

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday July 21, 2021**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 21, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Ron Wyatt, Leslie VanWyk, Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Brian & Nikita Mason, Molly Bruns, Roger Fread, Ben Hinricher, Bailey Joy Aanenson, Alex Esperanza, Kevin Lamberson, Clay Beyer and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Wyatt, Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve the following consent agenda items.

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7/21/2021 agenda

7/21/2021 distributions pending

AYES: Vanwyk, German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt,

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3 Public Comments: none

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permit for Tye Burch, 304 E. South, fence at 6:01 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one was present and no written comments

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to close public hearing for building permit for Tye Burch, 304 E. South, fence at 6:02 p.m.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Tye Burch, 304 E. South, fence.

AYES: Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to set public hearing for building permit for Brian & Nikita Mason, 304 W. High St, fence; Phil Morris, 405 S. Main, fence; Duane DeBoef, 108 E. Court, garage for August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to approve bid for removing trees from Pella Tree Service in the amount of \$6720.00. Other bid was Breman Tree in the amount of \$8280.00.

AYES: Hansen, VanWyk, Applegate, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Hansen to approve public hearing for sale of alley to Adam Eischen, Scott Williams, and David Readshaw for August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve public hearing for amending Ordinance 69.04 and 69.06 parking for August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, German, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Discussion was held in regards to moving the street from north of 302 S. Park to the S side of Prairie Village. We already have a road in place in that area so the base would already be there. If we place the street by 302 S. Park we will need to put in the base of about 30 loads of clay to build up the east section of that area for a street. The Little League will be bringing their plans to the council at the next meeting.

F. Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by German to table moving new street by 302 S. Park to S. side of property at Prairie Village.

AYES: VanWyk, German, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Roger Fread asked the council for permission to move forward with placing new flags in the Friends Cemetery to extend the avenue of flags north of the shed and along the roadway east to the Mulberry Street entrance. Roger will do some more research into cost on this as long as the council approves. They will need concrete, PVC Pipe and the flag poles and flags.

H. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve the legion moving forward with this project of adding to the avenue of flags in the Friends Cemetery.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Applegate, VanWyk, Hansen
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

I. Molly Bruns, Ben Hinricher, Bailey Joy Aanenson, and Alex Esperanza presented a check to the mayor from Cargill in the amount of \$14,037.00 for the playground equipment.

J. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to appoint Megan Boender for library board member.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

K. Dianna discussed the grant that is part of the American Plan Rescue Act. This is a non-competitive \$5000.00 reimbursement grant. They are planning to use this for a conference owl, solar charging bench to charge your devices, pergola in front of library to give some shade. These items have to be bought and paid for and then they will be reimbursed by this grant. This will happen all in the same budget year.

L. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve acceptance of reimbursement grant for library from State of Iowa library.

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- rural water, putting in new line from N side of old Casey's store to Sunset Drive.

B. Sewer Report- aerators not working, will need to call electrician. Clay stated would like to install a line and hydrant for fresh water at the lagoon. They are using pottable water but this is not good for cleaning out the aerators and DNR wanted us to put in one a while ago. Clay will check with MRW for cost and bring back to council. NE lift station the line running from the new lift station to the first manhole on Elm Street needs fixed. Clay will call Garden & Associates to talk to Jack. Boomerang needs to fix this.

C. Street Report- public hearing for parallel parking ordinance will be August 4th. Talked to Brandon Bandstra and he will sandblast the current parking lines off.

D. Park Report – Received Cargill check in the amount of \$14037.00 and Adam's champs donation of \$250.00.

E. Police Report- on table. Completed an online class for explicit bias and de-escalation training. Tahoe damage estimate from Vroom.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- none

G. Cemetery Report- fixing stones

H. City Clerk Report- debt obligation report submitted, annual composting report submitted, beginning the SFR report, working with insurance companies for bids for municipal insurance for FY2023, American Rescue plan webinars, talked to health insurance and will remain the same as last year. Wellmark has a decrease this year in our plan, Principal dental has a 4% increase, vision and disability remained the same.

- I. **City Attorney Report –none**
- J. **Fire Department Report-** none quiet
- K. **Library Report-** fiscal year ended with 2134 patrons through the door, 399 numbers are up, saved patrons \$28,000 by them using library instead of buying reading materials, bubble night has 45 in attendance, insect zoo had 95 in attendance. Last week of summer reading.

9. Departmental Requests:

A. **Playground committee-** Leslie stated that she is coordinating a time to work with Lindsey and start on the list of items for the next phase. She will bring bids to the next meeting if possible. Council asked for items for older children. Leslie will look into some items and ask about age range and weight, liability.

10. City council Information:

- A. **Landfill 28E agreement report-** no change
- B. Council petitions can be handed out need to be turned in no earlier than August 23 and before 5:00 p.m. on September 16th. Three council seats will be on the ballot for re-election.

11. Mayor Information:

- A. **EMA/ 911-** July 27th meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Mahaska County Friends-**sent letter to donate a bench made with 10,400 plastic bags so we will accept this bench from them for the city.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor