

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday September 1, 2021**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 1, 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 Stew Timm, Kody Smith, Valerie Brandt, Scott Williams, David Readshaw, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Wyatt, Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

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

8/18/2021 minutes

9/01/2021 agenda

9/01/2021 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 German and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for building permit for Gerry & Loni Tremmel, 706 S. Pine, garage; Scott Williams, 204 W. Cherry, David Readshaw, 205 W. Cary, 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 Wyatt to close public hearing for building permits for Gerry & Loni Tremmel, 706 S. Pine, garage; Scott Williams, 204 W. Cherry, David Readshaw, 205 W. Cary, fence at 6:02 p.m.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, VanWyk

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Gerry & Loni Tremmel, 706 S. Pine, garage.

AYES: Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve building permit for Scott Williams, 204 W. Cherry and David Readshaw, 205 W. Cary, fence.

AYES: VanWyk, German, Applegate, Wyatt, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Motion was made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve street closing for homecoming parade September 16th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve Resolution 090121 approving 2021 Street Financial Report.

AYES: Hansen, VanWyk, Applegate, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to approve Resolution 090121A accepting streets in Shamber Development.

AYES: Applegate, German, VanWyk, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Discussion with Stew Timm in regards to Prairie Village Development. Stew stated that he would like to see city grow in areas of sports. He is looking at a 5 member board committee including one council member, one school member, a USSSA traveling ball member, community member, and a little league member. He said he would act as the chair person. They might work on other ideas than ball fields also with this committee. They would ask the city to approve allowing this committee to work on the Prairie Village area. Kody Smith who is the acting president with Little League also spoke. He has a construction background and works with contractors in the Des Moines area. VanWyk stated she liked the idea of the new committee and would volunteer to be on it. Wyatt liked the idea of bringing more families to town, German did not like the idea of holding the property for three years. Who will maintain it? He also stated that parking will be an issue for ball diamonds since the city shop is there and if we are doing a large street project we will need to set up an area for material, plus the semi drivers pay to park there. Applegate stated that sometimes we are too quick to sell property and then wish later we had kept it.

G. The motion to approve having city attorney draw up a contract to hold Prairie Village for three years died due to lack of a motion.

H. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to not approve moving forward with New Sharon Little League Plans for Prairie Village.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Applegate, VanWyk, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

I. Motion for approving/not approving selling Prairie Village minus the shelter house died due to lack of a motion.

J. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve new water fountain with attached water bottle filling station from Global Industrial in the amount of \$2597.00 for city park playground with installation of next spring.

AYES: Hansen, Applegate, VanWyk, Wyatt, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

K. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve sensory play items for city park playground from Boland Recreation in the amount of \$12,987.00.

AYES: VanWyk, Wyatt, German, Applegate, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

L. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve a mix of red and black as available for picnic tables for city park playground.

AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, VanWyk, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

M. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve a mix of red and black as available for benches for city park playground.

AYES: Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Hansen, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

N. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve bid for replacing sidewalk at 606 N. Main from Jen Readshaw Concrete in the amount of \$5000.00.

Other bid was Boomerang Construction in the amount of \$5468.00.

AYES: German, Hansen, VanWyk, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances:None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report-none

C. Street Report-engineers meeting at 4:30 tomorrow for 105 S. Main

D. Park Report – new bench made with recycled bags delivered and placed at city park.

E. Police Report- on table, lots of cases and investigations taking lots of time.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- need jailers both full and part time, harvest time watch for equipment and also deer, car thefts in area so lock vehicles, youth watch at schools has helped with calls.

G. Cemetery Report- spotting stones to be placed.

H. City Clerk Report-Received first installment of ARP funds, working on Annual Financial Report.

- I. **City Attorney Report** –Dustin is in town on Tuesdays at his new office.
- J. **Fire Department Report-** Disaster team leaves Sunday Sept 5th for Independence Louisiana to help with hurricane damage
- K. **Library Report-** Valerie Brandt said board members will be coming to the meeting for education. They have a full board at this time.

9. Departmental Requests:

A. **Playground committee-** Lindsey Phillips is working on a donor plaque for playground. Also discussion in regards to outside bathroom. It was asked for us to look into the price of stainless steel for the bathroom walls to prevent further vandalism and closure of the bathroom.

10. City council Information: none

11. Mayor Information:

A. Jeff said that he has a meeting with contractor and structural engineers in regards to what was the best option to finish the outside walls left by demolition of 105 S. Main. Council would like to have them finished as the previous plans stated.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor