

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday October 19, 2022**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 19, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ben Hansen, Justin Stout and Ron Wyatt. Others in attendance were Dustin Hite, Josh Crouse, Brittany and Zack VanderBeek, Clay Beyer, Justin Spruell, Whitney Garmen, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by: Applegate, German, Wyatt, Stout, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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10/19/2022 distributions pending

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments:

A. Zack VanderBeek- asked about an easement for the property at 308 S. Park. He would like about a 25' easement for a drive from his property to ours. If he did the easement with his contract for purchase of property that would mean that we need to start over with the public hearing and sale of the property. Otherwise he could begin this process after the sale of the property is complete. Zack decided to wait to buy the easement. Zack also asked if they could remove the trees from the property soon due to the weather and Dustin stated that they would have to wait for the property to finalize before doing that.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to set public hearing for Raymond Johnson, 202 E. Maple, garage and Jessica Houser 109 S. Pine porch for November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Applegate, Stout, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to set public hearing for Z33 Racing, 308 S. Park, Commercial shed for November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Applegate, Stout, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- C. Discussion with city attorney about policies. Dustin discussed the roles and policies of the council and mayor. Dustin stated that the mayor runs the day to day operations as the head boss. The council has the ultimate say as a group. Each council member has no authority by themselves only as a group. The open meeting law was discussed also. If any group is tasked with having to make any decisions this counts against the open meeting rule so we need to be careful to only discuss items and make decisions at a meeting. Emails to entire group and reply all can also violate the open meetings law. Dustin suggested getting one of the League of Cities manuals that are produced and available after the city election period to have available for council members to use as a handbook for guidance.

- D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve the donor sign for the playground as a 4x8 sign with the spelling corrections that were sent in the email. Purchased from Ryan Groom at the school for \$150.00.

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: No

ABSTENTIONS: None

- E. Discussion in regards to sale of playground equipment from East End Park. Dustin stated that the city can't give away property. The law is very specific in regards to property however less specific in regards to items. Tom asked if the city could be help responsible if someone got hurt. Dustin stated that we should take bids on the items we sell. They need to be sold for fair market value.

- F. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Stout to approve sale of teeter totter from East End Park to Whitney Garmin for \$200.00. The Merry Go Round which they have will need returned within 30 days and will be published for sale with sealed bids at November 16th meeting.

AYES: Hansen, Applegate, Stout, Wyatt, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- G. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve a 6 month extension for building permit for Silver Lion Properties, 403 E. High building addition.

AYES: German, Applegate, Wyatt, Hansen, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- H. Josh Crouse stated that 62-65 was at Bill & Rays for repairs. At this time Josh is estimating around \$2500.00 for u joints and carrier bearing. A new gear box is \$2000.00 he is hoping around \$500 for bearings. Also the generator is at Marengo since that is the Winco Generator plant for repairs. The air compressor on the motor is going bad.

- I. Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve repairs on the generator and bearing on PTO on 62-65.

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- J. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to accept increase in snow removal from Burch Tiling and Landscaping. This is a \$5.00 increase per time and location.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- K. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Stout to approve bid for police car computer from Dell in the amount of \$3281.26. Other bids were B3 for Panasonic \$5919.20, B3 Dell \$4065.99, Dell \$3281.26.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hanson, Applegate, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- DOT paint and school would like to buy paint. See if school could pay them directly for paint. Clay asked if Breman could cut down the tree on W. Maple and S. Pine since they received the bid for the other trees in town. Wyatt agreed to do this while here.

D. Park Report- none

E. Police Report- in packets, concrete poured at the station, attended training last week in Oskaloosa, house coming through town on Tuesday.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said they are seeing an increase in mental commitments early this year, Kevin was asked to join the in-service training on October 13th. Russ thanked the council and mayor for allowing Kevin to help with the Barnes City concert.

G. Cemetery Report- Software still being worked on. The spelling of names in Friends cemetery were not right so Brittany fixed those. Highland cemetery front section was not completed so sent back to Gworks to complete.

H. City Clerk Report- Brittany attended classes last week. Lisa at conference in Des Moines October 20,21.

I. City Attorney Report – Terry Trask Dec 23rd court date.

J. Fire Department Report- Disaster team returned from Florida Saturday night. Had a couple of fires this past week.

K. Library Report- in packets

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information: None

11. Mayor Information: None

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7.09 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor