

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday August 4, 2021**

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The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 4, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Ron Wyatt, Leslie VanWyk, Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Brian & Nikita Mason, Dustin Hite, Carrie Houser, Duane DeBoef, Delayna Sneed, Sherrill Strobel, Stew Timm, Amber Linder, Jim & Barb VanderBeek, Torie Smith, Sarah Licht, Heather Little, Carol Hite, Linda Messerli, Dave Readshaw, Scott Farrington, Gayla Harrison, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson, Dianna Klinker and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Wyatt, Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

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

7/21/2021 minutes

8/04/2021 agenda

8/04/2021 distributions pending

AYES: Vanwyk, German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt,

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3 Public Comments: none

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for building permit for Brian & Nikita Mason, 304 W. High St; Phil Morris, 405 S. Main, fence; Duane DeBoef, 108 E. Court garage 6:01 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one was present and no written comments

B. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to close public hearing for building permits for Brian & Nikita Mason, 304 W. High St; Phil Morris, 405 S. Main, fence; Duane DeBoef, 108 E. Court garage 6:01 p.m.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve building permit for Brian & Nikita Mason, 304 W. High St, fence

AYES: Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to table building permit for Phil Morris, 405 S. Main, fence.

AYES: VanWyk, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Duane DeBoef, 108 E.Court, garage

AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to open public hearing for sale of alley to Adam Eischen, Scott Williams, and David Readshaw at 6:04 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to close public hearing for sale of alley to Adam Eischen, Scott Williams, and David Readshaw at 6:05 p.m.

AYES: Hansen, German, Wyatt, VanWyk, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

H. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Vanwyk to open public hearing for amending Ordinance 69.04 and 69.06 parking at 6:06 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, German, Hansen, Vanwyk, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Many citizens were present for this public hearing and Mayor Long asked them to each speak for no more than 5 minutes.

City clerk Lisa Munn read letters from Amy McGriff who stated she is in favor of the parking changing to parallel stating it would be safer and will prevent accidents. Kathy Fox's truck was hit and parallel parking would have prevented this and saved \$1500.00. DeAnna DeJong from DeFine Styling sent a letter stating she is against parallel parking as it would hinder her clients entering her business due to some being elderly she would need more handicap parking spots by her business. She stated for 19 years she has owned her business and to her knowledge there has not been any accidents from backing out into the road.

Dustin Hite city attorney- read the IA Code 321 and 361 which states cars should not back onto state highways and IA 63 is a state highway and not under the city jurisdiction and state highways has to be parallel parking.

Mayor Long stated that he brought this idea up just looking out for safety since it was brought to his attention by a citizen that they had almost gotten hit due to not being able to see traffic approaching.

Amber Linder- stated that she has 4 spots in front of her business for angle parking and if this changed to parallel parking she would be unable to grow her business since she would have no place for her employees to park. She stated that she feels the city needs to give her parking for her employees and also for her customers to park by her business. If not she stated that she might have to move to another town or since most of her business is online she can do this anyplace. Amber said that the city could make the time line to put this in force so since we are still under the DOT radar why right now?

Scott Farrington- Says this would be losing a lot of parking so he would like to only do one half of a block parallel and the remainder of the block angle parking. Scott does have an agreement with VanderBeeks to use their private parking lot since he helps to maintain it and clear it off in the winter.

Linda Messerli- said the clinic will have to have a handicap parking space which would limit her parking even more for her customers. Why do we need to do this now since the DOT has not sent notice that we are in the wrong. Can't we wait until the last minute to make this decision?

Barb VanderBeek- Barb stated that their parking lot is a private parking lot and they only give certain people and businesses permission to park there. They do not want the liability of others not asking and just thinking they can use it. She stated that young people starting businesses and the school needs people to come to town. The dance studio and theater are busy and need parking.

Delayna Sneed- Delayna said that she is opening a new business on August 21st and asked if we could do this parking on a phased approach. She wanted to do car side to go and stated that would be impossible with parallel parking.

Duane DeBoef- asked if this was DOT driven or city driven at this point. Dustin stated that it is a state DOT law but at this time we have not been given notice that we are not in compliance but that notice could come at any time. Duane asked if the city could get a parking lot before changing the parking.

Russ VanRenteghem- stated that the city is between two DOT shops so maybe that is the reason that we have not heard from them yet in regards to this.

Sherrill Strobel- stated that she doesn't parallel park so it would take much longer for traffic to stop to allow her to park instead of just angle parking.

Jim VanderBeek- Jim said that they load and unload into their shop and there are times at 9:00 p.m. that people are parked in the no parking marked areas of their private lot. Jeff asked if they would like to sell their lot and Jim said no that they are planning on possibly building another shop on that property in the future and want to keep the lot as a private lot.

With no one else wanting to speak during the public hearing.

I.Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to close public hearing for Amending Ordinance 69.04 and 69.06 parking at 6:38 p.m.

AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, VanWyk, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Motion was made by VanWyk and seconded by Wyatt to set public hearing for building permit for Kelly Mick, 201 W. Market, deck for August 18th at 6:00 pm..

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 080421 sale of alley to Scott Williams, Adam Eischen, and David Readshaw..

AYES: Hansen, VanWyk, Applegate, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Discussion on writing a 28E agreement for EMA- Gayle Harrison attorney presented the 28E agreement between Mahaska County EMA commission and the city of New Sharon. This states that the city will need to pay \$30982.00 for the fiscal year of 2022. This will need to be on the next agenda to approve the 28E agreement and also the Resolution to pay the voluntary contribution of \$23477.01 for dispatch services for FY 2021-2022 will also need to be approved at the next council meeting. Obligation under the 911 service board for dispatch. Once get the call the dispatch keeps track of officers, vehicles, utility. They used some CARES money for this there is an interim period 2021-2022 since the budget was already certified. The long term basis there is no resolution for funding. The 911 has to be funded under the 28E. 2021-2022 New Sharon will owe \$23477.01. If the dispatch funding is not approved they will be cutting some of the employees. We can enter into an agreement for joint emergency 28E. If all cities do not sign this agreement then we can back out of the agreement. The Resolutions will be added to the next council agenda.

D. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve amended building permit for Heather Little, 309 W. Market, fence.

AYES: Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Ben Hansen gave an update on the little league plans for Prairie Village. They are estimating approximately \$400,000 for fences and lights and they need \$3200.00 for survey work before they can move forward with this complex. The Little League said they don't have any money to move forward at this time. The Little League would need to set up a new 501C3 to proceed with grants. It was stated to possibly talk to Mahaska County Rec to see if they would partner with New Sharon Little League. Leslie VanWyk said that she has some contacts there so she would discuss it with them.

F. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Wyatt to table moving forward with New Sharon Little League plans for Prairie Village.

AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, German, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve bid from Kirby in the amount of \$6806.91 for new comfort series picnic tables for city park playground area.

AYES: VanWyk, German, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

H. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve bid from Co-Line in the amount of \$1850.00 each for goal setters for city park playground area.

AYES: Applegate, Wyatt, Hansen, German, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

I. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve bid from Kirby in the amount of \$3526.51 for black benches for city park playground area.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Applegate, VanWyk, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances:

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve first reading of Ordinance 2021-002 vacating and selling alley in Hiatts Addition.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Hansen, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to waive second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-2022 vacating and selling alley in Hiatt's Addition.

AYES: Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to not approve first reading of Ordinance 2021-003 amending parking.

AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, German, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- aerators can not be fixed so will need to purchase another one, one needs new power cord. Mahaska Rural Water will only charge us materials but not labor to run water line for hydrant at the lagoon. It will be .95 a foot for water line and will be approximately 900 ft. plus a hydrant.

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report – none

E. Police Report- on table.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Southern Iowa Fair went fine

G. Cemetery Report- sold some lots

H. City Clerk Report-buy it program CARES act each city allowed \$9500.00 in computers so ordered our yesterday for city hall, police, library. Dianna worked on grant from McQuisten Trust for Cemetery Avenue of Flags submitted Friday, Beginning SFR report, met with insurance agent in regards to cities insurance.

I. City Attorney Report –none

J. Fire Department Report- accident today

K. Library Report- had three winners for the summer reading program.

9. Departmental Requests:

A. Playground committee- Discussion for expectations for City Park playground Phase II. Goal setter basketball hoops, benches, tables, and updating shelters are on the list for phase II. Leslie stated that she has someone to paint the shelters and the city guys would be cleaning off the shelters to have them ready to paint. Discussion was to not go ahead with the new merry go around as the playground is getting full at this time. Leslie will check on water bottle filling station.

10. City council Information:

A. Landfill 28E agreement report- no change

11. Mayor Information:

A. EMA/ 911-

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor