

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday July 1, 2020**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 1, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Leslie VanWyk, Ron Wyatt, Tom German, Lindsey Phillips, and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Jeff Long, Bill & Jana Freeborn, Craig Deming, Hailey Hipschen, Connie & Cameron Nelson, Jesse Sanders, Josh Crouse, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

Roll Call answered by:

**Ayes:** German, VanWyk, Wyatt, Applegate, Phillips

Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Phillips to approve the following consent agenda items.

06/17/20 minutes  
07/01/2020 agenda  
07/01/2020 distributions pending

**AYES:** German, VanWyk, Applegate, Wyatt, Phillips

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**1. Public Comments: None**

**2. Requests from the Community: None**

**3. Public Hearings:**

**A.** Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Phillips to open public hearings for building permits for: Tammy Rivera, 206 S. Main, garage, steps on deck; Ben & Tara Hansen, 210 E. Depot, fence and driveway addition at 6:01 p.m.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Phillips, VanWyk, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**No one was present or no written comments for public hearing.**

**B.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to close public hearings for building permits for: Tammy Rivera, 206 S. Main, garage, steps on deck; Ben & Tara Hansen, 210 E. Depot, fence and driveway addition at 6:02 p.m.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Wyatt, Applegate, Phillips, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to approve building permit for Tammy Rivera, 206 S. Main, garage, steps on deck.

**AYES:** Applegate, VanWyk, German, Wyatt, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**D.** Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Wyatt to approve building permit for Ben & Tara Hansen, 210 E. Depot, fence and driveway addition.

**AYES:** Applegate, Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

#### 4. Resolutions and motions:

A. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to set public hearing for building permits for Harold Silk, 202 N. Main, fence; Shannon Comstock, 308 N. Pine, fence; Mark Brandt, 208 W. Walnut, fence; Travis Carrico, 809 W. Market, fence for July 15th at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** Applegate, Phillips, VanWyk, German, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

B. Discussion held in regards to the LOST grant given to Prairie Knolls Country Club for the pool. One of the stipulations was that the pool had to be open to the entire public for three weekends during the 2020 pool season year. Prairie Knolls had asked to waive this requirement due to COVID 19 guidelines for this year. Since no one from Prairie Knolls attended the meeting to answer questions this will be tabled until the next meeting.

C. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Phillips to table motion to amend grant award to Prairie Knolls to allow Prairie Knolls to hold their three agreed upon public weekends during the 2020 and/or 2021 seasons due to COVID19 and restrictions and guidance surrounding pools.

**AYES:** Phillips, Applegate, German, VanWyk, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

D. Discussion held in regards to discontinuing the noon siren. VanWyk stated that she had talked to a couple of first responders, a new mom and a daycare provider who lived close to the siren and they all stated they wanted it left to know that it was functioning. Wyatt said he talked to sever and they would like it to continue. Josh Crouse stated that Lacona Iowa had a tornado and their siren did not work. Josh stated that the fire station can't activate the siren it has to be activated from Emergency Management and it is programmed electronically. Josh recommends that we leave it to have the noon siren so that we know it is functioning correctly.

E. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to not approve discontinuing the noon siren.

**AYES:** Applegate, Phillips, Wyatt, VanWyk, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

F. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to table bid for fire station addition since the bids were not for the same specifications.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Phillips, Wyatt, German, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

G. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by German to approve bid for concrete saw from DeRuiter Lawn Equipment in the amount of \$1257.92.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Wyatt, German, Phillips, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

H. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Applegate to approve contract from Stephens Memorial Animal Center for FY2021.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Applegate, VanWyk, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- I. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve an extension on lease termination for Lot 6 Prairie Village for 30 days.

**AYES:** Phillips, VanWyk, Wyatt, Applegate, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- J. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to hold special meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss writing a new ordinance for allowing UTV's on the city streets.

**AYES:** Applegate, VanWyk, German, Wyatt, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**5. Ordinances: None**

**6. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-**

**B. Sewer Report-**

**C. Street Report-**

**D. Police Report-** Jeff asked that if there are comments regarding the city they need pointed to Kevin.

**E. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Jesse said that they had received retirement papers from one deputy, plans on getting another hired, also lost a friend Ian Barnhart from police department.

**F. Cemetery Report-**

**G. City Clerk Report-**finished debt obligation report, working on health insurance renewal,

**H. City Attorney Report** None

**I. Fire Department Report-** Josh said they were asked by Oskaloosa fire to cover July 11<sup>th</sup> so we will send 2 trucks and 4 personnel to station.

**J. Library Board-** time clock has arrived.

**10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information-**

**A.** Lindsey Phillip said she met with Doug VanZee to look at clinic building and Prairie Village. Doug suggested we have a company come and plot out the area. He could not give fair market value to clinic building or Prairie Village with trailers still there. He stated if clinics could not make it, it will be hard for other businesses to come to that location. Lindsey talked to Brad Pinkerton and little league thought it would be great to have two diamonds together but the expense to put in another diamond is a concern. Committee is wondering do we sell the clinic building first and then Prairie Village. To have a realtor do an evaluation of the property will cost around \$200-\$250.00. Ron Wyatt stated we should get started on Phase I of this project. This will be on the next council agenda.

**12. Mayor Information:**

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Long declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn, CMC  
Certified Municipal City clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor