

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday October 4, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 4, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ben Hansen and Ron Wyatt. Others in attendance were Mike Linder, Ken Lacey, Linda Steel, Dustin Hite, June Williams, Josh Crouse, Russ VanRenterghem, Ben Johnson, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Larry Applegate and Justin Stout were absent.

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

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

09/20/2023 minutes

10/04/2023 agenda

10/04/2023 distributions pending

**AYES:** German, Wyatt, Hansen

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**3. Public Comments: None**

**4. Requests from the Community: None**

**5. Public Hearings:**

**A.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for building permits for Steve & Kay Castaneda, 309 N. Main, fence; Charles & Roberta Playle, 106 S. Winder, handicap ramp; Jack & Donna Smith, 309 S. Pine, shed and fence; New Sharon Historical Society, 201 E. High, addition to building at 6:01 p.m.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

No one was present and no written comments.

**B.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to close public hearing for building permits for Steve & Kay Castaneda, 309 N. Main, fence; Charles & Roberts Playle, 106 S. Winder, handicap ramp; Jack & Donna Smith, 309 S. Pine, shed and fence; New Sharon Historical Society, 201 E. High, addition to building at 6:02 p.m.

**AYES:** Wyatt, Hansen, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Steve & Kay Castaneda, 309 N. Main, fence

**AYES:** Hansen, German, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**D.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve building permit for Charles & Roberta Playle, 106 S. Winder, handicap ramp.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**E.** Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Jack & Donna Smith, 309 S. Pine, shed and fence.

**AYES:** Hansen, Wyatt, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**F.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve building permit for New Sharon Historical Society, 201 E. High, addition to building.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

## **6. Resolutions and Motions**

**A.** Discussion in regards to sign at New Sharon Assembly of God Church- Mike Linder was at the meeting to discuss the signage. The church is going through a name change and are looking into different sign options. Mike talked to the sign company about raising the sign and using the old foundation. This would be cost prohibitive since they would have to completely remove the sign to the foundation. The new concept 1 is 86" tall and 96" wide and the second concept is 86" tall and the way it is angled Mike thinks it would be easier to see around it. The church is leaning toward concept 2 at this time but still waiting on another company to get back to them. Mike asked if the board votes for the first concept what does that look like to the council. It was asked if they could put the sign attached to the church on one side? They would like to keep it in the present location. Hansen said since it had been there so long already to just go ahead and leave it there. Wyatt agreed.

**B.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve sign location and design at New Sharon Assembly of God church.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Discuss ordinance for speed cameras with city attorney: Dustin looked at the ordinances that was given in regards to the speed camera. Maximum that you can charge is \$750.00 since it is a municipal infraction. The owner of the vehicle gets the ticket. Can still write tickets under the city and state code. People responding to emergency calls will they be exempt? Dustin stated they still need to follow speed limit and traffic signs however, since there is a record of what time of emergency and who attended and this could be verified, they would be exempt. Dustin said of all of the ordinances what is the conflict- of- interest policy and what do you set the fines at? Ron liked the Prairie City ordinance 1-14 \$100.00 fine, 15-19 \$200.00 fine and over 20 \$400.00. Jay will be at the next meeting from Blue Line to answer any questions the

council has and will also have the contract to us before that meeting to be examined by Dustin.

**D.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to set public hearing for building permits for New Sharon Little League, Reed field, 306 S. Elm bathrooms, Aaron & Courtney Schock, 504 E. Walnut, shed and addition to deck for October 18th at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**E.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 100423 hiring Dennis Houser as a temporary part time machinery operator.

**AYES:** Hansen, Wyatt, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**F.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve Resolution 100423A hiring Stan Munn Jr as temporary part time machinery operator.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**G.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to get rid of old benches from city park by taking to the landfill.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

## **7. Ordinances: none**

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-** none

**C. Street Report-** street patching done

**D. Park Report-** none

**E. Police Report-** in packets,

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Russ said that Scott Miller is retiring and Russ introduced Ben Johnson who has been appointed as chief deputy.

**G. Cemetery Report-** sold some lots

**H. City Clerk Report-** Community open house for MSA surveys on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at city park building; Trick or Treating will be on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; working on annual financial report; IMFOA conference is October 18-21 in Des Moines; received one application for deputy city clerk.

**I. City Attorney Report-** dog cases, junk cases

**J. Fire Department Report-** Josh said 62-67 1982 tanker rear brake shoes and the exhaust broke in front of muffler so it is at Lynnville Repair to be fixed.

**K. Library Report-** in packets

**L. Zoning Committee-** none

**9. Departmental Requests: none**

**10. City council Information:**

A. Ron asked about Presbyterian church and needing a fence around the hole and also the weeds need to be cut down and cleaned up. Jeff said he has tried to contact Alan Lake with no response.

**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 7:01 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

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Lisa Munn  
Certified Municipal City Clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor