

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday March 1, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Long and the following members answering roll call: Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ron Wyatt, Justin Stout and Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Josh Crouse, Zack VanderBeek, Jim VanderBeek, Stacie Cameron, Kanwalt Cheema, Brittany VanderBeek, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

1. Roll Call answered by: Applegate, Stout, German, Wyatt, Hansen

2. Consent Agenda:

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

02/15/2023 minutes

03/01/2023 agenda

03/01/2023 distributions pending

AYES: Stout, German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to open public hearing for budget FY2024 at 6:01 p.m.

AYES: German, Wyatt, Applegate, Hansen, Stout

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

No one present for public hearing and no comments

B. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hansen to close public hearing for budget FY2024 at 6:04 p.m.

AYES: Hansen, Stout, Applegate, German, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to set public hearing for building permit for Charlie Sparks, 109 W. Market St, lean to on shed for March 15th at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Stout, German, Hansen, Applegate, Wyatt

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- B.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 030123 approving budget for FY2024.
AYES: Hansen, Applegate, German, Stout, Wyatt
NAYES: none
ABSTENTIONS: None
- C.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve Resolution 030123A setting public hearing for sale of property at 209 N. Pine for March 15th at 6:00 p.m.
AYES: Applegate, Wyatt, Stout, Hansen, German
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- D.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve alcohol permit for Prairie Knolls.
AYES: Wyatt, German, Applegate, Stout, Hansen
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- E.** Discussion with Zack VanderBeek regarding light poles at 308 S. Park and also discussion on purchasing an easement. Zack stated that there are 2 light poles on his property that feed the street lights on S Park. He presented a letter from Mid American Energy in regards to the cost of moving those poles and reconnecting the street lights. The amount due is \$4679.50 and since they are for the city street lights Zack feels that it is the cities responsibility to pay this.
- F.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to pay \$4679.50 to move light poles with Mid American Energy and have Clay make sure they are placed in a good location for us.
AYES: Stout, German, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- G.** Zack also discussed wanting a 50x50 easement from the NE corner pin of his property East to the city road. After measuring the guys thought that we could only go 45' to the East since we do need a right of way for the street. The city attorney suggested that we sell this to them at the same rate as selling an alley. The total would be \$1184.00 for the easement. Zack agreed to this and asked to proceed with this.
- H.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Hansen to accept Dustin's recommendation for sale of easement to Zack in the amount of \$1184.00.
AYES: German, Hansen, Applegate, Wyatt
NAYES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
- I.** Kanwal Cheema was present to discuss the council denying his alcohol permit for Cheema Gas & Liquors. He asked why the denial of his alcohol permit. He stated that this was his business and he is a local citizen and his children do attend our school. He wants his business to grow in this town. He feels there are unfounded rumors of selling to minors and would like the council to reconsider the denial. Wyatt stated that

since we have denied it then the State has the final authority rather to approve his license or not. There is nothing further that the council can do in regards to this.

7. Ordinances: None

8. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- none

E. Police Report- in packet, computer docking station backordered until March 21st, Kevin said he is having issues with body cam, camera is out of warranty so sent for a new refurbished one.

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ stated he had nothing to report

G. Cemetery Report- stone issue with some stones being placed not in the row.

H. City Clerk Report- waiting on new valuations from county

I. City Attorney Report – none

J. Fire Department Report- Josh stated the sidewalk snow removal is not being done promptly. Last snow it was many hours after it quit snowing and someone slipped coming into the station for a call. He does not want a work comp claim so asked if they needed to do it themselves or if we could contact them in regards to making it a priority. We are under contract this year so council said maybe we need to look at this for next year to add to contract before issuing.

K. Library Report- in packets, Friends of Library did grants for Keep Iowa Beautiful for paint, also MCCF for some of the wish list items.

9. Departmental Requests: None

10. City council Information:

A. Discuss planning and zoning committee- Brittany sent out letters to planning and zoning committee members asking them to attend the April 5th council meeting so we can discuss with the council bylaws, etc.

B. Discuss building inspector- What rates to charge and how to enforce citizens to follow building permits. Do we need to rewrite the building permit application? Maybe charge so much per visit from building inspector instead of just a lump sum?

C. Spring Festival Food Vendors- Lisa has been asked about peddler permits for food vendors. Discussion was held and it was decided to ask Travis or a member of the spring festival committee to attend the March 15th meeting to discuss food vendors, activities and placements. Lisa will contact Travis.

11. Mayor Information:

A. EMA/911- Jeff said at last night's meeting the budgets were approved. Levy for .18 a thousand for EMA that we will be charged on the new evaluations. EMA tried to put sirens back to the city and this did not pass. They also wanted to appoint the city of Oskaloosa as the 911 dispatch and this did not pass.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 7.19 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor