

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday January 6, 2021**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ron Wyatt, Lindsey Phillips, Larry Applegate and Leslie Van Wyk in person. Valerie Brandt participated by Zoom meeting. Others in attendance were Russ VanRentghem, Kevin Lamberson, Dustin Hite, Dianna Klinker and Josh Crouse.

**1. Roll Call answered by:**

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

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

12/15/2020 minutes and 12/18/2020 special meeting minutes

1/06/2021 agenda

1/06/2021 distributions pending

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**4. Public Comments: None**

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

**6. Public Hearings: None**

**6. Resolutions and Motions:**

**A.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Phillips to set public hearing for building permit for Robert Hayes, 309 E. Depot, storage container for Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**B.** Open sealed bids for 501 N. Elm St property- received one bid from Dustin DeBoef in the amount of \$1500.00.

C. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to approve bid from Dustin DeBoef in the amount of \$1500.00 for property at 501 N. Elm St.

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

**NAYES:** Wyatt

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

D. Discussion with Valerie Brandt in regards to buying furniture and also other items for the library without having prior city council approval due to the amount being over the purchase policy. Valerie purchased four chairs and an ottoman from Homemakers for the library. After much discussion it was concluded that the back order chairs would need to be cancelled.

E. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by Wyatt to approve payment to Valerie Brant in the amount of \$674.00 for furniture for the library.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

F. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to have Valerie Brandt cancel order for the additional two chairs for the library from Homemakers.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

G. Motion made by Phillips and seconded by German to approve Resolution 10421 setting public hearing for sale of 302 S. Park for January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

H. Motion made by Phillips and seconded by VanWyk to approve Resolution 10421A transfer funds from US Bank to 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of New Sharon.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

I. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve Resolution 010621 naming official depositories for 2021.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

J. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to approve Resolution 010621A naming official newspapers for FY2021.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Wyatt, German, Applegate, Phillips  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**K.** Dustin Hite was in attendance and stated that he would really like to continue being the city attorney. He is the city attorney for 6 to 7 other cities and since he was mayor here he has a passion for our city and would like to continue to represent us as our city attorney.

**L.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve Resolution 010621B naming Dustin Hite as city attorney for FY2021.

**AYES:** Applegate, German, Wyatt, Phillips, VanWyk  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**M.** Motion made by Phillips and seconded by VanWyk to approve Resolution 010621C naming Josh Crouse as fire chief for FY2021.

**AYES:** Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, Phillips, German  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**N.** Josh Crouse stated that he took over hazmat controller for the county so his cell phone would be paid for by the emergency management therefore he would like to discontinue the stipend from the city for his cell phone.

**O.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to approve Resolution 010621D discontinuing phone stipend for fire chief.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Phillips, German, Wyatt, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**P.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to approve positive pressure ventilation fan for fire department from Alex Air in the amount of \$4383.00 used to ventilate carbon monoxide, gas leaks. Battery operated.

**AYES:** German, Applegate, Wyatt, Phillips, VanWyk  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**7. Ordinances: None**

**8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-**one of the lagoon aerators is down electrician will be here this week, had to dig up manhole on S. Washington due to tree roots and need to dig up another one by funeral home on S. Washington St.

**C. Street Report-**none

**D. Police Report-** Report on table, recertification done for salvage vehicle inspections and also for taser usage

**E. Mahaska Sheriff Report-**Working on budget

**F. Cemetery Report-** sold 6 lots

**G. City Clerk Report-** roof on city hall needs snow and ice breaks that were not done at time of new roof, sidewalk and parking are closed due to snow and ice coming off roof and landing on side walk and parking, Proline will have a bid for us next week Monday, working with auditor on periodic review, working on max levy budget. Dianna submitted a grant application to Mid- American Energy for new trees for city park.

**H. City Attorney Report** –none

**I. Fire Department Report-** trustee fire report 2020, calls are down this year for fire, Josh was able to acquire \$15,000 worth of used packs from Oskaloosa department.

**J. Library Board-** working on plans for summer reading program, accreditation, strategic plan.

**10. Departmental Requests:**

A. VanWyk is working on finalizing the letter for fundraising for playground equipment and is also checking into the costs on fencing options, aluminum verses steel.

B. VanWyk stated that the Santa parade went over well and she would like us to consider this again next year. She estimated around 50-75 people viewed this. She thanked the sheriff dept for sending up a car and also the fire department for use of their vehicles.

**11. City council Information:**

A. Need to set a date for employee evaluations with HR committee- Tom and Larry said January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 would work for them.

B. Need to set a date with budget committee for budget recommendations- Date of January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 or later would work for both VanWyk and German.

**12. Mayor Information:**

A. Mayor Long asked that we keep the committees the same as last year. We will not need the pre inspection building permit committee since we have hired Bob Fuller for this position.

**13. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Long declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn, CMC  
Certified City Clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor