

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday March 2, 2022**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Ron Wyatt, Tom German, Justin Stout, Larry Applegate and Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Margaret Ratcliff, Elizabeth Wehrle, Valerie and Gretchen Brandt, Craig Fawcett, Jane Clark, Stacie Cameron, Russ VanRenterghem, Clay Beyer, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by: Wyatt, German, Applegate, Stout, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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3/02/2022 agenda

3/02/2022 distributions pending

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate, 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 Hansen to open public hearing for Fy2023 budget at 6:01 p.m.

AYES: Stout, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one was present and no comments for the public hearing

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to close public hearing for FY2023 budget at 6:02 p.m.

AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve Resolution 030222 FY2023 budget.

AYES: Applegate, Stout, German, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Margaret Ratcliff to discuss insurance- Margaret stated we had met in September to look at other insurance companies and if they could offer the same for the city of New Sharon to save on premiums. Her agency Ratcliff and Blake serve 50% commercial, 40% personal and 10% antique aviation. They do loss control visits, boiler visits to their city accounts which include Oskaloosa, Pella, Thornburg, and University Park along with some others. They have EMC, ICAP, Continental Western and Cincinnati insurance. EMC has very good benefits for the city and by looking over the cities policy from last year our policy was well written. We also have EMC cybersecurity which is a good policy for our city. Some suggestions was to have the city added as an additional insured on the Quonset rents, also check with Mahaska Rural Water to see if we are added as an additional insured so if they are negligent they can't segregate against the city insurance.

B. Craig Fawcett with Digs Rod Shop discussed spring festival car show. They will need more space this year since they hope to have around 125 cars and also will have Hidy Racing demonstration of a nitro fuel altered car. They are planning on starting this car up around 1:00. They would like two firefighters also to be around this car when it is started for safety. It was discussed that we can not close hwy 102 any further than Pine Street due to detouring traffic on like surface roads. We can close S Pearl for one block s of E Market and also one block North of E Market and we can also close W High Street for a couple of blocks if needed. Craig Fawcett said that they will need more food vendors since last year they were out of food early and this will bring in at least 350 more people for the car show.

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve Digs Rod Shop car show for spring festival.

AYES: Wyatt, Stout, Applegate, German, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 030222A increase city park building rent.

AYES: Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt, German, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Jane Clark addressed the council in regards to raising the semi parking from \$10.00 per month to \$60.00 per month. She feels this is unfair for the ones that only park there on the weekends when others park there nightly. Discussion was held and it was decided to raise everyone from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per month.

F. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 030222B increase semi parking rent to \$40.00 per month.

AYES: Hansen, Stout, German, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Applegate to approve bid from Faulhaber Construction in the amount of \$9200.00 for windows for city hall.

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate, German, Stout, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

H. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve liquor license for Prairie Knolls Country Club.

AYES: Applegate, Hansen, Stout, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

I. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve generator for lagoon \$51664.00 and \$26000.00 electric from Gritters Electric to install. Approximations since lead time is over one year.

AYES: Wyatt, Stout, Applegate, German, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

J. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 030222C hiring new library director.

AYES: Hansen, German, Stout, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- water line from Depot St to Hwy 63 has been tied in

B. Sewer Report- have had some private sewer lines breaking

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report – new sensory equipment shipment delayed until Mid May, outdoor bathroom being fixed to open in spring, would like one more camera for better coverage of bathroom door.

E. Police Report- on table, Kevin attended blood borne pathogen training in Oskaloosa, Active school shooter training coming soon.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- none

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- reviewing insurance renewal, webinars on ARPA reporting due April, which blocks of W High would we like to post no parking s side. Council decided that person asking for this should come to the next council meeting and address the council with their concerns.

I. City Attorney Report –none

J. Fire Department Report- new pump being installed

K. Library Report- Elizabeth Wehle said AWE learning station is installed at the library already had some interest in using it. Stacie Cameron was introduced and will start working tomorrow as the new library director. Author visit on April 9th, summer reading program will begin in May

9. Departmental Requests:

10. City council Information:

A. Tom said the landfill said ok to the 28 E agreement, Oskaloosa only one not signed yet.

11. Mayor Information:

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor