

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday March 20, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Keri Lamberson, Ben Hansen, Tom German. Others in attendance were Ken Lacey, Margaret Ratcliff, Grady Lewis, Brenda Sparks, Donna Gunderson, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Justin Stout was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

03/06/2024 minutes

03/20/2024 agenda

03/20/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permits for Brenda Sparks, 107 & 109 W. Market, fence; Prairie Knolls Country Club, 509 E. Walnut, deck addition to clubhouse at 6:01 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to close public hearing for building permits for Brenda Sparks, 107 & 109 W. Market, fence; Prairie Knolls Country Club, 509 E. Walnut, deck addition to clubhouse at 6:02 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Brenda Sparks, 107 & 109 W. Market fence.

Motion passed unanimously

D. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Prairie Knolls, 509 E. Walnut, deck addition to clubhouse.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Margaret Ratcliff presented the council with some information in regards to buy downs on larger building deductibles. Wind and hail deductibles for larger buildings are 1% of the location total and on smaller buildings under \$500,000 the deductible is 5,000. If all buildings are damaged total impact would be \$47,693 with current deductibles. Looking at higher deductibles and also Margaret is working on the buy

down for larger buildings so she would like to wait on these decisions until she has concrete numbers at the next meeting.

B. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to table purchase of higher deductible insurance and buy down insurance until next meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Steel to approve liquor license for Prairie Knolls Country Club.

Motion passed unanimously

D. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Lamberson to approve bid from Double B Blasting for small park shelter in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion passed unanimously

E. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve bid from Breman Tree Service for two tree removals in the amount of \$1400.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discuss summer mowing and cemetery mowing for the city. Dustin asked if this was something we wanted to look into hiring someone to mow the cemeteries this year. Lisa will check to see the time frame of ordering a new mower and if we can get it in time for this season. Lisa will also check cemetery mowing contracts for duration. Also discussed part time workers for mowing for this summer. This will be put on the next agenda for more discussion.

G. Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve work on 62-65 rescue truck at Bill & Ray's and service call approximately \$2000.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 032024 naming depositories with max balance for 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

I Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to approve Resolution 032024A credit card policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- new mower is in will be ready next week.

E. Police Report- none- squad car is in Des Moines getting equipment installed

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- none

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- working on budget amendment, MLA session 3 registering now for April for council members.

I. Deputy clerk report- working on grant class

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- none

K. Library Report- in packets

L. Zoning Committee- comprehensive plan public hearing for zoning board March 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall, public hearing for council for comprehensive plan is April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall.

9. Departmental Requests: none

10. City council Information:

A. Reminder special proposed tax levy public hearing on March 26th at 6:00 p.m.

B. Reminder special meeting to set public hearing for budget on March 26th at 6:30 p.m.

11. Mayor Information:

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor