

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday December 20, 2021**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday December 20, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Ron Wyatt, Larry Applegate, Tom German, Justin Stout, Leslie VanWyk. Others in attendance were Dustin Hite, Joe Goemaat, Elizabeth Wehrle, Valerie Brandt, Russ VanRenterghem, Josh Crouse, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Wyatt, Applegate, German, Stout, VanWyk

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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12/20/2021 distributions pending

AYES: German, VanWyk, Applegate, Stout, Wyatt,

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Swearing in of new Council Members- Lisa Munn city clerk swore in Ben Hansen earlier in the day, Mayor Long swore in Justin Stout, and Thomas German as new city council members.

4. Public Comments: none

5. Requests from the Community: None

6. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permit for Alan Lake, 103 W. Cedar Lane, garage at 5:03 p.m.

AYES: Stout, German, Wyatt, VanWyk, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to close public hearing for building permit for Alan Lake, 103 W. Cedar Lane, garage at 5:04 p.m.

AYES: VanWyk, Applegate, Stout, Wyatt, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve building permit for Alan Lake, 103 W. Cedar Lane, garage.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Swearing in of Fire Chief- Mayor Long swore in Josh Crouse as fire chief.

8. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Discussion was held in regards to raising fire township levy to 06075 per \$1000 assessed value.

Josh Crouse stated that with the cost of the EMA/911 levy that was put on the city in the amount of \$53,000 the fire department would be responsible for ½ of that and even with raising our levy to the max that only amounts to an additional \$13,490.90 which does not cover that. Also, the cost of fuel, and insurance has gone up so the expenses are higher. Dustin Hite stated that the cities of What Cheer, Pella, and Oskaloosa are at the max right now so a portion of these townships are already paying the max levy. If we are thinking of doing this now is the time since everyone is working on their budgets and we need to give a 60 day notice. In the past the trustees have wanted a meeting to discuss this so we need to be prepared that they may request this again. We are not required to do a public hearing for these 28E agreements. Council said they hate to raise taxes but also, we would not need as much equipment or have as much expense if we did not service the townships. After much discussion it was decided to bring this to a vote.

B. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve raising the fire levy to .6075 from .55 per \$1000.00 evaluation.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Stout, VanWyk, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Discussion was held in regards to purchasing the Physical Asset Management from G-works in the amount of \$15,900.00. We can use the ARP money towards this since it allows for the mapping and tracking of important infrastructure improvements and roads updates quickly and effectively all while practicing social distancing and safe work practices. This will be on the web and able to access from a phone instead of coming into the office and looking at maps. Will save time and be more accurate. We can use this for the sewer lines, manholes and both of our cemeteries. After the first year we will not owe the \$3500 for the implementation and Lisa will check to see if we have to extend our contract after the three years for the enhanced consulting fee.

D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Applegate to approve purchasing the Physical Asset Management from G-works in the amount of \$15,900.00.

AYES: Stout, Applegate, VanWyk, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

9. Ordinances: None

10. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- lead time for generator is 59 weeks electrician will send a quote but might change when we get closer to time, aerators are here and will need to be assembled.

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report – none

E. Police Report- on table, new cameras are here, police Tahoe had two new batteries put in today

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-met goal on K9 and also filed charges on a Muscatine man for N Mahaska incident

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- working on calendar year end, budget forms released today so will be working on Max Levy

I. City Attorney Report –none

J. Fire Department Report- Josh Crouse re-elected as fire chief, silo fire today mutual aid with Oskaloosa.

K. Library Report- Nov 145 people through the door, Becky Heil zoom meeting on how to hire director. Help wanted ad starts in the papers next week.

11. Departmental Requests:

A. Playground committee- Mark McCulley has a community improvement program for trees and shrubs. Are we interested? Will be added to the next meeting agenda and ask Mark to come and present this program.

12. City council Information:

A. Leslie said she has finalized the Santa parade. They will follow the same route as the teacher parade. This will be on December 24th around 4:00 p.m. Kevin will drive fire truck to follow for safety and Mahaska County Sheriff will also be included in the parade.

13. Mayor Information:

A. Board of supervisors met today and voted in favor taking EMA back to court.

14. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by German to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor