

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday August 7, 2019**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 @ 6:05 p.m. with Mayor Lamberson and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Larry Applegate, Terry Hudson and Leslie VanWyk. Others in attendance were RD Keep, Russ VanRenterghem, Ron Wyatt, Sherrill Strobel, Shane Farnum, Doug Readshaw, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Jeff Long was absent.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: German, Applegate, Hudson and VanWyk

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

7/17/19 minutes
8/07/19 agenda
8/07/19 distributions pending

AYES: Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hudson

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

1. Public Comments:

A. Sherrill Strobel- asked about an explanation in regards to the bleachers at the school. Sherrill stated that the school thought these were given to them. Keri explained that the city allowed the school to use the bleachers since at the time the school was short bleachers. The city told the school they could use them if they helped to put them together. There has been much communication between the city and the school during the past year. If these would have been donated to the school it would have had to be done by Resolution. The city did offer the bleachers to the school for purchase at the invoice cost and was turned down. The city will pick up the bleachers in September and they will be put up at McGriff field.

2. Requests from the Community: None

3. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to open public hearing for building permits for Ron Wyatt, 802 E. Market, fence; Rick Tjarks, 109 E. High, extension of deck; Parker Angstman, 504 W. Market, fence; Lee & Ralph Munson, 307 W. High, garage at 6:12 p.m.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one to discuss building permits and no written comments

B. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hudson to close public hearing for building permits for Ron Wyatt, 802 E. Market, fence; Rick Tjarks, 109 E. High, extension of deck; Parker Angstman, 504 W. Market, fence; Lee & Ralph Munson, 307 W. High, garage at 6:13 p.m.

AYES: German, Hudson, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hudson to approve building permit for Ron Wyatt, 802 E. Market, fence.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hudson to approve building permit for Rick Tjarks, 109 E. High, extension of deck.

AYES: Hudson, Applegate, German, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve building permit for Parker Angstman, 504 W. Market, fence

AYES: German, VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve building permit for Lee & Ralph Munson, 307 W. High, garage.

AYES: Hudson, VanWyk, German, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Resolutions and motions:

A. Motion made by Long and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permits for Shane Farnum, 208 E. Cherry, shed & fence for August 21st at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: German, VanWyk, Applegate, Hudson

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by German to approve peddler permit for Tarmo Tapsi, selling educational books for two days.

AYES: Hudson, VanWyk, German, Applegate

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve Resolution 080719 revising employee handbook giving Friday after Thanksgiving as holiday in place of Presidents Day in February.

AYES: Applegate, Hudson, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by German to approve bid from Visu-Sewer for sewer lining.

AYES: Applegate, Hudson, German, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- E. Motion made by German and seconded by Hudson to approve bid from Kleusner in the amount of \$15,553.37 for street seal crack fixing.

AYES: German, Applegate, VanWyk, Hudson

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- F. Keri stated that the Wellmark Health Insurance is up for renewal. This year we have a rate increase of up to 23%. This changes the premium for each full time employee from \$762.98 to \$945.66 per month. We are grandfathered into this plan so if we do decide to discontinue it we will not be able to find another program with the low deductibles that this one has. Keri met with the employees and looked at some other options that might also include family plans at more reasonable rates however the deductibles and out of pocket were considerably higher than this plan. The employees would like to keep this plan at this time.

- G. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by German to approve renewal of Wellmark health insurance plan.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- H. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by Hudson to approve mayor to sign a proclamation for American Wind Week August 11-17 in New Sharon.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate

NAYES: German

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinances: None

Department Reports

a. **Water Report-**

b. **Sewer Report-** putting rock in system, belt trailer came today, need to order grass carp

c. **Street Report-** Manatts here the end of August for seal coating, manhole risers found,

d. **Police Report-** on table, property cleaning up in the next week

e. **Cemetery Report-** funerals

f. **City Clerk Report-** working on debt obligation report, street report, carpet cleaning for CPB and City hall getting lined up

g. **City Attorney Report** None

h. **Fire Department Report-** none

i. **Library Board-** none

10. Departmental Requests:

11. City council Information-

A. Tom German said that Bert Davis had contacted him in regards to no parking signs and Bert thinks we are putting these on the wrong side of street since fire hydrants are on the other side. Kevin stated that per the Iowa Code and law you can not park within 5 feet either direction of a fire hydrant so we are ok with the signs where the resolution was approved.

12. Mayor Information:

A. Keri stated that we will have 3 city council seats and the mayor seat on the ballot in November. The papers and the petitions are available in the city hall and will need to be returned between August 26th and no later than noon on September 19th to have names on the ballot.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Hudson to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Lamberson declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
City clerk

Keri Lamberson
Mayor