

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday March 6, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 6, 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, Margaret Ratcliff, Alisha Briggs, June Williams, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

02/21/2024 minutes, and 2/26/24 special meeting minutes

03/06/2024 agenda

03/06/2024 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 Hansen and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permits for Brenda Sparks, 107 &109 W. Market, fence; Prairie Knolls Country Club, 509 E. Walnut, deck addition to clubhouse for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

**B.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve 6 -month extension for Brenda Sparks, 107 & 109 W. Market for lean to on shed.

**AYES:** Stout, Hansen, Lamberson

**NAYES:** German, Steel

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Alisha Briggs gave out map for JACE Race and said the route would remain the same as last year. They will paint it in white paint. Last year they had about 250 participants for the race.

**D.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve JACE Race route for spring festival.

Motion passed unanimously

**E.** Margaret Ratcliff presented the IAMU dividend check in the amount of \$3911.00. It was discussed about raising the deductible for the fire station and during this discussion it was also brought to our attention to possibly raise the other buildings from \$5000 deductible to \$10,000. Margaret will do some research and we will put this on the next agenda. We also rejected the terrorism coverage as we have in the past.

**F.** Motion to approve purchase of buy down insurance died due to lack of a motion.

**G.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve street closures for spring festival parade and activities.

Motion approved unanimously

**H.** Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve equipment and install for new police vehicle from Stiver's Ford in the amount of \$6646.89.

Motion passed unanimously

**I.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve lettering for new police vehicle up to \$2000.00

Motion passed unanimously.

**J.** Discuss spring cleanup- German talked to Adam at LDI after last year's clean up and Adam thought if we did this every other year, it would be enough. Stout agreed with every other year as did other councilors. We will skip this year and do spring cleanup every odd year.

**K.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve MSA contract for zoning ordinances.

Motion passed unanimously.

**L.** Discuss FY2025 budget questions:

Public hearing for proposed property tax levy will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, Council meeting to set public hearing for budget will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Proposed property tax levy is on the DOM website ready for the auditors to retrieve their information. Publishing will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Oskaloosa herald for the public hearing. Budget numbers are ok. Lisa stated with the deductible possibly changing for insurance these expense numbers will change on the budget but not on the proposed property tax levy. She also stated that it is very important that everyone make it to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting as this has to be passed by a super majority.

## **7. Ordinances: None**

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-** Clay will be resuming his wastewater duties this month.

**C. Street Report-** none

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

**E. Police Report-** in packets, Kevin said last 8 months 2 vehicles were taken, one was retrieved in Wisconsin and one in Missouri. New vehicle lettering on March 12<sup>th</sup> and Stiver's equipment transfer possibly next week.

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Russ said they are winding down on vacation watch, next 911 board meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with county civil service to discuss hiring another deputy. Also looking into replacing service weapons.

**G. Cemetery Report-** none

**H. City Clerk Report-** working on budget, periodic yearly exam audit scheduled March 12, 13 in office. MLA session 3 registering now for April for council members.

**I. Deputy clerk report-** none

**I. City Attorney Report-** none

**J. Fire Department Report-** 65 front main seal needs replaced, coolant line running to air compressor leaking and needs fixed. Bill and Ray's estimate 10 hours at

\$125 hr. It also needs serviced while there. Have been to 20 fire calls YTD and last year at this time we were at 3.

**K. Library Report-** in packets

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

**9. Departmental Requests: none**

**10. City council Information:**

**A.** Reminder special proposed tax levy public hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**B.** Hansen asked about needing an extra person for summer mowing. Dustin suggested putting it on the next agenda.

**11. Mayor Information:**

**12. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Stout to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

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Lisa Munn  
Certified Municipal City Clerk

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Dustin Hite  
Mayor