

**New Sharon City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m., City Hall**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Wednesday, June 17, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Edwin Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Lisa Munn, Larry Applegate and Zack Pickard. Dianna Klinker was absent. Employees in attendance were Diane Brand, Kevin Lamberson, Gary Strobel and Matt VanWyk. Others in attendance were Ron Wyatt, Amber Goemaat, Steve Gerard, LaVoe DeJong, Bob Ferguson, Sharon Ferguson, Sarah Licht, Nick Drost, Jerry Nusbaum and Harold Sheesley.

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

Applegate made a motion at 7:01 pm to open the public hearing to approve building permits for Travis & Bobbii Dickey and Ron Wyatt. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Nobody from the public commented on these permits. Applegate made a motion to approve the building permits. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion at 7:02 pm to close the public hearing. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion at 7:03 pm to open the public hearing to approve Resolution 061709A – approving and confirming plans, specifications, forms of contract and estimate of cost for the Water System Project (Division I). Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Nobody from the public commented on this resolution. Pickard made a motion to approve Resolution 061709A. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Pickard made a motion at 7:08 pm to close the public hearing. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion at 7:09 pm to open the public hearing to approve the 2008-2009 budget amendment. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Nobody from the public commented on the amendment. Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution 061709B amending the 2008-2009 budget. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Munn made a motion at 7:10 pm to close the public hearing. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution 061709C fixing a date for July 6, 2009, 10 am @ City Hall to receive bids for the construction of the Water System Project (Division I) and July 6, 2009, 7 pm @ City Hall to consider the bids received. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Pickard made a motion to approve cigarette/tobacco permits from Casey's, Pronto Market and East Market Grocery. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Munn, Applegate & Pickard. Nays: Ward. Motion passed.

Steve Gerard was in attendance to explain the narrow banding requirements for the radios at the fire station. These new requirements are to be in place by 2013. Gerard would like to use money from the fire department budget to help pay for the new equipment. The non-tax side will contribute \$4000 towards total cost. The total cost is approximately \$16,000. Applegate made a motion to allow the Fire Department to use money from their current budget to purchase this equipment. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Sarah Licht appeared before the council to express interest in the north end of the lot at 201 Depot that the City recently acquired. The council is uncertain as to what they are going to do with that lot at this time. The Mayor will need to go to the courthouse and find out exactly where the property lines are.

Nick Drost appeared before the council to find out when the tree stump and debris was going to be cleaned up from his yard at 101 E. Hanover. The Mayor told him that it would be taken care of in the next two weeks, weather permitting. Drost also had complaints about the potholes and approach from N. Main to E. Hanover. Gary Strobel told him that he has been working on that street and it is in much better shape than it was several years ago. The city will get to it as soon as they can. There are other projects that they are working on at this time.

Munn made a motion to install two children at play signs on S. Columbia Street. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Several citizens were in attendance to learn more about the sewer repairs that need to be done on Oak Street. Weather permitting; the repairs are to be done on June 19, 2009. The sewer line is approximately 20' deep. It appears at this time that the sewer main is open and that the problem is with the private service line. There are seven property owners involved with this and the cost of the project will be divided among them. The contractors will bill the citizens directly.

The water report was given by VanWyk. We pumped an average of 112,000 gallons of water per day for the month of May. Royce Stephen has been hired as the water department's affidavit operator until VanWyk can become certified. Garden & Associates have been inspecting the site for the new well. The new software for the water billing will be here soon. The asbestos at the river pump house will be removed when the upgrades are completed.

Lamberson gave the police report.

Applegate gave the cemetery report. He has found some unmarked graves and is working with Watts on getting markers.

Brand gave the clerk's report. July 20 – 22, 2009 are the dates that the clerk will be gone to the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute in Ames.

Pay raises for 2009-2010 were discussed. The Finance Committee met and decided on 3.5% across the board. Brand will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

The Mayor presented a letter to the council from the IA DOT regarding the widening/resurfacing project for hwy 63.

After discussion regarding the request from Scooters Pub 'n Grub for a \$15,000 grant from the NSREDF fund, Ward made a motion to deny the request. Munn seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

There being no further business to discuss, Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Diane L. Brand  
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis  
Mayor