

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday May 1, 2019**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, May 1, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Lamberson and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Jeff Long, Leslie VanWyk, Terry Hudson and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were RD Keep, Jim Reed, Brad Grefe, Mandy Hudnutt, Tim Fuller, Ron Wyatt, Jeremy Davis, Blake McGriff, Lacy McGriff, Mike Linder, Alan McGriff, Dennis Bouma, Randy Pleima, Alan Lake, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Larry Applegate arrived late.

Roll Call answered by:

**Ayes:** VanWyk, German, Hudson, Long,

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

4/17/19 minutes

5/01/19 agenda

5/01/19 distributions pending

**AYES:** Hudson, Long, VanWyk, German

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Public Comments: None**

**Requests from the Community: None**

**Public Hearings: None**

**Resolutions and motions:**

- A. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hudson to set public hearing for building permits for Jim Reed, 202 W. Maple, fence; David Pinkerton, 306 N. Elm, addition; LaMona Davis, 405 E. Depot, fence; Dennis Bouma, 109 N. Pearl, cabin; Raymond Bonebrake, 103 Sunset deck for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** Hudson, Applegate, German, Long, VanWyk

**NAYES:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B. Mandy Hudnutt led the discussion in regards to the NSREDF application for a grant for Prairie Knolls. Mandy indicated that they have approximately 160 members at this time. Prairie Knolls takes in approximately \$600.00 from people outside of the 10 mile radius for fees to use the facilities. They are looking for a \$10,000 grant to replace a pool filter tank since this was an unplanned expense and without it they will be unable to open the pool this season. Due to the extreme cold temperatures the existing tank has cracked. They are opening up the facilities to the public for three weekends this season to people who are not members and live within the 10 mile radius. Also the day care has an agreement to pay \$300.00 per year to use the pool for the season. Mandy stated that the board would like to use their resources to fix the baby pool so that expense is not included in this application.

- C. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by Long to approve a grant for the NSREDF application in the amount of \$8800.00 to Prairie Knolls.

**AYES:** German, Applegate, Hudson, VanWyk, Long

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

D. Brad Grefe gave a presentation regarding the CDBG Façade Improvement Project. Brad stated that after looking over our New Sharon area we have enough buildings to qualify for one of the grants. This usually needs at least 8 buildings for facades to be eligible up to \$500,000 grant. Steps for the project would be to have an architect, do a historical survey, pass the slum and blight resolution, and do an environmental review. Brad helps set up the procurement. MCARD would also be able to help with some of this grant if we apply to them for the portion the city needs to come up with. Time frame from decision to construction is usually 2-3 years. It takes one year to get through the application process. The application process would be due in May so if we start we would be able to submit the application in May 2020. New Sharon's project would be a \$750,000 project it looks like right now. Brad says that we have a very good chance of getting this grant and this would help to sustain our tax base. Property owners would have to also contribute to this project for their buildings but typically it is about 25% from them. Brad will send us a contract to review and it will be voted on at a later meeting.

E. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve Resolution 050119 stipend cell phone for the fire chief.

**AYES:** German, Hudson, VanWyk, Long, Applegate

**NAYES:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

F. Kevin Lamberson explained the Resolution 050119A traffic controls. We are putting in a new four way stop at the intersection of West Maple and South Pearl. We will change the yield signs at the intersection of West Cherry and South Pearl to stop signs. There have been accidents at both of these intersections in the past two weeks. Also South Washington with cars parking on both sides of the street it is hard to get an emergency vehicle into that neighborhood so we will post no parking on the east side of South Washington from the intersection of West Cherry St and South Washington street. All vehicles will need to park on the west side of the street facing the direction of traffic.

G. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by Long to approve Resolution 050119A to establish traffic controls.

**AYES:** Applegate, Hudson, German, Long, VanWyk

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

H. Motion made by Long and seconded by VanWyk to approve garage door opener bid for police department in the amount of \$1832.80.

**AYES:** German, VanWyk, Applegate, Hudson, Long

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

I. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by VanWyk to approve purchase of concrete parking curbs for replacement at fire station and city park in the amount of \$1230.00

**AYES:** Long, Applegate, Hudson, VanWyk, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

J. Mike Linder stated that instead of just a bike night this year they have decided to make this a benefit ride. All donations will be given to the New Sharon Fire Department. Scooters will be catering this event and also US Bank and others will give donation. They would like to shut down Mulberry St. from East Walnut to East Cherry St. from 4:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. on June 15th for safety. Motion made by Long and seconded by VanWyk to approve closing Mulberry St. on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 p.m. for benefit ride.

**AYES:** German, VanWyk, Hudson, Long, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- K. Motion made by Long and seconded by German to set date of May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for budget amendments public hearing for FY2019.

**AYES:** Applegate, Long, Hudson, German, VanWyk  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- L. Motion made by German and seconded by Long to table until next meeting bid for new trash cans and planters for corner of Market and Main Streets.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German, Long  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- M. Motion made by Long and seconded by German to approve lease termination for Pella Regional Health for New Sharon Clinic effective 7/31/19.

**AYES:** Applegate, VanWyk, Long, German, Hudson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- N. Randy Pleima gave a report on the water project. At this time the treatment plant is completed and they are one year into the project. \$606,500 has been spent to date and there is about \$785,000 left of the 1.3 million project. We have all new tanks and filters. We need to amend the scope of the project since if we don't use all of the grant then we can't receive it. Randy wants to do new water meters at no cost to the homeowners. This will make it more time effective to read meters instead of 2 men 2 days they can be read in about 30 minutes. Our water loss is 45% in town so the new meters in the plants and the homes should help this. Also new controls which will be web based and will show up on the phones exactly what the alarms are going off for so they can be taken care of easier. A pump replacement which will be able to control by valve and also a stream sensor so that the stream and river can be monitored to give the fire department and the rural water department a warning when flooding is possible. They are still looking into main replacement on Mulberry Street if there is still grant money left over. Randy said they would still like to have a long-term goal of softening the water if possible.

- O. Motion made by German and seconded by Hudson to approve requested scope amendment on the CDBG contract.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Hudson, German, Long, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- P. Alan Lake asked for a \$25,000 advance on the grant for 105 E. Market Street. He stated that they have purchases coming up for appliances, bath vanities, light fixtures, fans and he didn't want to use his personal credit card for these purchases. He stated that they do not have company credit available to use and would like have this advance in order to purchase these items. Alan stated that the sheetrock is up and they are making good progress on the building.

- Q. Motion made by German and seconded by Long to approve a \$20,000 advance on the grant and they are to provide receipts.

**AYES:** Applegate, German, Hudson, Long, VanWyk  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Ordinances:**

- A. Motion made by Long and seconded by German to approve first reading of Ordinance 2019-001 vacating a portion of Water Street.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, German, Long, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

**Department Reports**

- a. **Water Report**- none
- b. **Sewer Report**-none
- c. **Street Report**- none
- d. **Police Report**- on table,
- e. **Cemetery Report**- school is going to fix the cemetery fence
- f. **City Clerk Report**- attending nuisance abatement class Coralville May 15th
- g. **City Attorney Report** None
- h. **Fire Department Report**- None
- i. **Library Board**- None

**10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information-**

- A. School is hosting a human trafficking presentation May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**12. Mayor Information: -**

A. Letter in packets in regards to confidentiality when a property is in litigation. Keri just reminded the council of this.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Long and seconded by VanWyk to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Lamberson declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn, CMC  
City clerk

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Keri Lamberson  
Mayor