

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2018**

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The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, January 17, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Dustin Hite presiding and the following members answering roll call: Jeff Long, Keri Lamberson, Tom German and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Kevin Lamberson, Lisa Munn, Russ VanRenterghem, RD Keep, Linda Messerli, Hailey Hipschen, Gary & Sherrill Strobel, Ralph Munson, Lisa Boyd, Desiree Williams, and Bert McMillan. Terry Hudson was absent.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Long, Lamberson, Applegate, German

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

01/03/18 minutes, sewer committee 1/12/18 minutes
01/17/18 agenda
01/17/18 distributions pending

AYES: Lamberson, German, Long, Applegate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Public Comments:

Desiree Williams- Asking permission to remove possessions from 309 N. Pine. Dustin said that all people with legal ties were notified and at this time he was not going to give any permission for anyone to go on the property. It is not safe.

Ralphi Munson- Ralphi thanked the community for their support of the Love Train. She is on the MCARD board and there is an opportunity to get up to \$15,000.00 grant. Ralphi asked for ideas on Facebook and the East End Park seemed to be one of the places the community would like to see this grant used for. Some ideas were to update the electrical and plumbing in the shelter house, new basketball hoops, volleyball net, natural playground and a tranquility garden. Ralphi will inquire for quotes for these projects and bring it back to Lisa to be put on the agenda at a future meeting.

Linda Messerli- asked what the city could do in regards to the buildings at 105 S. Main and 107 S. Main. These buildings are a mess inside and she would like to see the city make them clean them up. Dustin said that he would have Lisa check with the city attorney in regards to the nuisance abatement since this is not the outside but the inside of the buildings.

Gary Strobel- asked why the city was considering a grant for 101 E. Market when the city does not own that building, however we do own some other buildings that could be fixed up. Dustin answered that this was the building the MCARD committee thought would have the best possibility of receiving the grant since it is a large downtown historical building. Dustin stated that since this was on the agenda we would discuss it further later in the meeting.

Bert McMillan- Bert asked if there could possibly be a grant to help with the purchase and tearing down the buildings at 105 and 107 S. Main and making this into an alley similar to the one by Smokey Row in Oskaloosa with vendor huts that could be rented out. Dustin stated that the problem with the city buildings is that they all share walls so this would be difficult.

Requests from the Community: None

Public Hearings: None

Resolutions and motions:

- A. Randy Pleima was not in attendance to update the water project however, he did leave a note stating:
 - 1. That they are preparing to accept bids on the water treatment plant the first of March.
 - 2. They are working with Simmering Cory to get the paperwork done for the CDBG grant.
- B. Jack Pope was not in attendance to discuss the sanitary sewer project so Keri Lamberson highlighted the sewer committee meeting that was held on January 12th.
- C. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Applegate to proceed with design and funding request for sanitary sewer service to area generally described as properties in the vicinity of Main St. and Elm St. north of Franklin St. Estimated cost of \$49,500 for design and inspection of project

AYES: Lamberson, Applegate, Long, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- D. Much discussion was held in the matter of authorizing \$150,000 of NSREDF funds to apply for a grant for the rehabilitation of 101 E. Market ST. The Community Catalyst Grant is to be awarded 40% to towns with a population under 1500. They look for buildings that are important to a town and would be detrimental to the town if they were to fall apart. They would add housing and also commercial properties to the town. They like to fix up the building to the historical aspects they once had. Hailey Hipschen asked why the community building that the city owns would not be a better building for this grant since we would not have to purchase it. Dustin stated it was not old enough or historical enough for this grant.
- E. Motion was made by Long and died do to no second in regards to authorize NSREDF funds to be used toward the rehabilitation of 101 E. market St. including purchase of the property. Dustin will let DeAnne DeGroot know that the city will not be applying for Community Catalyst Grant at this time.

Ordinances: None

Department Reports

- a. **Water Report- None**
- b. **Sewer Report- None**
- c. **Street Report- None**
- d. **Police Report-** Tahoe will be made Jan 29th should receive mid Feb., most equipment will transfer to new one.
- e. **Cemetery Report-** new signs arrived for both cemeteries
- f. **City Clerk Report-** sent 58 reminder letters east side, working on MRW transition and FY2019 budget
- g. **City Attorney Report** None
- h. **Fire Department Report-** none
- i. **Library Board-** None

10. Departmental Requests:

11. City council Information

12. Mayor Information: - EMA and 911 radio system tower, questions which company for bids and proposals, discuss who is going to pay for it and how will it be paid for.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn
City clerk

Dustin D. Hite
Mayor