

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2017**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Dustin Hite presiding and the following members answering roll call: Kenneth Ward, Wes White, Larry Applegate, Terry Hudson and Keri Lamberson. Others in attendance were Kevin Lamberson, Lisa Munn, Russ VanRenterghem, RD Keep, Lois Stephens, Adam Eischen, Eric Dursky, Royce and Beverly Stephens, Aaron and Terri Menefee, Josh and Misty Gott, Robert Fuller, Randy Pleima, Clay Beyer and Linda Steel.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Ward, Lamberson, White, Hudson, Applegate

Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by Hudson to approve the following consent agenda items.

09/20/17 minutes

10/04/17 agenda

10/04/17 distributions pending

AYES: Lamberson, Ward, Applegate, White, Hudson

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Public Comments:

- A. **Adam Eischen-** gave a landfill committee update. The recycling contract is due in July 2018. Midwest will not want to do this for free after this contract runs out. Adam expressed an interest in not being on the landfill committee for the city of New Sharon next year due to deciding to do recycling and this would be a conflict of interest. He does plan on attending each of the landfill meetings but just not as the representative for New Sharon. More discussion will need to be held at the date of the contract comes closer in regards to recycling in New Sharon. We are not required to provide recycling for the city of New Sharon.

Requests from the Community: None

Public Hearings:

- A. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by White to open public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

AYES: Hudson, Applegate, Ward, Lamberson, White

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- B. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by Ward to close public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

AYES: White, Lamberson, Ward, Applegate, Hudson

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- C. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by Hudson to approve building permits for Phil and Jacque Griffin, 206 N. Elm, carport

AYES: Ward, Applegate, Lamberson, White, Hudson

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Resolutions and motions:

- A. Discussion was held in regards to options to fund the necessary water and sewer improvements. Travis Squires was at a meeting in July and gave the council some options to consider in regards to funding these improvements. Randy Pleima stated that if the ballot passes for Mahaska Rural Water to franchise the water system they will set the rates for the water project. It was discussed rather to use any of the local option sales tax money toward the water and sewer projects. Lamberson stated that is we are using this money for other projects it might help the public to see that we are doing projects such as streets. It was discussed to have the water rates increased and pay the project out of water revenues that way it is fair for all. If you use more you pay more. Sewer will also need to be paid out of the sewer revenues so that will need to increase.
- B. Discussion was held regarding possible changes in cemetery hours and regulations. Lisa will contact clerknet for some examples from other city owned cemeteries. We will have same hours and regulations for both Highland and Friends cemeteries.
- C. Discussed possible adoption of housing/and or building code. We have some incidences of local house remodeling that is sub par and dangerous. We might need to have building codes adopted and inspected for inside remodeling as well as building applications for outside structures and remodeling.
- D. Discussion was held in regards to possible changes in the fence placement ordinance. It has been brought to the council to change the fence ordinance from 4' off of the property line to being on the property lines. This would require individuals to find their property markers or to have their property surveyed so they know exactly where their lot lines are. We would need to have someone inspect this also the same as the building codes. More information will be obtained before proceeding.

Ordinances: None

Department Reports

- a. **Water Report-** None
- b. **Sewer Report-** Eric Dursky discussed the upgrading of the infrastructure especially on the north end of town. Some of these are on a community tile and are not in compliance. We have approx. 50 homes on septic systems and not city sewer, this number does include some that are compliant and some that are not. Tom Atkinson from the DNR said the city has option to say to homeowners if they can get a compliant septic they have to do this. Larry Applegate and Keri Lamberson stated that since we are doing the improvements now would be the time to look into this. This has been on the DNR reports for the past few years and since we have a plan in action we are in compliance. Garden Engineering, Eric Dursky, Dustin and Tom Atkinson have met and Garden Engineering will be doing some plan revisions for the sewer on our project report. Royce Stephens- said that sometimes we need to spend the money now to avoid issues and allow expansions in the future with no problems.
- c. **Street Report-** None
- d. **Police Report-** on table. Getting quotes from digital ally for new squad car video camera.
- e. **Cemetery Report-** gate at cemetery will need to be locked once school gates are locked to keep traffic out of the cemetery. Hedges need trimmed at Friend's cemetery, silk flowers that are blowing into Harbin's yard need to be taken off. Looking into regulations.
- f. **City Clerk Report-** sent 6 disconnect letters east side, working on the AFR report
- g. **City Attorney Report** None
- h. **Fire Department Report-** None
- i. **Library Board-** None

10. Departmental Requests:

11. City council Information

12. Mayor Information: -

A. Update on the Public Forum which will be held on Saturday October 21st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. City council candidates will be introduced, Randy from Mahaska Rural Water will be available for questions regarding the Mahaska Rural Water Franchise and Dianna Klinker to answer any questions regarding the library levy which will also be on the ballot for the November 7th election. North Mahaska Spanish class will provide breakfast. RD will send out invitations to city council candidates.

B. Mayor signed proclamation stating Tuesday October 31st as trick or treat for City of New Sharon from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by Applegate to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn
City clerk

Dustin D. Hite
Mayor