

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday August 19, 2020**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 19, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Leslie VanWyk, Ron Wyatt, Tom German, Lindsey Phillips, and Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Jeff Long, Shawn VanRyswyk, Dianna Klinker, Earl Schock, Mark Watts, Susan Upton, Randy and Sharon VanDusseldorp, Jennifer Swanson, Valerie Brandt, Russ VanRentghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

Roll Call answered by:

**Ayes:** German, VanWyk, Wyatt, Applegate, Phillips

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

08/05/20 minutes  
08/19/2020 agenda  
08/19/2020 distributions pending

**AYES:** German, VanWyk, Applegate, Wyatt, Phillips

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**1. Public Comments:**

**A. Sharon and Randy VanDusseldorp, Susan Upton, Mark Watts-** to discuss the culverts placed into West Cedar Lane and the water running onto their properties. They have a concern about the speed of the water that will be running into their properties. They have met with Eric Dursky in regards to this and he will be sending us a report detailing the situation. The city documents in regards to the culverts in the road were done in 2009 with an engineer. We will look over the documents from Eric Dursky when they are received.

**B. Susan Upton-** would like a stop sign up on West Cedar Lane due to the increased traffic from the new development.

**2. Requests from the Community: None**

**3. Public Hearings:**

**A.** Motion made by VanWyk and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearings for building permit for Shawn VanRyswyk, 108 and 110 W. Cedar Lane, new duplex; Jaci May, 207 E. High St, fence and garage at 6:13 p.m.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, Phillips, VanWyk, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**No one was present or no written comments for public hearing.**

**B.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by VanWyk to close public hearings for building permit for Shawn VanRyswyk, 108 and 110 W. Cedar Lane, new duplex; Jaci May, 207 E. High St, fence and garage at 6:14 p.m.

**AYES:** VanWyk, Wyatt, Applegate, Phillips, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Motion made by German and seconded by VanWyk to approve building permit for Shawn VanRyswyk, 108 and 110 W. Cedar Lane, new duplex.

**AYES:** Applegate, VanWyk, German, Wyatt, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- D. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Phillips to approve building permit for Jaci May, 207 E. High St, fence and garage.

**AYES:** Applegate, Wyatt, VanWyk, German, Phillips

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**4. Resolutions and motions:**

- A. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permit for Earl Schock, 307 W. Maple, shed on cement slab for September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** Applegate, Phillips, VanWyk, German, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to table motion until 9/2 setting a date for the informational meeting for gold carts/ ATV and UTV ordinance to be held in the city park building allowing Dustin more time to finalize the golf cart ordinance also.

**AYES:** Wyatt, German, VanWyk, Phillips, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- C. Motion made by Phillips and seconded by VanWyk to approve appointing Elizabeth Wehrle for a library board member.

**AYES:** Applegate, Phillips, Wyatt, VanWyk, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- D. Discussion was held in regards to allowing the North Mahaska school to borrow two picnic tables from the city park for the fall semester. This would allow the students to social distance and eat lunch outdoors during good weather. Leslie VanWyk stated that she thought about this decision and if we can do something to protect our children then she would agree to it. If we allow them to borrow two for the school we will still have two for our homeschoolers to use in the park. Tom German said that we needed to have a date that the tables need to be delivered back to the city park in the same condition as when they were borrowed with no modifications. He stated that our city employees did not have time to deliver and pick up so the school would need to arrange that. The date of November 24,2020 was decided as the date the tables would need returned. It was decided that there would be a letter of receipt wrote up and signed by the mayor and the school superintendent so all parties were clear of the conditions of the borrowing of the tables.

- E. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve allowing the school to borrow two picnic tables from the city park for the fall 2020 semester with a signed letter and the school picking up and returning the tables by November 24, 2020.

**AYES:** Phillips, Applegate, German, VanWyk, Wyatt

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**5. Ordinances: None**

**6. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report- none**

**B. Sewer Report- none.**

**C. Street Report-** Sealcoating of the streets are finished, working on replacing some city sidewalks

**D. Police Report-** on table, video cameras are in at the police dept. Kevin used some of his vacation to go with the fire disaster team to Tama to help with the storm last week.

**E. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Russ stated they are starting the youth watch at school next week. They did see a spike in COVID19 cases in Mahaska county so the law center did not reopen at this time. Also Deputy Brian Rainey passed away last week.

**F. Cemetery Report-**

**G. City Clerk Report-** webinar for COVID 19 reimbursement, working on street finance report

**H. City Attorney Report** None

**I. Fire Department Report-** had a house fire this morning, life flight is landing tonight for some training.

**J. Library Board-** Dianna said the Apollo catalog is done and is on the website. She showed the council the new look for the website. Silo requests for inter library loan, reserve books, Concrete 5 new platform from the state library, Bold 360 platform takes contacts and will all be on one site this is free for two years. Also updating email sites in September. Annual Survey has begun and the renewal accreditation is in February.

**10. Departmental Requests:**

**11. City council Information-**

**A.** Lisa Munn gave the council handouts in regards to the listing for 302 S. Park. The realtor is sending out these to commercial areas that might be looking for satellite offices.

**B.** Lindsey Phillips would like us to look into a committee for planning the new playground. She stated that she would like to work with others in looking for some fundraising for some of the new equipment after the insurance company has finalized our claim.

**C.** Leslie gave a report from a zoning and planning virtual workshop that she and Jeff attended. She stated that we need to look into writing a comprehensive plan on how we see our city growing in the next ten years. This will be a big project and everyone will not be excited with some of the new rules but as a city to remain fiscally safe and legal we need to do this. We will need to have a zoning commission and a board of adjustments which will also lead us to need a building inspector to look at building permits before they are approved and also check them to be sure that they are correct with the application when they are completed.

**12. Mayor Information:**

**A.** Jeff stated that he had talked to the city attorney in regards to Adam Eischen offering to pay up to \$1500.00 to put a dumpster on the property of Zach Howard's so that they could begin the demolition of our building. Zach has not returned any phone calls so Jeff asked Dustin to please contact Zach's attorney in regards to this. Adam would like to begin demolition as soon as this can be resolved.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Long declared said motion approved.

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Lisa Munn, CMC  
Certified Municipal City clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor