

New Sharon City Council Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, October 6, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Ed Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Zack Pickard and Larry Applegate. Dianna Klinker and Lisa Munn were absent. Also in attendance was Diane Brand. Others in attendance were Jim Davis, Chris Bowers and Michael Schaffer.

Ward made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to open the public hearing for Citizens Participation Regarding CDBG Funds and Approval of a Contract for Grant Application Assistance at 7:00 p.m. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Chris Bowers with Area 15 RPC explained the CDBG application process:

1. **How the need for the activities was identified:** The need for improvements to the water system was identified by IDNR survey in October of 2005 and through an engineer inspection and preliminary engineering report prepared by Garden and Associates in 2006.
2. **How the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds:** The total cost of the project is \$841,800. Funding is being sought from two sources 1) CDBG - \$420,090; and 2) IADNR State Revolving Loan Fund \$420,090.
3. **Date the CDBG application will be submitted:** November 14, 2008.
4. **Requested amount of federal funds:** CDBG \$420,090; IDNR State Revolving Loan Fund \$420,090.
5. **Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low and moderate-income persons:** 53.3% based on 2007 survey.
6. **Where the proposed activities will be conducted:** Activities will be conducted citywide and outside the city limits.
7. **Plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities:** A residential anti-displacement and residential relocation plan will be adopted by the city council upon award of funds. The plan will address how to assist persons actually displaced by the project. No businesses will be displaced as part of the project.
8. **Plans to assist persons actually displaced:** A residential anti-displacement and residential relocation plan will be adopted by the city council upon award of funds. The plan will address how to assist persons actually displaced by the project.
9. **The nature of the proposed activities:** The nature of the proposed activities is described in detail in the 2006 preliminary engineering report. A summary of the proposed activities includes: construct a new well, improvements to the booster station/pump house, elevated storage tank maintenance, water treatment plant improvements, and distribution system improvements.

Applegate made a motion to approve the CDBG application and the contract for Grant Application Assistance through Area 15 RPC. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Pickard made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a building permit for Jim Davis to add a 160 sf addition onto the house at 104 S. Elm. Street. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The Water Report was given by Mayor Davis. There was a total of 4,350,000 gallons of water pumped in August. The daily average was 140,000 gallons with the high being 170,000 and the low being 108,000. Well #2 has been acidized and a new pump and motor installed. There is a problem with the relay switch at the pump house. We are trying to get plans from Snyder and Associates. Matt will be attending class for his Basic Water Distribution Certification. Gary will be testing for his Class II Distribution and Treatment Certification.

The Street Report was given by Mayor Davis. Kluesner Construction will be here to repair streets this week. Fox Construction is finishing work on S. Park and E. Depot. There was some discussion regarding Luzerne Street, but nothing was decided.

The Cemetery Report was given by Applegate. Twin Hills Nursery & Landscaping will be planting some trees at the cemetery. There was discussion regarding whether or not to take bids on the cemetery mowing for next year. Brand will prepare a report on the expenses incurred for mowing and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk's report was given by Brand. She presented an example of a building permit application to the council. The council agreed to have Brand and Davis draw up a permit and present it at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding selling the old 1986 Dump Truck. Brand will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding what to do with the property located at 707 S. Main Street. The council members present want to wait until all of the council members can be in attendance to make a decision on how and when to sell it.

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

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor