

**New Sharon City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Wednesday, February 18, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Edwin Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Dianna Klinker, Zack Pickard and Lisa Munn. Larry Applegate was absent. Employees in attendance were Diane Brand and Kevin Lamberson. Others in attendance were Ken Koehler and Tim Fuller.

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

Tim Fuller & Ken Koehler were here to ask why the citizens were required to update water meters. They felt like the increased water rates should pay for new water meters. Mayor Davis explained that we are waiting for approval of a CDBG grant of approximately \$400,000 and a loan of approximately \$600,000. The loan would need paid back and the money generated from the increased water rates will be used for that purpose. The IA DNR recommends replacing water meters every 8 – 10 years. The City Ordinance states that the water meters are the responsibility of the property owner. After everyone has complied and installed a new water meter then the City will take over and be responsible for updated them in the future.

Pickard made a motion to hold a public hearing on the building permit for Josh Tremmel on March 2, 2009 at 7 p.m. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The Water, Sewer & Street reports were given by Davis. The water system is running smoothly now. We are still waiting on a motor for the flow meter at the sewer plant.

Lamberson gave the police report.

Brand gave the Clerk's Report. Brand has met with Pat from US Bank regarding interest rates and bank fees. The interest rates have gone down so much that they are no longer covering the cost of the bank fees. Pat will see what can be done to eliminate some of those fees.

There was discussion regarding making an ordinance addressing minors in bars. The council set a date for March 4, 2009 at 6 p.m. for a work session to discuss this.

There was some discussion regarding the current snow ordinance, city parking areas and curb stops.

There being no further business to discuss, Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Diane L. Brand  
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis  
Mayor