's General Store. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Munn, Applegate, Klinker and Pickard. Nays: Ward.

The water report was given by Strobel and VanWyk. There was an average of 118,000 gallons of water pumped in April with the high being 171,000 and the low being 106,000. The water department was recently inspected by the Iowa DNR. There were some violations noted that will be corrected with the upcoming improvements to the water system. The booster pump at the river pump house is still not operating correctly. The Mayor will check with Garden & Associates to see if we can purchase a new pump that will be compatible with the new system. VanWyk ordered a new digital testing machine to aid in accessing more accurate test results. This will also comply with the requirements of the IA DNR. With this new machine they will be able to do tests that can be done in-house thus eliminating the need to send all of the samples to Keystone for testing.

The sewer report was given by Strobel. The heavy rains caused ground water to infiltrate the sewer system. This is caused by footing drains being run to the city sewer. Citizens can help prevent this from happening by installing sump pumps and backflows in their basements. An aerator went down at the lagoon and has been sent to Des Moines for repairs.

The street report was given by Strobel. There are still soft spots on North Elm Street and West Maple Street that will be fixed soon. They will be working the drainage tube on Depot Street near the tracks. They will be cleaning out some ditches to help with drainage. Some cold patch has been purchased so they can start patching holes.

The Cemetery report was given by Applegate. Aaron Schock will be pruning the hedge.

The Clerk's Report was given by Brand. The Census information has been returned to the Census Bureau.

The Senior Citizens Center will give the council a list of improvements that need to be made to the building. The Council will vote on how much they can donate to this project at a later date.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor