

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

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 3, 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, Justin Stout. Others in attendance were Emily Huston, Sarah Runkel, Christian Huffman, June Williams, Donna Gunderson, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

03/20/2024 minutes and minutes from 2 special meetings on 3/26/24

04/03/2024 agenda

04/03/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:01 for Emily and Sarah to present the comprehensive plan draft to the council and public. Some discussion points and questions were best practice to keep this updated. Sarah said we have goals, land use map and an excel spreadsheet. How does council change land use map. Use best judgement and look what is the best for our city was the answer. City should keep to the plan and not allow many variances. Christian Huffman stated if we do this plan, we need to enforce it. Dustin agreed enforcement would be needed. German asked if someone was doing a subdivision or development can we make them put in sewer, street lights, curb and gutter, streets. Yes, this should be part of the plan. Since the county does not have zoning, we should put in our zoning ordinance the two-mile radius from the city limits. Public hearing closed at 6:26

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to approve Resolution 040324B comprehensive plan.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to set public hearing for building permits for Richard McCulley, 104 W. Sunset, deck; Josie Valentine-Dickerson, 406 S. Pearl, fence; Trent Lindenman, 103 S. Winder, fence; Shannon Blommers, 706 W. Market, greenhouse for April 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Stout to set public hearing for budget amendment for FY2024 for May 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

D. Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve insurance renewal with Ratcliff and Blake Insurance \$72,518.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion made by Steel and Stout to approve change order from Danko for new fire truck.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve Resolution 040324 Mileage Reimbursement for Employees.

Motion passed unanimously.

G Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve Resolution 040324A Transfer Funds from sewer to sewer sinking.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve replacing steel on picnic shelter in City Park.

Motion passed unanimously.

I Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve quote from KCP greenhouse for planter flowers cost \$434.

Motion passed unanimously

J. Discuss summer mowing of cemeteries- Dustin said we are too late to do the mowing of the cemeteries for this year. If we purchase mower this year and next year replace Doug's truck and use his old truck for the mower. November or December advertises for mower personnel.

K. Motion made by Steel and seconded by German to have Watts mow cemeteries this year.

Motion passed unanimously

L. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve purchase of new mower from DeRuiter Lawn in the amount of \$17,475.00.

Motion passed unanimously

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- Hansen asked if there was a way to have a bathroom for the park opened. Discussion in regards to the vandalism and what to do to deter this. We will price a handicap porta john for the park, also price metal for walls. Possibly have door locked with note to come into city hall to pick up key and sign paper so we can keep track of who is using it to question if vandalized. Will be on next agenda. Hours were discussed to possibly open from 9-4 Mon-Fri when more parents are present and closed evenings and weekends.

E. Police Report- in packets

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said he had nothing to add unless council had questions for him.

G. Cemetery Report- sold 2 lots

H. City Clerk Report- working on budget amendment, Lisa at IMFOA conference April 17-19 for CEU, had audit exit conference.

I. Deputy clerk report- Donna said that she received the paint Iowa Beautiful grant for 6 gallons. She said she is also 62% done with grant course.

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- none

K. Library Report- in packets, summer reading program

L. Zoning Committee- zoning meeting is April 25th to work on zoning ordinance.

Hansen asked if we were looking at hiring someone to enforce zoning possibly an out-of-town company.

9. Departmental Requests: none

10. City council Information:

A. Annexation was discussed with the land use map for the comprehensive plan, also names of companies to talk to for enforcement.

11. Mayor Information:

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor