

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday June 7, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 7, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Larry Applegate, Ben Hansen, Justin Stout, Ron Wyatt. Others in attendance were Stacie Cameron, Ken Lacey, Deana DeJong, Rodney Playle, Jim Stursma, Kevin Lamberson, Dusty DeBoef, Russ VanRenterghem, and Brittany VanderBeek

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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06/07/2023 distributions pending

AYES: German, Applegate, Wyatt, Stout, Hansen

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments:

Deana DeJong came to discuss mowing 2' of the city property that is next to her property. Deana shares she has been mowing the city's 2' beside her property for 22 years, Deana shares she did not have a problem mowing the city property or adding concrete pavers to the front of the property until she received a nuisance and abatement letter in the mail for having wood and materials in the fire zone on the back of her property, Deana shared she thought she had everything cleaned up when she received a letter from Dustin, City Attorney, that there would be court involvement for not cleaning up the property in the period of time listed on the first letter sent. Deana shares she has all of the wood and metal pieces now cleaned up. Deana shares she would have liked someone to come and talk to her and explain what was asked of her rather than receive a letter with "lawyer terms" in it as she did not know what the letter truly meant. Deana shares due to the letter and the court case she would like the city to pay her for mowing the 2' of city property for \$80/year for a total of \$1,760 the last 22 years, as well as the pavers she placed to make the properties look nicer totaling \$75 for the blocks. Mayor Long stated the city would not pay for the mowing or the blocks as the service was not asked for and was not approved prior to doing so. DeJong asked if the court case would be dismissed, Long stated DeJong needed to contact Attorney Dustin Hite and pay the court costs as it has already been filed with the courts. DeJong states she will be done mowing the 2' if this does not go in her favor. Tom German asked Mayor Long why these letters and court considerations do not go before the

council prior to going to the lawyer and court, Ben Hansen shares in the city ordinance is very clear on deadlines and further steps with the attorney.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for building permit for 33z Racing, 308 S Park, storage pod; Rick Tjarks, 109 E High St, fence; Shannon Blommers, 706 W Market, portable greenhouse at 6:11pm.

AYES: Hansen, Applegate, Wyatt, German, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to close public hearing for building permit for 33z Racing, 308 S Park, storage pod; Rick Tjarks, 109 E High St, fence; Shannon Blommers, 706 W Market, portable greenhouse at 6:12pm.

AYES: Stout, Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for 33z Racing, 308 S Park, storage pod.

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Stout to approve building permit for Rick Tjarks, 109 E High, fence

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Shannon Blommers, 706 W Market, portable greenhouse.

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for lease on real estate to New Sharon Little League at 6:14pm

AYES: Wyatt, German, Stout, Hansen, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to close public hearing for lease on real estate to New Sharon Little League at 6:16pm.

AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

- A.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permits for Rodney Playle, 207 S Washington, shed for June 21st at 6:00 p.m.
AYES: Applegate, Stout, German, Hansen, Wyatt
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- B.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve allowing Rodney Playle, 207 S Washington, shed to be delivered before June 21.
AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- C.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 06072023 lease for real estate to New Sharon Little League
AYES: Wyatt, German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- D.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve 60- day extension for Jim Stursma, 508 N Main nuisance abatement.
AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Stout, Applegate
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- E.** Dusty DeBoef came to discuss a sewer bill from Rozendaal Drain Cleaning in the amount of \$600, Dusty would like the city to pay for the bill due to the blockage being in the city main. Mayor Long stated Clay Beyer shared the sewer blockage was in the city main which caused Dusty's home to backup. Council all agreed the city needed to pay for the expense of the plumbing bill to Rozendaal.
- F.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hanson to approve payment to Rozendaal Drain Cleaning for sewer issue at 305 S Pine in the amount of \$600.
AYES: Stout, Applegate, German, Wyatt, Hansen
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- G.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve Tobacco License for Casey's
AYES: Wyatt, German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- H.** Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve Alcohol License for East Market Grocery
AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, Stout, German, Applegate
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None

- I. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve special permit for Spring Festival Alcohol License for East Market Grocery
AYES: Wyatt, Hansen, German, Applegate, Stout
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- J. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve Tobacco License for East Market Grocery
AYES: Stout, Wyatt, Hansen, German, Applegate
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: none

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- lines and curbs painted, potholes filled and new flags are hung

D. Park Report- bottle filler on drinking fountain at park is broken, new part is set to ship on 7/10. CPB will be closed for painting 6/13-6/18, park bathroom is closed due to vandalism, will open for Saturday of Spring Festival.

E. Police Report- in packets, Kevin attended training in Oskaloosa and will be attending a Human Trafficking Training on 6/28 in Ankeny, the Tahoe blew a tire and will be getting replaced 6/8. New tires will be roughly \$700. Jamie Robinson with EMA talked with Kevin about getting a new AED for his squad car. Kevin will have more information on this at the next meeting.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ shared they plan to have a large sheriff presence at Spring Festival this weekend. The Sherriff Dept has been working on fundraising for Law Publications to debut at the county fair, materials will be for toddlers through adults and they are very excited about this. Russ shares they had very few planting accidents this season. The Reserves have more than 60 events they are working this summer. Russ shares they are still looking to hire jailers at the jail. A new street drug “trank” has made its way to Iowa and is noted to be more than fentanyl and heroin. Narcan does not work with this drug.

G. Cemetery Report- sold one plot

H. City Clerk Report- working on end of fiscal year, looking into different companies to complete comprehensive plan for zoning.

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- Ron shared 62-62 is back in service

K. Library Report- in packets, Stacie shares at this time nobody has applied for her position, her intended end date will be approximately end of July.

L. Zoning Committee- none

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information: Tom German shared if the city is looking into getting new fleet trucks within the next few years we may want to get on the list for one now, the current wait time for a state-big vehicle is approximately 2 years.

11. Mayor Information: none

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Stout to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Brittany VanderBeek
Deputy City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor