

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
NE SEWER INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met with the public for an informational meeting regarding the NE Sewer Project at the city park building on Thursday November 7 @ 6:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Jeff Long, Terry Hudson, and Tom German. Others in attendance were Mayor Lamberson, Jack Pope, Eric Dursky, RD Keep, Lisa Munn and Clay Beyer and approximately 40 citizens.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Long, German and Hudson

1. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Hudson to approve the 11/07/19 agenda.

AYES: Hudson, Long, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. Meeting was turned over to Eric Dursky to explain the NE Sewer project and answer any questions from citizens. Eric stated that eight years ago he came upon some sewer tile that was not running through a secondary system. This project has come into being based on the DNR regulations that septic with direct discharge are illegal. They have to have a secondary treatment. Houses with no secondary treatments will be hooked up to the city sewer. Also at any point that the septic fails they will be required to hook up to the city sewer. This will be addressed as city regulations require. Homeowners will need to have a licensed operator to inspect pump and check time of transfer. Hydrotest the second treatment will cost approximately \$600-\$800.00 Dursky stated. Eric said that Joe Meland and Caleb Fox are licensed in this area to do these inspections.

Options are up to the city council but they could assess these costs to home-owners property taxes. Sometimes it is less expensive to have just one contractor doing all of the work for a group of homeowners. Upon abandonment Eric comes out to be sure it is abandoned properly.

The construction company is approximately two to three weeks out from having the lift station up and running. The City Council and Eric Dursky will need to set timelines for citizens to be hooked up. The citizens will need a licensed plumber to hook into the city sewer and the homeowner will need to pay tapping fees to be hooked into the city sewer. City Sewer Superintendent will be at the property when the sewer is tapped to be sure it is tapped correctly.

Jack Pope said that we have run the lines to the home-owners property so the homeowner would just be responsible to run lines to these hookups. Jack stated that the sewer system was designed in 1919 and these plans are very similar to the ones that were first designed at that time.

Homeowners asked questions such as if they sell a property would it need to be hooked up and Eric said yes the property would need to be hooked up before it was sold. Vacant lots at this time will not need to be hooked up until any building is determined on the vacant lot. Eric and Jack met with some homeowners after the meeting to answer their direct questions.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Long and seconded by German to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified Muncpal City clerk

Keri Lamberson
Mayor

