

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 5, 2018**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, December 05, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Hite and the following members answering roll call: Keri Lamberson, Tom German, Jeff Long, Terry Hudson and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were RD Keep, Ralph Munson, Shannon Comstock, Jesse Sanders, Leslie VanWyk, Dennis Arthur, Brian Rainey and Lisa Munn.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Lamberson, Applegate, German, Hudson, Long

Motion made by Long and seconded by German to approve the following consent agenda items.

11/19/18 minutes  
12/05/18 agenda  
12/05/18 distributions pending

**AYES:** Applegate, Hudson, Long, German, Lamberson

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Public Comments: None**

**Requests from the Community: None**

**Public Hearings:**

- A. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by Long to open public hearing at 6:01 p.m. for sale of alley south of 308 N. Pine to Shannon and Hillary Comstock.

**AYES:** Hudson, Long, German, Lamberson, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**No one was present to discuss any objections to this update and no written comments.**

- B. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to close public hearing at 6:02 p.m. for sale of alley south of 308 N. Pine to Shannon and Hillary Comstock.

**AYES:** German, Applegate, Lamberson, Hudson, Long

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Resolutions and motions:**

- A. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by German to approve Resolution 120518 sale of alley south of 308 N. Pine to Shannon and Hillary Comstock.

**AYES:** Long, Hudson, Lamberson, Applegate, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B. Discussion held in appointing a new mayor. Both Leslie VanWyk and Keri Lamberson had put in their names to be considered for appointment.

**Leslie VanWyk** spoke first and stated that she moved here in 2008 and would like to be more involved with the community. She would like to be a voice to be sure that our town is not overlooked. She was a manager at Verizon working with the public and also from a public service family so she has served doing many public service activities.

**Keri Lamberson** then addressed the council. She has been on the city council for 7 years and have been associated with New Sharon for approximately 17 years. She would like to continue trying to promote our town to bring in more businesses and people. She stated we have a lot to offer in our town. She has enjoyed being on the council and working to help the city have better water and sewer systems. She is willing to explain to the public why the council made the decisions they did. Keri is a manager of a call center at Musco and handles the complaint side of things. Keri would like to continue the progress the council and city has made over the last 8 years.

Dustin then asked what area would you like to see the city work on or improve in the next year? **Leslie VanWyk** was asked this question first and her answer was to repair the side streets and sidewalks and build on the infrastructure that is already in place. **Keri Lamberson** then was asked the same question and her response was to continue working on the city streets, and she said that we are purchasing better equipment for our employees to work on them. She would also like to help local businesses to improve so people have access to park and to shop.

In closing statements **Keri Lamberson** said that she would like to implement having office hours one day a week for a couple of hours so that the public could feel free to come in and meet with her with any questions or concerns they might have. **Leslie VanWyk** said that she would be readily available to the public. She takes pride in whatever task she takes on to do it and do it well.

- C. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by Hudson to approve Resolution 120518A appointing Keri Lamberson as the mayor.

**AYES:** Hudson, Applegate, Long, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** Lamberson

- D. Ralph Munson talked to the council in regards to the East End Park Renovations. The plumbing and electrical are complete and Ralph said that both of these companies did a wonderful job of renovating the shelter. Since the grant money has been spent she is looking at possibly having a fund raiser. Lisa will look into some of our vendors for prices on the additional items that need to be purchased and Ralph reminded the council of the rental revenue that could come in to help with these items. This will be on the agenda once again in the spring when the weather is ready to continue with renovation. Ralph said for the kickoff she is planning a sock hop and have the North Mahaska retired cooks prepare cheese rarebit, cinnamon rolls and kick a poo bars. She will have more details at a later date for this.

**Ordinances:** None

#### **Department Reports**

- a. **Water Report-**
- b. **Sewer Report-** construction has halted for the winter on the treatment plant improvements
- c. **Street Report-** street sweeper new brushes ordered, working with mid America Energy and electrician on the 3 snowflakes that are not working.
- d. **Police Report-** on table
- e. **Cemetery Report-**
- f. **City Clerk Report-**continuance for settlement agreement and resolution for 105 S. Main will be on next agenda
- g. **City Attorney Report** None
- h. **Fire Department Report-** none
- i. **Library Board-** none

#### **10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information-**

**12. Mayor Information: -**

A. Dustin signed the Home Rule Proclamation since this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of municipal home rule in Iowa.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Long and seconded by German to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Hite declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn  
City clerk

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Dustin D. Hite  
Mayor