

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday June 21, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 21, 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, Ron Wyatt. Others in attendance were Dustin Hite, Vincent & Amber Wallerich, Ken Lacey, Zack VanderBeek, Linette Lindgren, Kevin Lamberson, Russ VanRenterghem, and Lisa Munn. Justin Stout was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

06/07/2023 minutes

06/21/2023 agenda

06/21/2023 distributions pending

AYES: German, Applegate, Wyatt, Hansen

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments:

A. Linette Lindgren attorney representing Zack VanderBeek spoke to the council.

1. Zack is requesting for the council to modify the property agreement

2. Zack is asking to be placed on the agenda to discuss contract dispute with the council. Linette stated that she sent letter on June 19th requesting to be on the agenda and after many emails with city attorney Dustin Hite was not added. She stated the request was reasonable and asks for Zack to be on the next agenda.

B. Amber and Vince Wallerich- asked if there was a way to have speed bumps on Mulberry Street between East Oak Street and the cemetery entrance. They stated that they had a dog hit in the street from a motorist driving too fast.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permit for Rodney Playle, 207 S. Washington, shed at 6:06 pm.

AYES: Hansen, Applegate, Wyatt, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to close public hearing for building permit for Rodney Playle, 207 S. Washington, shed at 6:07pm.

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Rodney Playle, 207 S. Washington, shed.

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for building permit for Dwane Brown, 403 N. Lincoln, canvas shed for July 5th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Applegate, German, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Discussion raising sewer rates effective 7/1/23. By ordinance we can increase 3.5% with no motion however since the consumer index is 7% from May 2022-May 2023 and sewer has to be self-sustaining do we want to do a 5% increase like we did last year? After discussion it was decided to raise sewer rates 5% to help with the rising costs of chemicals, testing, and utilities. We are paying a \$2,376,000 loan back for improvements.

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Applegate to approve Resolution 062123 raising sewer rates 5%.

AYES: German, Applegate, Hansen, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Applegate to approve alcohol license for Cheema Gas and Liquors.

AYES: Wyatt, German, Hansen, Applegate

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

E. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to accept Stacie Cameron's resignation as library director effective 7/14/23.

AYES: German, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve allowing American Legion to purchase and place a plaque on the bell in the city park for Persian Gulf War.

AYES: Applegate, German, Wyatt, Hansen

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. Ordinances: none

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- City Park Building interior painted, new rules nothing attached to walls, concrete will need replaced by gazebo, cracked. Jeff also asked to have the shake shingles on the north side of gazebo looked at.

E. Police Report- in packets, spring festival went well. Sheriff posse helped and Kevin recommended that we put on next agenda for a donation to them. Kevin thanked Russ for the help with spring festival. He stated that Brandon had no issues with the softball games or Prairie Knolls so everything went well.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-none

G. Cemetery Report- trees are planted and they look nice

H. City Clerk Report- EMC audit was Tuesday, webinar and meetings for comp plan proposals, end of the fiscal year procedures. Brittany is working on grant for East End Park, should know on other two grants by end of next week.

I. City Attorney Report- Dustin said that we have two pending nuisance infraction court cases, He also stated that he had many emails from Linette Lindgren from Tuesday.

J. Fire Department Report- none

K. Library Report- in packets

L. Zoning Committee- not meeting at this time

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information:

A. Asked how long DeHoedt's had to clean up property at 209 N. Pine and per the contract they have until September 17th to have this done. They do need to be sent a mowing letter since that is not part of the cleanup of the buildings.

11. Mayor Information: none

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by Applegate to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor