

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 2, 2018**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session at city hall, Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Hite and the following members answering roll call: Jeff Long, Keri Lamberson, Tom German and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were RD Keep, Linda Steel, Lisa Munn, Russ VanRenterghem, Royce and Beverly Stephens, Travis Carrico, Jack Pope, Steve Burnett, Valerie Brandt, Terri & Aaron Menefee, Alan and Eleanor Robinson, Lacy McGriff, Margaret Ratcliff, Josh Crouse, Bob Fuller, and Josh and Misty Gott. Terry Hudson was absent.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Long, Lamberson, Applegate, German

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

04/18/18 minutes

05/02/18 agenda

05/02/18 distributions pending

**AYES:** Lamberson, German, Long, Applegate

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Public Comments:**

- A. Margaret Ratcliff presented a check to Dustin Hite and the city in the amount of \$10,250.00 from the Mahaska County Community Foundation for a grant for the East End Park renovations. She stated that the library and also the school received some grants so she was proud of New Sharon.
- B. Tom German- stated that he had been contacted by Prairie Homes asking if we were going to oil the roads by them. Dustin stated that no we never do that and would not be doing it this year.
- C. Tom German- stated that a citizen had asked him about putting no parking signs on North Park. Dustin stated that we would talk to Clay about if this was a problem on that street but no parking signs do require a new ordinance for that area.

**Requests from the Community: None**

**Public Hearings:**

- A. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by German to open public hearing at 6:03 p.m. for building permits for Jim Belzer, 208 E. Oak, shed and garage, Sadie Jane's, 503 S. Main, play area, Candace Fogle, 205 S. Pearl, fence; Ryan McGriff, 201 E. South, deck.

**AYES:** German, Long, Lamberson, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B. Bob Fuller asked about the building permit for Jim Belzer, since this is a building and not a fence are we setting a new precedent allowing a building to be built closer than 4 feet to the property line. It was discussed that we had not done this in the past but the council would discuss it prior to the motion to approve.

- C. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Lamberson to close public hearing at 6:06 p.m. for building permits for Jim Belzer, 208 E. Oak, shed and garage, Sadie Jane's, 503 S. Main, play area, Candace Fogle, 205 S. Pearl, fence; Ryan McGriff, 201 E. South, deck.

**AYES:** Applegate, Long, Lamberson, German  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- D. Discussion was held on the permit for Jim Belzer. It was decided that a variance would be allowed on this building since the neighbors did sign allowing for a garage to be built closer than 4 feet off the property line.

- E. Motion was made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve building permit and give variance for Jim Belzer, 208 E. Oak, for shed and garage.

**AYES:** Lamberson, German, Applegate, Long  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- F. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by German to approve building permit for Sadie Jane's, 503 S. Main, play area.

**AYES:** Long, German, Lamberson, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- G. Motion was made by German and seconded by Long to table building permit for Candace Fogle, 205 S. Pearl, fence until next meeting for more information.

**AYES:** Long, Lamberson, Applegate, German  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- H. Motion was made by Long and seconded by German to approve building permit for Ryan McGriff, 201 E. South, deck.

**AYES:** German, Applegate, Long, Lamberson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

#### **Resolutions and motions:**

- A. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Lamberson to approve 6 month extension for building permit for Charlie Sparks, 408 S. Pine, garage.

**AYES:** Long, Applegate, Lamberson  
**NAYES:** German  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B. Motion was made by Lamberson and seconded by Long to set public hearing for budget amendments for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** Long, Applegate, German, Lamberson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- C. Discussion was held by Jack Pope in regards to the antidegradation alternative analysis report. Jack stated we are telling people we are doing our best on wastewater project. This needs to be posted and have a public hearing.

- D. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by German to approve spring festival activities, road closures, and sidewalk painting

**AYES:** German, Long, Applegate, Lamberson  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- E. Discussion was held on closing the alley running north/south to the east of 703 W. Maple St. and the motion died due to no one making a motion.

- F. Motion was made by Long and seconded by German to table and have NSREDF application reviewed by attorney to be sure it was in the guidelines for the local option sales tax ballot language and put on the next agenda.

**AYES:** Long, Lamberson, German, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- G. Motion was made by Long and seconded by German to approve allowing MCG to build a network in New Sharon.

**AYES:** Lamberson, Long, German, Applegate  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- H. Motion was made by German and seconded by Long to approve ordering 2 sets of new gear and 5 sections of hose in the amount of \$4245.00 for the fire department. One set of gear and sections of hose was damaged in a fire on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**AYES:** Applegate, Long, Lamberson, German  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- I. Motion was made by Long and seconded by German to cause tree at 209 N. Pine to be inspected pursuant to New Sharon City Ordinance No. 151.06.

**AYES:** Applegate, Long, Lamberson, German  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

#### **Ordinances:**

- A. Discuss changing ordinance for fence restrictions. Looked over some other town's ordinances and also the ordinances from Iowa Codification. Some discussion was on not using salvage materials or corrugated metal, having property surveyed or finding markers to know your property lines, how far off of the property lines to allow. Applegate suggested that we use no salvage material such as pallets and also place them closer to the property lines. Lamberson said that she had a citizen call her and did not want it changed to being on property lines due to liability of someone being on their property to fix a fence. After much discussion it was decided by the council to have Dustin write up the ordinance and submit it at the next council meeting using these suggestions.

#### **Department Reports**

- a. **Water Report-** none
- b. **Sewer Report-** none
- c. **Street Report-** will start working on the veterans memorial to hopefully have it completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Police Report-** none
- e. **Cemetery Report-** none
- f. **City Clerk Report-** will be attending a nuisance abatement workshop in Ames May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- g. **City Attorney Report** None

- h. Fire Department Report-** on a mutual aid call with Searsboro the wind caught door and sprung it. Received estimate and sent into insurance to have approved and fixed
- i. Library Board-** none

**10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information-**

A. Valerie Brandt gave a RAGBRAI update. The committee would like N. Pearl and W. High Street by the park closed off on Wednesday for Vendors to set up. As of right now they have 4 vendors and they are trying to keep most of the activities in and around the city park. They would like Midwest Sanitation to dump the recycling the day prior to RAGBRAI and they have also talked to Local Disposal for more dumpsters.

**12. Mayor Information:** - none

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn  
City clerk

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Dustin D. Hite  
Mayor