

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

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, July 7, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Larry Applegate, Zack Pickard and Dianna Klinker. Lisa Munn was absent. City employees in attendance were Diane Brand and Kevin Lamberson. Others in attendance were Vicki German and Michael Schaffer.

Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of building permits for Mark Harmon and Kelly Playle under public comments and requests and the addition of Helping Hands under New/Unfinished Business, Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Davis read the 2nd reading of Chapter 92 Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances. Applegate made a motion to pass the 2nd reading of Chapter 92 Section 92.02 and waive the 3rd reading. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve building permits for Tom & Vicki German, Mark Harmon and Kelly Playle to build decks on their properties. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The water, sewer and street report was given by Mayor Davis. There was a total of 3,735,000 gallons of water pumped for the month of June. The average pumped daily was 124,500 gallons with the high being 173,000 and the low being 50,000. Well #3 is down and the well company is coming to pull it. Gary's truck quit running, it has been taken to Phil's for repair. We have not heard from the second bidder regarding street repairs. The first bid from Kluesner Construction came in too high and the Mayor will be meeting with them again to make some changes to the bidding sheet. The guys will be patching the holes on S. Mulberry and S. Washington.

The Police Report was given by Chief Lamberson. There was some discussion regarding possibly hiring another police officer.

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

The Clerk's report was given by Brand. Reminder that City Hall will be closed July 14 – 18 while the clerk attends the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute in Ames. The classes begin on July 14th and run through July 18th.

Pickard made a motion to renegotiate the contract with the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Brand updated the council regarding the status of the SRF Loan for the water improvement project. Before the project can be bid, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be doing an environmental review. Once the bid specifications are written by the engineer, then the city will need to contact a bond attorney. The bond attorney will provide some paperwork that will need to be approved by the city council and a public hearing will need to be held to approve the bond amount.

Applegate made a motion to deed the grocery store parking lot to Dennis & Cathy Houser and to deed the ground that the New Sharon Memorial Clinic sits on to New Sharon Community Enterprises, the owners of the building. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The council discussed the disposal of city owned property located at 302 E. Cary Street and 707 S. Main Street. They also discussed the disposal of the old yellow dump truck w/snow plow. Brand will have resolutions ready for the next council meeting to dispose of these properties.

Klinker made a motion to donate \$500 to the New Sharon Ministerial Alliance to help with materials in the upcoming Labor Day One Heart Many Hands Project. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

There was discussion regarding the donation to the Mahaska County Sheriff's Posse for their help with this year's Spring Festival Dance. It was agreed to donate \$200 once again this year.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor