

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, August 4, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Larry Applegate, Lisa Munn, Dianna Klinker and Zack Pickard. City Employees in attendance were Kevin Lamberson and Diane Brand. Others in attendance were Frank Reitsma, Steve Harkema, Brad & Missy Korell and Michael Schafer.

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

Applegate made a motion to open the public hearing to discuss the disposal of city owned properties located at 707 S. Main Street and 307 E. Cary Street at 7:03 p.m. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

After some discussion about the property located at 707 S. Main Street and some questions from the public, Munn made a motion to sell the building and its contents along with the 103.6' x 120' lot in as is condition to the highest bidder by sealed bid. The council has the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. on September 15, 2008 and will be opened at the September 17, 2008 regular council meeting. Bidders will have the option to raise their bid at the time of opening. Bidders must be present to raise bids. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

At this time there was discussion regarding the property located at 307 E. Cary Street. Applegate made a motion to sell the property located at 307 E. Cary Street in as is condition to the highest bidder by sealed bid. The council has the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. on September 15, 2008 and will be opened at the September 17, 2008 regular council meeting. Bidders will have the option to raise their bid at the time of opening. Bidders must be present to raise bids. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to open the public hearing to consider the adoption of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Sharon at 7:47 p.m. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. There were no comments from the public. Applegate made a motion to adopt the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Sharon as Ordinance No. 080408, Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Klinker made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m., Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Brad & Missy Korell appeared before the council to request that the council put rock on Luzerne Street from W. Maple Street to W. Cherry Street. They will be building a shop/garage and a house and will need access off of Luzerne Street. The council discussed this and will have Gary Strobel take a look at it and determine what will be the best way to handle this. Korell's are also

requesting a building permit for a shop/garage to be located at 702 W. Maple Street. Pickard made a motion to approve this building permit, Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Applegate made a motion to approve a building permit for Jeff Anderson to install a fence at his property. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

At this time, Steve Harkema, representing the New Sharon Recreation and Economic Development Foundation, presented the council with an application from Stan Munn, Sr. for help with improvements he will be making to his building located at 105½ E. Market Street. The total project amount is \$16,900.00. Klinker made a motion to give Munn a grant in the amount of \$8,450.00, Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: Munn – Abstain; Klinker, Ward, Applegate and Pickard – Ayes. Motion carried. The money will be awarded after the project has been completed.

Steve Harkema also asked the council for approval to use the old school square lots for a lower age (4-7 years) instructional soccer league. The lots would be used for practice and parking on the north side. He is also asking for funding in the amount of \$1,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to assist with nets, balls and etc. Applegate made a motion to approve this request. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Davis presented Steve with a letter from the city attorney with questions and concerns with the Real Estate Contract presented to the council in regards to the City taking ownership of the old school square lots. Steve will take the letter back to the foundation and their attorney for further review.

The Water, Sewer, Stret report was given by Mayor Davis. There was an average of 129,000 gallons of water pumped in July with the low being 102,000 and the high being 183,000. Well #3 has been acidized and replaced. The water main has been run to the new home being constructed on W. Cedar Lane. The city wide clean up will start this week.

The Police Report was given by Chief Lamberson.

The Cemetery report was given by Applegate. He is still working on repairing stones.

The Clerk's report was given by Brand. She asked for the council's approval on the new BCBS renewal. They agreed to stay with the same plan.

There was discussion regarding Matt VanWyk's evaluation and the need for Gary Strobel to become certified in Water Distribution II. Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution No. 080408 giving VanWyk a 4% increase in pay retroactive to July 1st and giving Strobel an increase of .20/hour effective after he passes his certification. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

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