

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

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The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ben Hansen, Ron Wyatt, Justin Stout, Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Dustin Hite, Andrea Reed, Denise Holtcamp-Peacock, Ken Lacey, Zack VanderBeek, Jim VanderBeek, Brandon Hussman and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

07/05/2023 minutes

07/19/2023 agenda

07/19/2023 distributions pending

AYES: German, Stout, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments:

A. Andrea Reed- concern for cat problem in our community, messes in the yard, can't leave garage door open, had to throw away Christmas decoration that had been urinated on. She said they have tried scented oils, motion sensor devices, live trapping by homeowners does not work since the animal shelter says they are full and won't pick them up. She is asking for fines, ordinances, and fees to register pets, also maybe a limit of 4 pets per household.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Discussion was held with Zack VanderBeek in regards to property exchange. Zack and Jim VanderBeek here to figure where we are at in the agreement. Man hours and machine hours. Zack thinks we should split the mid American energy bill for the pole removal in half. Jim said he was under the impression the building use was free for the year. Stout said if they split the mid American energy bill in half with the hours he comes up with \$7414.75 and if we don't split the Mid American energy bill it is \$9754.50. Zack asked if there were any other options. Dustin stated that we went through the public hearing process, agreement was signed by everyone so for the city to go back and change would take starting over. Zack asked if there was no legal amendment to the contract. Dustin said the city would need to get something out of it. Jim said that it doesn't set right. Jim asked if we had ever made someone pay for an

easement and Dustin stated yes Linder's had to pay for an easement on the N cemetery property for a driveway. Ben Hansen said that since Dustin stated that we could not give anything away how can we as a city be sure that the city doesn't have to do more. Dustin said the city has done everything so legally the contract has been fulfilled. Wyatt asked can we donate to them. Dustin said no. Tom asked if this wouldn't be working off a city debt. Dustin said if there were things we had not completed. Zack said they had done all of the proposal work for Mid American moving the poles. Jim VanderBeek said he was not happy but since it only amounted to \$2500.00 let's just go home and be done with it.

B. Denise Holtcamp Peacock wanted to discuss purchasing the alley between 204 and 206 S. Pearl. She stated when she purchased the house alley went all the way through. Now Casey's has closed off half of the alley. Denise would like to purchase her ½ of the alley. She said that the neighbor has room to get into their garage. She stated there is a cut out in the fence by Casey's and the people are using the alley and throwing trash on her property. Tom asked if we could just ask Casey's to fix the fence at the East End of the alley. Ben said we can't sell half of an alley but if Denise could get written permission from the neighbor stating they don't want to purchase their half and don't care about no access to garage then we could sell the whole alley to Denise.

C. Motion to approve vacating alley between 204 and 206 S. Pearl died due to lack of a motion.

D. Discussion about council tablets. Ben said he didn't really care if we got Samsung or I Pads, however he is an iPad guy, as long as it gets rid of the paper packet and saves money on the paper budget and also saves having someone deliver packets. Tom asked which was the easiest. Wyatt said he is a Samsung guy but would like ones with keyboards and also a TV so everyone can see the meeting.

E. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Wyatt to approve ordering 10.2 Apple 9th Generation iPads with keyboards for the council and mayor

AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, Applegate

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

F. Discussion about speed camera meeting. Tom said that it was interesting, Hansen said he thought a trailer would be good so it could be moved around and we would not be locked into a 2-year program. If we put in the hard poles if we cancel before 2 years it would cost the city \$75000.00. Wyatt thought we needed a hard pole on 63. Handheld would be great by the school. Ron asked Brandon about laser radar guns. He said they work well.

G. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve Blue Line Solutions doing a traffic study for speed cameras.

AYES: Wyatt, Applegate German, Hansen, Stout

NAYES: none

ABSTENTIONS: None

H. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve renewing health insurance contracts with Wellmark BCBS and Principal Ins.

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

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- bottle filler on water fountain is fixed,

E. Police Report- none

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- none

G. Cemetery Report- selling some lots, corrections on spelling on old maps

H. City Clerk Report-City hall will be closed July 20-July 30; Did not receive the Prairie Meadows grant.

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- none

K. Library Report- in packets

L. Zoning Committee- not meeting at this time

9. Departmental Requests:

A. Tom said that Landfill rates go up Sept 1st.

10. City council Information:

A. Picture of mural to be painted on the First State Bank building on S. Main St.

11. Mayor Information: none

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor