

**New Sharon City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Wednesday, May 19, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Edwin Davis presiding. Council members present were Kenneth Ward, Jeff Foster and Larry Applegate. Zack Pickard and Lisa Munn were absent. Employees in attendance were Diane Brand, Gary Strobel, Matt VanWyk and Kevin Lamberson. Others in attendance were Steve Ehret, Melissa Korell, Gina Fuller, Jerry Baker, Bonnie Johnson and Bert Davis.

Applegate made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a cigarette/tobacco permit renewal for Casey's. Foster seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a liquor license request for outdoor service for Scooters Pub and Grub. Foster seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a beer renewal for Casey's. Foster seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Steve Ehret addressed the council on behalf of the NM Athletic and Music Boosters and the NM School District to request help in purchasing new bleachers for the high school. He has received one bid so far for \$84,300 from Iowa Direct Equipment & Appraisal, L.C. The school will be holding fundraisers and applying for additional grant money through different sources. The council members agreed that this would be a project they would be willing to help fund. They will discuss with the members that were absent and get back to Steve with a dollar amount.

Bonnie Johnson addressed the council regarding purchasing the north/south alley that runs along the west side of her property at 203 N. Washington. Bonnie had stated that the adjoining property owner was not interested in purchasing half of this alley. The council requested that Bonnie obtain written permission from the adjoining property owner stating this. Mayor Davis will research with the city attorney and get back to Bonnie regarding this matter.

Applegate made a motion to approve a building permit application for Jerry Baker and set a date for a public hearing for June 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve a building permit application for Roger Pothoven and set a date for a public hearing for June 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Gina Fuller & Melissa Korell attended to request an easement across the north/south alley that runs between their properties and across W. Cherry Street in order to install a tile line to drain off ground water. Applegate made a motion to allow the easements. Foster seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Melissa Korell will have her attorney draw up the easement and then the city attorney will approve it. There will be no cost to the city for this project.

Van Wyk gave the water report. The relay and transformer controls at the in town pump house have not been working properly. The 50,000-gallon water tank in the park is scheduled to be cleaned on 5/20/10.

Strobel gave the sewer and street reports. There are some cracks in the sewer lines that are in need of repair. The city will be installing a culvert on S. Washington Street. The city has been receiving complaints about the potholes on S. Park near the Memorial Clinic. Mayor Davis will make contact with Pelling to find out when they will be starting the overlay project. Strobel reported that the police station needs a new roof.

Lamberson gave the police report. He requested that Brand send a letter to a citizen reminding them that there is a city ordinance against burning trash in town.

Applegate gave the cemetery report. Applegate will arrange to have some damaged stones repaired.

Brand gave the clerk report. Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter picked up four stray animals during the month of April. Brand discussed a Youth Employment Training Program being offered by Indian Hills Community College Workforce Development. Brand read resolution No. 051910 a Resolution to Support the Formation of a Local Housing Trust Fund. Applegate made a motion to approve Resolution No. 051910. Ward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Brand received a request for "Children at Play" signs in the 300 block of E. Maple Street. The Police Officer will investigate the situation to determine if the signs are necessary. Brand received a request for a permit for replacing a concrete driveway. This driveway is not on the city right of way; therefore, a permit is not required.

Applegate made a motion to approve a 2.5% pay raise effective July 1, 2010. Foster seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Davis discussed problems with the tire trailer at the last spring clean up. The landfill manager told the clerk that there would be no tire trailer next year due to unauthorized people using the trailer.

There being no further business to discuss, Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Diane L. Brand  
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis  
Mayor