

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday April 19, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Pro Tem Larry Applegate and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ron Wyatt, Ben Hansen, Justin Stout. Others in attendance were Jerry Baker, Kodi Smith, Ken Lacey, Russ VanRenterghem, Doug Readshaw, Clay Beyer, Richard Mason, Aaron Schock, Brittany VanderBeek, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Mayor Jeff Long was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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04/19/2023 distributions pending

AYES: German, Wyatt, Applegate, Stout, Hansen

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments:

A. Richard Mason- to discuss the nuisance abatement letter he received regarding the weeds and overgrowth of his yard. Richard stated he has a 25 pound weight restriction due to medical issues and would like to ask for an extension. Council stated it would be considered and placed on the next council meeting agenda for consideration of a 60 day extension.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permit for Dylan/Carrie Kral, 608 S Mulberry St, portable shed, Cody/Aishya Brigham, 306 N Main St, fence, Jerry Baker, 309 N Elm, garage, Kevin McGriff, 305 E Walnut, lean on shed, Cody DeWitt, 308 N Main, fence for May 3rd at 6pm.

AYES: Applegate, Stout, German, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Stout to approve Jerry Baker building permit to begin this week since this was for an expired building permit already approved

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

- C.** Motion to approve/not approve Little League getting survey and fair market pricing for McGriff Field ceased due to last of motion. Kody Smith asked if the city would help with the survey. Kody and the council conversed about the possibility of the Little League leasing the field from the city opposed to purchasing the land at this time.
Ken Lacey-wrote letter sharing his concerns about the lights at McGriff field, what will happen to the lights that were placed out there if nobody uses the ballfield.
- D.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve setting date for spring clean up for June 16th with LDI for \$140 per hour truck/driver, \$35/hr boots on the ground. Starting June 16th at 7am. No tires, yard waste, paint, oil, cement, bricks or electronics.
AYES: Wyatt, German, Hansen, Applegate, Stout
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- E.** Motion to approve/not approve setting price for white goods pick up ceased due to lack of motion.
- F.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve bid from KCP Greenhouse for flowers for planters in the amount of \$488.
AYES: Stout, Hansen, German, Wyatt, Applegate
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- G.** Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve the purchase of dump truck from City of Hopkinton in the amount of \$20,200
AYES: Stout, Applegate, Wyatt, German, Hansen
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- H.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve \$1500 for hauling truck home.
AYES: Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, German, Applegate
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- I.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve getting rid of Freightliner 1995 Truck, as is, no warranties, truck+box with a starting bid of \$5,000. Sealed bids are due May 17th at 6pm and will be opened and allowed to raise bid one time at the May 17th council meeting.
AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- J.** Motion to approve/not approve Resolution 040523A hiring of Building Inspector ceased due to lack of motion.
- K.** Discussion on wording for the building inspector was discussed among the council a written ad has been created for a Building Coordinator. Ad will be posted in paper and on website for contract to be awarded on May 3rd meeting.

They will need own insurance, own tools and will be paid \$25.00 per visit to the property to be sure the building is as the permit is written.

- L. Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 041923 approving allocation of ARPA funds.

AYES: Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, German, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: none

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- DNR inspection was held Tuesday, generator for the lagoon was delivered today.

C. Street Report- awarded bid on the new dump truck, will be picked up sometime next week.

D. Park Report- playground donation sign is ready to be picked up and installed. Ron made suggestion on removing the cedar tree at the park due to safety and replacing with a new tree.

E. Police Report- in packets, computer docking station has been installed and is working well, temporary body camera is here, will be going to training a few days in May with the Mahaska County Sheriff Department. May 3rd is New Sharon Bike to School Day from the park. Kevin shared the school bus is having trouble with vehicles parked on W South Street. Due to this we need to post no parking on both sides of W. South Street from Main to Pine and also S Pearl to W Cary to W South Street no parking. The Resolution will be on the next agenda.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ shared racing season starts tonight in Oskaloosa the Reserve Posse has 65 scheduled events they are helping with this summer. May 11th is handgun qualifying for the Department. Russ shares mental health concerns within the county is still very high.

G. Cemetery Report-Clay and Ron will go around the cemeteries and decide where to plant new trees

H. City Clerk Report- submitted ARPA report, IMFOA Conference this week Lisa will attend Thursday and Friday.

I. City Attorney Report – none

J. Fire Department Report- looking at new nozzles for hydrants

K. Library Report- in packets.

L. Zoning Committee- Aaron Schock reports he is the chairman and Lea DeCook is the secretary. Maps were given to Aaron of the city limits. Ben shared with Aaron he could reach out to Clay at Area 15 for help with zoning as well.

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information:

A. Mark McCulley called and would like addresses for 15 trees to be planted within the community. Clay and Ron will decide where trees should be planted.

B. Ben Hansen asked about sidewalks and how to approach inspecting and sending letters to homeowners/businessowners on repairing.

11. Mayor Information: none

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by German to adjourn at 7.38 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Larry Applegate
Mayor Pro Tem