

**New Sharon City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2009
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Monday, October 5, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Edwin Davis presiding. Council members present were Larry Applegate, Zack Pickard, Dianna Klinker and Kenneth Ward. Lisa Munn was absent. Others in attendance were DJ & Stephanie Davis, Tom German and Mary Jo Hebert. Employees in attendance were Diane Brand, Gary Strobel, Matt VanWyk and Kevin Lamberson.

Pickard made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Applegate made a motion to approve building permits for Eric Price and Grady Lewis and to set a date for a public hearing for October 21, 2009 at 7 pm. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: all ayes.

DJ & Stephanie Davis attended the council meeting to discuss a complaint from Mark & Kelli Doty regarding trees that the Davis' recently planted. Doty's did not show up. Davis' brought pictures that show the trees are clearly on their property. The council agreed to allow the trees to remain where they are. Davis' wanted to discuss a shed that Doty's built on their property that is supposed to be on skids. Doty's were not required to get a permit at the time they built the shed because they told the clerk that it is on skids and moveable. Davis' are questioning whether it is moveable. Mayor Davis will look into this matter further.

Pickard made a motion to approve a grant for \$873 to The Flower Barn to purchase signs for her new location. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klinker, Pickard and Applegate: Nays: Ward. Motion carried.

VanWyk gave the Water Report. The daily average of water pumped is down to approximately 100,000 gallons. A chlorine feed line broke and has been repaired. The bacteria sampling on the new water lines has been completed. There is a leak in a private water line on S. Columbia Street. The property owner will dig it up and Mitch Messerli will do the repairs. The City will be doing hydrant flushing beginning October 12th. VanWyk will be taking some on-line courses for certification.

Strobel gave the Sewer and Street Reports. The sewer flow is staying consistent. The manhole installation on S. Main Street has been completed. Strobel would like to start jetting and televising the sewer lines to see which ones need liners and which ones need major repairs. The City is going to need a good supply of rock before winter. After selling the old dump truck, the City is down to one truck for hauling snow. We are still looking for a good used dump truck.

Lamberson gave the Police Report.

Applegate gave the Cemetery Report. Dyehard Construction has completed the repair work on the stones. Applegate will make a new list of stones for repair. Applegate will get more bids on a lawn mower and fencing for the cemetery. There is a grub problem at the cemetery. We are checking with Hoven's Lawn Care to see if they can take care of them.

The Clerk's Report was given by Brand. Brand received a letter from First IA State Bank of Eddyville regarding the Cities investments. First IA State Bank complies with Iowa Code chapter 12C and the administrative rules and regulations adopted by the Treasurer that requires all depositories to secure excess public funds deposits through the depositories' pledge of certain collateral with an approved custodian. This allows entities like the City of New Sharon to deposit funds in their bank with the assurance that the monies will be safe. Brand has received numerous complaints about dogs running loose on S. Pine Street.

The bids for the water line on W. Cedar Lane were discussed. The first bid was from Fox Construction for \$7819.00 and the second bid was from Earth Works, Inc. for \$16,555.00. Pickard made a motion to accept the bid from Fox Construction for \$7819.00. Applegate seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

The City also discussed taking over W. Cedar Lane after it has been upgraded by Randy VanKooten to the Cities specifications. Applegate made a motion to accept it after VanKooten completes the upgrades and they have been approved by the Street Superintendent. Pickard seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

After some discussion, Applegate made a motion to approve the contract with Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter to pick up stray animals in town at \$3.25 per capita. Klinker seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ward, Applegate and Klinker. Nays: Pickard. Motion carried. Brand will check into an ordinance allowing the City to charge a fine to citizens whose pet has been taken to the shelter.

After some discussion regarding semi truck and trailer parking on city streets the Public Safety Committee set a date for October 21, 2009 at 6 pm to meet to discuss and create a proposal to present at the next council meeting.

The Mayor signed a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of New Sharon.

Mary Jo Hebert attended to complain about barking dogs in her neighborhood. Lamberson will make contact with the owners of the dogs.

There being no further business to discuss, Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Diane L. Brand
City Clerk

Edwin L. Davis
Mayor