

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday August 21, 2019**

**These are draft minutes and have not been approved by
The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Lamberson and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Larry Applegate, Terry Hudson, Jeff Long and Leslie VanWyk. Others in attendance were RD Keep, Shane Farnum, Josh & Misty Gott, Alexa Llanes, Hannah Llanes, Gabriel and Maleki Newport, Amber Gleason, Ariana Adams, Valerie Brandt, Grady Lewis, Jamie DeCook, Haleigh Weghorst, Royce Stephens, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Long, German, Applegate, Hudson, VanWyk

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

8/07/19 minutes
8/21/19 agenda
8/21/19 distributions pending

AYES: Applegate, Long, German, VanWyk, Hudson

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

1. Public Comments:

A. Tim VanPolen- to discuss enclosing porch on his trailer in Lot 2- not present

B. Shane Farnum- Shane is going to be starting a small car dealership on his property at 208 E. Cherry. This will house approximately 10 cars and the fence permit is to have a fence around the vehicles.

2. Requests from the Community: None

3. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permit for Shane Farnum, 208 E. Cherry, shed and fence at 6:03 p.m.

AYES: VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German, Long

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one to discuss building permits and no written comments

B. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hudson to close public hearing for building permit for Shane Farnum, 208 E. Cherry, shed and fence at 6:04p.m.

AYES: German, Hudson, Long, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by Long and seconded by Hudson to approve building permit for Shane Farnum, 208 E. Cherry, shed and fence.

AYES: Long, VanWyk, Hudson, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Resolutions and motions:

- A. Motion made by Long and seconded by VanWyk to set public hearing for building permits for Terri Readshaw, 116 S. Main, lean to; Larry & Rosemary Boggs, 502 N. Lincoln, pole barn for September 4th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: German, VanWyk, Applegate, Long, Hudson

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- B. Grady Lewis stated that the Association would take down the tree and replace the sidewalks. The grading and seeding of the property was done last weekend.

- C. Motion made by German and seconded by Hudson to approve transfer of property at 207 E. Market from New Sharon Fire Association to the city.

AYES: Hudson, VanWyk, German, Applegate, Long

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

- D. Motion made by Applegate and seconded by German to approve bid from Proline for city park building for eve trim behind gutters in the amount of \$1644.65.

AYES: Applegate, Long, Hudson, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- E. **Josh Gott** was present to discuss amending the ordinance to allow chickens in town. Alexa Llanes and Hannah Llanes gave the introduction stating that they liked spending time with their chickens and helped with the compost. They said that their brother played music for their chickens and ended asking to please let them keep their chickens as they love them like other pets. Josh then stated that he had researched other town ordinances that allowed chickens. Most towns have certain specific regulations for chickens such as number allowed, no roosters and sanitation. The bedding would need to be disposed of at the landfill and also regulations for odor from the chickens. Certain breeds are noisier than other breeds so that would need addressed. Josh stated in a smaller town we would have to have a voluntary support group that checks on the households with chickens to be sure they followed the regulations. He asked us to consider amending city ordinance 55.01 stating no game in town.

Haleigh Weghorst- spoke that she raises chickens in Barnes City and she raises them for FFA reasons and she is allowed to have them in town.

Shane Farnum- spoke that where he used to live he was able to have chickens in town. They were only allowed 6 chickens per permit. There were checks done to be sure you were in compliance. Also a \$100.00 fine if not in compliance. They had to be 25' away from the neighbor's house and officers did come and check up on them.

Valerie Brandt- said that she did not have a problem with neighbors having chickens. If you like them then you will keep them she stated.

Josh Gott- asked the city council to look at the Des Moines ordinance 14866 which is the amended version of the ordinance 13827 section H. He stated they have a very good ordinance and they do allow chickens up to 30 in Des Moines.

- F. Terry Hudson wanted to discuss changing the ordinance to allow UTV's on the roadways. This is only the side by side not the 3 wheelers and these have seat belts. Russ stated that they do not have any issues in the county in regards to allowing the UTV's they have to have a DNR registration sticker from the courthouse, blaze orange tape, speed limit max of 35 mph, and insurance card. Must be a valid licensed driver. Discussion was held on how the UTV's would get through town without being on any state highways. Discussion was held in regards to what streets would be a direct route to a county road to allow UTV's to access the county roads. They could cross a highway but can not ride on the highway.

Keri stated that since we are working on recodification that we could look into other cities ordinances and see what we can find for wording and would look at some of the streets that would allow direct

access out of town to a county road. Long asked that since we are looking into recodification could we will also look at the chicken ordinance, and what other towns have at this same time? Keri stated that yes we could do that.

Ordinances: None

Department Reports

- a. **Water Report-**
 - b. **Sewer Report-** preconstruction meeting for NE sewer project August 22nd
 - c. **Street Report-**
 - d. **Police Report-** on table
 - e. **Cemetery Report-** people looking for graves, also the culvert at S driveway of Friends cemetery was fixed by the Iowa DOT
 - f. **City Clerk Report-** working on SFR report, papers can be taken out for council and mayor positions
 - g. **City Attorney Report** None
 - h. **Fire Department Report-** none
 - i. **Library Board-** none
- 10. Departmental Requests:**
11. City council Information-
12. Mayor Information:

Adjournment:

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

Lisa Munn, CMC
City clerk

Keri Lamberson
Mayor