

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday March 16, 2022**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 16, 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 Heath Hokenberry, Amy McGriff, Ralph Munson, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn.

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

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

3/02/2022 minutes

3/16/2022 agenda

3/16/2022 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:None**

**6. Resolutions and Motions:**

**A.** Heath Hokenberry from EMC insurance and Amy McGriff from McGriff insurance were here to discuss the EMC insurance renewal. Heath went over the EMC highlights. Jester Ins is the managing agent over EMC. About 60% of municipalities participate with EMC. This year was one of the first years that there was no dividend given through IAMU and that was due to the amount spent on the derecho. EMC has very good cybersecurity which is what we had the last two years. The cities work comp mod went down from 1.31 to .91 which Amy congratulated the city on. If we increase our deductible from \$2500 commercial property deductible to \$5000 deductible that saves us \$1937 this year.

**B.** Ralph Munson asked about people parking on the south side of West High Street. It is almost impossible to get their vehicles out of their driveway and she stated that street is busy with walkers and it is dangerous. Jeff has spoken to the neighbors about the parking situation and they stated they are not sure what they are going to do with another child driving.

**C.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve 28E agreement changes for Mahaska County Landfill. Oskaloosa basically just cut back their membership.

**AYES:** Wyatt, Stout, Applegate, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**D.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 031622 no parking south side of W High St from N Pearl to N Washington St.

**AYES:** Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt, German, Stout

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**E.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve insurance from EMC with \$5000 commercial property deductible with agent Margaret Ratcliff of Ratcliff-Blake Insurance.

**AYES:** Stout, German, Applegate, Wyatt

**NAYES:** Hansen

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**7. Ordinances: None**

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-**generator ordered 1500 more than 3 months ago,

**C. Street Report-** discuss parking, repair sidewalk by old bus barn will get price for this.

**D. Park Report** –none

**E. Police Report-** on table, Kevin attended training with sheriff dept.

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** K9 in 2<sup>nd</sup> week of 4 week training, sheriff partnered with handle with care program. If child is in a school and witnessed a traumatic event the sheriff can call the child's school and tell them to handle with care today. No details are given to the school they just know something traumatic was witnessed and to handle this child with care for that day. Russ stated they also have both part time and full time employment openings at the jail. North Mahaska school allowed the departments to have an active shooting training in the school on Monday which Kevin and Joe participated in.

**G. Cemetery Report-** none

**H. City Clerk Report-** application for employment turned in, writing letters for nuisance properties

**I. City Attorney Report** –none

**J. Fire Department Report-** new pump is installed, actively trying to get more EMS and fire personal.

**K. Library Report-** on table

## **9. Departmental Requests:**

## **10. City council Information:**

**11. Mayor Information:**

**12. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn, CMC  
Certified City Clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor