

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

April 05, 2017

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Dustin Hite presiding and the following members answering roll call: Kenneth Ward, Larry Applegate, Wes White, and Terry Hudson. Others in attendance were Kevin Lamberson, Russ VanRenterghem, Craig Plate, LaVonne Rauch, Alan Robinson, Clare Hoven, Steve Davis, David Bair, Robert Davis, Allan Fox, Gary Holdeman, Randy Pleima, JoAnn DeCook, Ray Bonebrake, Steve Gerard, Charles McMillan, John Livezy, Lee Bresnahan, Gary and Sherrill Strobel, Jeff and Kay Bittner, Tim Van Polen, Clay Beyer, Harry Chandler, R.D. Keep, Linda Steel.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Ward, White, Applegate, Hudson

Motion was made by White and seconded by Hudson to approve the following consent agenda items:

03/15/17 minutes

04/05/17 agenda

04/05/17 distributions pending

AYES: Hudson, Ward, Applegate, White

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**Public Comments:**

**Lee Bresnahan-** asked if possible to have more rock on S Pine Street by his house. Also if the shoulder could be widened so make it easier for two vehicles to pass on that street.

**David Bair-** asked if the city drain on North Park about half of the water is going around the drain and into his yard. Also why the city did not get an easement before putting in the pipe on his property?

**Gary Strobel-** questions regarding rural water. What is the benefit for New Sharon? What is the benefit for Rural Water? How many gallons do you pump out? How much bill for loss? Would you use the emergency hookup for our city water to boost your press? These were questions referred to Randy during the rural water segment of the meeting.

**Requests from the Community: None**

**Public Hearings: None**

**Resolutions and motions:**

A. Motion was made by White and seconded by Ward to approve Resolution 040517 increase in wastewater superintendent salary by \$.50 per hour.

**AYES:** Hudson, White, Ward, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

B. Discussion was held by Steve Gerard in regards to F500 encapsulator foam. This is used to put out vehicle fires better, quicker and safer. Will require less time for fireman to be on the highways for vehicle fires. The quote includes a nozzle and the F500 foam. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by White to approve quote from Hazard Technologies in the amount of \$2350.69.

**AYES:** White, Ward, Applegate, Hudson

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- C. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by Hudson to set public hearing for building permit for Allan Fox, 701 N. Main, solar panels for April 19, 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** White, Hudson, Applegate, Ward  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- D. Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Ward to accept the 2016 water quality report.

**AYES:** Applegate, Ward, Hudson, White  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- E. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by White to approve removing the excess sewer charge of \$269.06 for a leak that water did not go down the sewer for JoAnn DeCook.

**AYES:** Hudson, White, Applegate, Ward  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- F. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by Ward to table until April 19<sup>th</sup> the contract from IDEA for the CDBG grant to allow the attorney to review.

**AYES:** Applegate, Hudson, Ward, White  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- G. Motion was made by White and seconded by Hudson to table until April 19<sup>th</sup> the contract from Simmering Cory to allow the attorney to review.

**AYES:** White, Ward, Hudson, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- H. Motion was made by Hudson and seconded by Ward to accept bid from Clare Hoven in the amount of \$923.00 for contract mowing for Friends Cemetery.

**AYES:** White, Ward, Applegate, Hudson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- I. Motion was made by White and seconded by Hudson to accept bid from Mackenzie Fuller in the amount of \$285.00 for contract mowing for Highland Cemetery.

**AYES:** Hudson, Applegate, Ward, White  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- J. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by White to accept bid from Pella Tree Service for tree removal.

**AYES:** Applegate, White, Ward, Hudson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- K. Motion was made by White and seconded by Hudson to rent lot 1 to Tim VanPolen for camper parking in the amount of \$100.00 per month. Tim did not make a decision at this time.

**AYES:** Hudson, Applegate, Ward, White  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- L. Discussion with Randy Pleima for contract services for Mahaska Rural Water. Randy answered many questions from concerned citizens in regards to this possible change. Mahaska Rural water will be our wastewater affidavit operator until the end of this month. Currently they serve all of Mahaska county and water is their number one business. Randy explained that they would only in emergency serve New Sharon at this time. If New Sharon was to turn our water system to Mahaska rural water they would oversee the construction for the improvements and usually this is at a reduction of approximately 35% less since they do their own construction and have their own equipment. The city would keep the ownership of the sewer and Mahaska rural water would have water. The town would set the sewer rates and Mahaska rural water would set the water rates. This does not mean rates would increase or decrease. Nothing has been looked into at this time. Long range goal if they could save some money would be to go into the next phase which could include softer water. This would be a 25 year franchise using both assets and debts. Mahaska Rural water is run by a board and each household would pay a \$35.00 fee and that gives them the right to vote. Rural Water would enforce all city ordinances same as we do now. There will be more discussion in regards to this at a later time. Before any action is taken there will need to be an agreement with the council, public hearing and it will be on the ballot for city election vote by the citizens.

**Ordinances:** None

#### **Department Reports**

- a. **Water Report-** Midco Diving is coming to clean sludge removal in detention tank at river pumphouse. Jeff has worked on cleaning the aerator slats.
- b. **Sewer Report-** Will purchase a new refrigerator for samples at the lagoon, working on I&I problems
- c. **Street Report-** Peterbuilt dump truck needs exhaust work done so will be taking that in for repairs. Council will look at the ash trees in the city park and the trailer park to see if they would like bids to be injected for emerald ash bore.
- d. **Police Report- none**
- e. **Cemetery Report-**
- f. **City Clerk Report-** clean up days April 24, 25<sup>th</sup>. Sent 6 disconnect letters, 4 were disconnected, will order a drinking fountain for the city park to be installed hopefully before spring festival, budget amendments will be coming.
- g. **City Attorney Report** None
- h. **Fire Department Report-**
- i. **Library Board-** None

**10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information**

**12. Mayor Information:** -

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by White and seconded by Hudson to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn  
City clerk

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Dustin D. Hite  
Mayor