

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 21, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday February 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Justin Stout, Keri Lamberson, Ben Hansen, Tom German. Others in attendance were Ken Lacey, Josh Crouse, June Williams, Elizabeth Wehrle, Margaret Ratcliff, Albaro Banuelos, Ashley Hughes, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

02/07/2024 minutes

02/21/2024 agenda

02/21/2024 distributions pending

Windstream Project Proposal

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to open public hearing for building permit for Ashley Hughes, 202 N. Main, fence at 6:01 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to close public hearing for building permit for Ashley Hughes, 202 N. Main, fence at 6:02 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Ashley Hughes, 202 N. Main, fence.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve tobacco permit for AI & JA's Gas & Liquor LLC.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve alcohol permit for AI & JA's Gas & Liquor LLC.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Margaret Ratcliff to discuss insurance policy for FY2025. Margaret presented the summary with the council. EMC dividend last year was \$1801 and this year it will be \$3911.00. EMC can only keep 5%. Our insurance policy increased 10% on the bottom line. The property increased 25%, wind and hail deductible applies, increased vehicle

deductibles. We will be looking at a fire station deductible buydown in process. Increase to cyber insurance from \$1 million to \$2 million and not increase the linebacker deductible.

D. Josh presented the contract for the new brush buggy. They adjusted the pump and if we buy the chassis through Stivers it will be drop shipped to Danko. Price will be locked in at \$143,435 unless change order by us. Delivery will be 380-435 days so will be May or June of 2025.

E. Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve contract from Danko for new brush truck.

Motion passed unanimously

F. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve amended contract from Blue Line Solutions.

AYES: Lamberson, Hansen, Stout, Steel

NAYES: German

ABSTENTIONS: None

G. Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve putting in concrete pad and replacing broken concrete at the city shop.

Motion passed unanimously

H. Discussion with June regarding library budget numbers for FY2025. June presented the budget numbers for the library. Dustin would like the city tax levy and the county contributions separated and a new line item put in for the city tax levy. It was asked if they did not receive the amount of county contribution they asked if they would be able to follow the budget. June said yes they would just not be able to update the computers.

I. Motion to approve vacating ½ alley between 109 S. Pine and 302 W. Market St. died due to lack of a motion.

7. Ordinances:

A. Didn't address ordinance 2024-001 due to no motion to vacate alley.

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- Clay attended the wastewater conference for his CEU Monday-Wednesday this week

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- Brandon Bandstra asked to sandblast shelter at city park

E. Police Report- on table, - Tahoe not working took to Lynnville Repair

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- none, helped with fatality accident north of town

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- working on budget, periodic yearly exam audit scheduled March 12, 13 in office.

I. Deputy clerk report- Donna is waiting for some sign quotes, going to hold off on Prairie Meadows grant, MCCF grant is turned in for the East End Park Shelter House renovations, looking at grant for police squad car

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- Josh said it is dry and they have had 5 or 6 grass fires already.

K. Library Report- in packets, June has completed 1 level of certification and is working on 3 others at this time.

L. Zoning Committee- comprehensive plan community open house will be March 14th at city park building from 5-7 p.m.

9. Departmental Requests: none

10. City council Information:

A. Tom German said the Quonset that he rents has a smokestack that has come loose and letting in coons would like to cut it down. Dustin agreed.

11. Mayor Information:

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by German to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor