

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday January 18, 2023**

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The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Applegate and the following members answering roll call: Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ron Wyatt, Justin Stout, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Joshua Crouse, Valerie Brant, Brandon Husmann, Clay Beyer, Brittany VanderBeek, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Jeff Long was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

01/04/2023 minutes

01/18/2023 agenda

01/18/2023 distributions pending

AYES: German, Wyatt, Hansen, Stout, Applegate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve publishing property at 209 N. Pine for bids for sale. Sealed bids \$1000 minimum with right to raise at meeting on Feb. 15th. Bids due at city hall at 6:00 p.m. on Feb 15th to be open at the 15th council meeting.

AYES: German, Hansen, Applegate, Stout, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve Resolution 011823 increasing wastewater superintendents pay for certification.

AYES: Hansen, Applegate, Stout, German, Wyatt

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve nominating Polly Ehret for library board member.

AYES: Applegate, German, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- D.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve association making renovations to the fire station bathroom. They have a free-standing shower in apparatus bay for decontamination and they want to remodel the bathroom in the meeting room with a shower and make the other restroom a unisex restroom for more privacy due to having camera's in the bay area.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Stout, Applegate, Hansen

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- E.** Discussion to set up committee to discuss purchasing a new brush truck to replace the 1996 brush buggy. Josh stated that they are needing to start considering upgrading the fire trucks. The Tanker and pumper trucks are very expensive to upgrade around 400-500,000 and don't get used quite as much as the brush trucks so he is hoping to form a committee to look into purchasing a new 1 ton gas flatbed truck for a brush truck. The older brush truck is harder for guys to climb up on to ride and the new one would be easier. Josh stated that he is hoping for the fall of 2024 or spring of 2025 to have one purchased and ready. There are some CD's up in July that he would like to cash in to use for this purpose. He is hoping to be able to purchase the new brush truck for around \$100,000. Council members thought this would be fine. No motion was needed just an informational discussion.
- F.** Discussion on what to do with 2 old natural gas flat tops at the city park building. Clay stated that these were in a cabinet at the city park building and very old. He is not sure if they even work. It was asked do you want to put these on Marketplace to sell or just throw out.
- G.** Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to just junk these out and get rid of them.

AYES: Stout, German, Hansen, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

H. Discussion for budget FY2024- Lisa asked if the council wanted a special work session for the budget or if they just wanted to review at the meeting before approving. Stout and Wyatt said that they did not feel we needed a special work session since no questions were asked last time. Lisa also asked if the council or the HR committee wanted to do employee evaluations or just consider what to do in regards to raises. German said that the employees were all doing fine and he did not feel like we needed to have one on one employee evaluations. Stout said that he thought the same raises across the board was good. German and Applegate will have something for the next meeting in regards to amounts of employee compensation for the FY2024.

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- Mahaska Rural Water will be replacing park water tower valve

B. Sewer Report- Clay passed Grade 2 certification exam. We are having some problems with the step feed new sager system at the lagoon. Three time a year we need to test and we do not meet the numbers. We will be off for the next couple of months until warmer weather.

C. Street Report- Endloader was serviced, windshield washer fluid not working so they fixed this and also the air bag under the seat needed new pump.

D. Park Report- new flooring is all installed in the city park building, the playground donor sign is also complete.

E. Police Report- in packets, Today Kevin attended a SART Team meeting the county started for sexual assault response. Kevin also said the cinder blocks on the south and west side of the police station are starting to show separation. He said we need to consider putting steel on those two sides. He will get a bid for this so it can be considered for the FY2024 budget.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Brandon gave report on Rocko's first year as a sheriff K-9. Rocko has been in 31 vehicle searches, 14 educational programs, 6 school searches, 24 outside law enforcement agencies, 6 tracking, 4 flushings, 2 missing persons, drug task force and 3 firearms found. He has been beneficial to the sheriff department.

G. Cemetery Report- should be live on the website this week

H. City Clerk Report- working on budget, annual fire trustee report completed, insurance renewal review next week

I. City Attorney Report – none

J. Fire Department Report- Josh said that 62-62 pumper was at Bill & Rays for an air dryer repair. Josh read the annual financial report on calls. No questions were asked.

K. Library Report- in packets.

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information: None

11. Mayor Information: None

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 6.45 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Larry Applegate
Mayor Pro Tem