

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday January 3, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 3, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Ben Hansen, Linda Steel, Justin Stout, Keri Lamberson and Tom German. Others in attendance were Ken Lacey, Josh Crouse, June Williams, Stan Munn Jr, Doug Readshaw, Russ VanRentereghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by: Hansen, Lamberson, Steel, Stout, German

2. Consent Agenda:

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

12/20/2023 minutes

01/03/2024 agenda

01/03/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 010324 naming official depositories for 2024.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve Resolution 010324A naming official newspaper for 2024. Oskaloosa Herald official newspaper. Did not add News Review this year since they have no New Sharon news in paper.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 010324B naming city attorney for 2024. Patrick Mahaffey will be new city attorney.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve Resolution 010324C naming fire chief for 2024. Josh Crouse will be fire chief.

Motion passed unanimously

E. Dustin swore in Josh Crouse as fire chief for 2024

F. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve Jeff Long as co-cemetery sexton with Larry Applegate. Jeff will receive \$150.00 per quarter for this position.

Motion passed unanimously

G. Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve bid from DeRuiter Equipment in the amount of \$10,688 for new mower and an additional \$370 for set of

puncture proof tires for front of mower. It was asked why we didn't want another 61" deck mower and Doug stated that it is too large for the park and uptown areas. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- discuss trucking for rock, Fox will truck for same price as last year. Council decided to have him do this same as last two years.

D. Park Report- none

E. Police Report- on table, Kevin attended taser and bias training put on by county

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said he has a budget work session with supervisors coming up. Russ stated that he is planning to run for sheriff at the next election.

G. Cemetery Report- Donna working on cemetery books online, sold 2 lots

H. City Clerk Report- working on 1099's and W2's, budget forms came out this afternoon. Dustin asked that we have some numbers for employee raises for the next meeting.

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- Josh said the township trustee report will be ready for the next meeting, working on specs for new brush truck. They are going to Kalona on Saturday and to Danko on the 22nd to look at trucks.

K. Library Report- in packets. June asked if the council would like to see anything different on the reports.

L. Zoning Committee- comprehensive plan committee next meeting January 29th.

9. Departmental Requests: none

10. City council Information:

11. Mayor Information:

A. Dustin appointed Tom German as Mayor Pro Tem. Tom German will also be the landfill committee liaison. Dustin asked for volunteers to attend the EMA-911 and MCARD meetings. Keri Lamberson volunteered for the EMA-911 meetings.

B. Dustin also asked the council to think of what projects they would like to see done in the next years and bring that to the next council meeting. Justin Stout stated that he would like to see the entrance to New Sharon signs updated. Justin also asked where we were with the cat problem. Lisa will contact Cheryl Holub and find out the answer to this.

16. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by German to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor