

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Wednesday, June 18, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Lisa Munn, Larry Applegate and Dianna Klinker. Zack Pickard was absent. City employees in attendance were Diane Brand and Kevin Lamberson. Others in attendance were Ron Harden, Bryan Hipsher, Michael Schaffer, Keith Miller, Lucille Bogard, Frank Mick, Sharon Dawley and Scott Farrington.

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

Applegate made a motion to open the public hearing for the proposed changes to Chapter 92 Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances at 7:05 p.m. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Mayor Davis discussed the water distribution system upgrades. He discussed the loan that the City will be taking out to pay for the upgrades. In order to repay this loan, the water rates need to be raised. After listening to comments from the public Klinker made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m., Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion to pass the 1st reading of Chapter 92 Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Klinker made a motion to hold the 2nd reading of Chapter 92 Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances on July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Klinker made a motion to approve the demolition permit and a building permit for Scott Farrington and Sharon Dawley to tear down the building at 108 E. Maple and begin construction of a new building in that same location. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion to approve a building permit for Bryan Hipsher to erect a fence at his property located at 503 E. High Street. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a cigarette permit renewal for East Market Grocery and Deli. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Applegate, Klinker and Munn. Nays – Ward. Motion carried.

Klinker made a motion to approve a cigarette permit renewal for Pronto Market. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Klinker, Munn and Applegate. Nays – Ward. Motion carried.

The water, sewer and street report was given by Mayor Davis. The phone line running from the river pump house to the in town pump house was damaged due to all of the rain. Iowa Telecom was called to repair it. The submersible pump on well #3 is not working and needs to be replaced. The well will be acidized at that time. The sewer has been handling all of the heavy rains fairly well. The guys will begin patching some potholes soon.

The Police Report was given by Chief Lamberson.

The Cemetery report was given by Applegate. He is still in the process of repairing stones.

The Clerk's report was given by Brand. Brand received a request from a resident to adjust his sewer bill after filling his swimming pool since that extra water did not go down the sewer. The council approved this request. Brand reminded the council that she will be attending the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute in Ames again this year. The classes begin on July 14th and run through July 18th. City Hall will be closed during this time.

Munn made a motion to not take action on the contract with the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter at this time. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

After some discussion regarding the new lights at McGriff's field, Applegate made a motion to include the lights under the City's insurance policy as long as the lights stay at their present location and to find out who owns them. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to include a new weed ordinance with the updated code of ordinances. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion to make a donation to the New Sharon Ministerial Alliance for their One Heart Many Hands Labor Day Helping Hands Project. This donation will go towards helping with the cost of materials. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

There was some discussion regarding contracting liquid propane with SCE and Agriland FS. Brand will find out some more information and see if the date can be extended.

The City received a request to add a driveway to the north side of the house located at 507 S. Mulberry Street. After looking at the location, the Mayor noted that there is a Mid-American Energy light pole in the way. Mid-American Energy would need to be contacted to have it moved. Ward made a motion to do nothing at this time pending further investigation. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor