

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 15, 2024**

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The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Keri Lamberson, Tom German, Justin Stout, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Carrie Kral, Kim and Rick Shutts, Alan and Amber Lake, DeAnn DeGroot, Ken Lacey, Drew & Lea VanRees, Margaret Ratcliff, Tiffany Spray, Trent Lindenman, Travis Dickey, Amanda Garcia, Lindsey Phillips, Megan Boender, Donna Gunderson, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

05/01/2024 minutes

05/17/2024 agenda

05/17/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Margaret Ratcliff to Present Grant Check to City- Margaret Ratcliff with MCCF presented Donna Gunderson, Mayor Hite and the city with a check for \$20,000 for a grant Donna wrote and submitted for renovations to the East End Park Shelter. This grant will be used for new concrete, basketball hoops, tables and rock for parking for the East End Park.

4. Public Comments:

A. Lindsey Phillips- Gave a report on Spring Festival. Typically, everything is at the city park and they will use the city park building. They have secured some funding so they are able to proceed with most of the activities they wanted. They will need the city guys to close the streets to the north and west of the city park and also Elm Street to Maple Street in the evening for the East Market activities.

B. Carrie Kral- Carrie said that she was told to email council members to be on the agenda. She said she wants to understand the process. Dustin said if a department head, council member or the mayor asks for something to be on the agenda then it can be.

C. Tiffany Spray- supports having chickens in town and would like it to be on the agenda.

D. DeAnne DeGroot- DeAnne is working with Alan Lake on the restaurant impact in the county. In Mahaska County 63% we are losing to other communities going to full-service restaurants. She also passed out a flyer to council with reason to support a restaurant in New Sharon.

5. Requests from the Community: None

6. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:17 p.m. for public hearing for building permits. No one was present and no comments so public hearing closed at 6:18.

B. Public hearing opened at 6:19 p.m. for budget amendment FY2024. No one was present and no comments so public hearing closed at 6:20.

7. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve building permit for Dan DeYoung, 205 N. Elm, garage and shop.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve building permit for Drew VanRees, 209 E. Oak, addition.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permit for Emily Johnson, 507 E. High, fence; Sadie Janes, 503 W. Main, storage shed; Kayla Kuhnle, 508 N. Main, fence; Bill Freeborn, 505 N. Main, pole building for June 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

D. Motion made by German and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 051524 budget amendment FY2024.

Motion passed unanimously

E. Discussion alley vacation request from Tim Lindenman and Travis Dickey for the ½ north/south alley block 5 and 6 DeVores add, split 10 feet Travis Dickey and 6 feet Tim Lindenman. Hansen, Stout and German said it was ok to put on the next agenda.

F. Discussion in regards to loan/grant proposal from Alan and Amber Lake and Rick and Kim Shutts. Alan Lake said this restaurant is an advantage to the community. They said the hood and the commercial kitchen would be the collateral. Kim Shutts said her motivators are wanting the town to have a restaurant and to succeed. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to table loan and grant for Alan and Amber Lake, Rick and Kim Shutts. Council asked Lisa to look up the amount in the NSREDF account and send spreadsheets to the council to review. This will be on the next agenda for discussion.

G. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve a 6-month extension for building permit for Kevin McGriff, 305 E. Walnut, lean to for shed.

Motion passed unanimously

8. Ordinances: None

9. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- working on picnic shelter

E. Police Report- in packets

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said they are testing an applicant, Gary DeGoey a long-time reserve passed away.

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- budget amendment, end of fiscal year reports, letters mowing, blowing grass in the streets and alleys

I. Deputy clerk report- grant proposal sign, working on cemetery website.

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- Plant tree with Mid-American Energy grant from the city

K. Library Report- in packets, June said they have received bids to update bathroom and signs. Also looking to wrap the drop box.

L. Zoning Committee- zoning committee workshop will be May 16th from 1-4:30 at fire station for ordinances.

10. Departmental Requests: none

11. City council Information:

A. Discuss replacing welcome signs- Quotes are about \$25,000 each sign. Donna asked do we want to maybe replace one a year or look do a grant to encompass all 4 of them. The council talked about looking at more permanent ones.

12. Mayor Information:

A. Dustin gave the council an ordinance for chickens to look at and also to look at other city ordinances that allow chickens. The zoning committee at their ordinance workshop meeting with MSA would be discussing the ordinances we have and where these would fall in our zoning map.

13. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor