

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday May 17, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Larry Applegate, Ben Hansen, Justin Stout. Others in attendance were Dustin Hite, Ken McCulley, Gary McClun, Josh Crouse, Ken Lacey, Stan Munn Jr, Brittany VanderBeek, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Ron Wyatt was absent. Gary McClun and Josh Crouse left early before department reports.

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

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

05/03/2023 minutes

05/17/2023 agenda

05/17/2023 distributions pending

**AYES:** German, Applegate, Stout, Hansen

**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 Hanson to open public hearing for building permit for Aaron Schock, 504 E. Walnut, deck at 6:01 p.m.

**AYES:** Hansen, Applegate, German, Stout

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**B.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to close public hearing for building permit for Aaron Schock, 504 E. Walnut, deck at 6:02 p.m.

**AYES:** Stout, Applegate, Hansen, German

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Aaron Schock, 504 E. Walnut, deck.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**6. Resolutions and Motions**

- A.** Motion made by Hanson and seconded by Stout to set public hearing for building permits for 33Z Racing, 308 S. Park, storage pod; Rick Tjarks, 109 E. High, fence; Shannon Blommers, 706 W. Market, portable greenhouse for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**AYES:** Applegate, Stout, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- B.** Jeff opened the sealed bid for the 1995 Freightliner. There was one bid from Ken McCulley, McCulley Construction in the amount of \$5500.00.

- C.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve bid for 1995 Freightliner dump truck in the amount of \$5500.00 to McCulley Construction, Ken McCulley.

**AYES:** German, Hansen, Stout, Applegate

**NAYES:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

- D.** Dustin Hite, city attorney was present to discuss the contract for land exchange with 33Z Racing. Dustin said the continued use of building, sewer connection, move parking bumpers, pile up rock, water shut off, parking bumpers moved, and hook up one sewer connection were the stipulations on the contract. Dustin said he wrote up the contract as the agreement was approved. Lisa produced the paper from Legacy with someone's writing the stipulations and also the minutes from the August 3 meeting that were approved showing these same stipulations. Justin asked why we don't have amounts figured for men and machinery each hour. Dustin stated the city doesn't have a machinery and manpower rates since we don't rent out our men or machinery. Dustin said the sewer connection is the only item not completed at this time. He also said legally how are we going to put all of this in a contract which would make it much longer. Justin asked if we should tape our minutes so that if there was any question in the future to conversation's we could listen to them. Dustin stated that we could do that but we would need an ordinance or resolution showing how long we needed to keep the tapes on file. It would be hard for the city to enforce from the city standpoint. The whole point was to exchange the property. The contract was reviewed and signed so legally this is why we are where we are right now. German stated he was not happy with this but guessed there was nothing else we could do since the contract was signed by both.

- E.** Dustin Hite, City attorney was present to discuss the lease for the Little League for McGriff field. Justin stated the little league needs to either lease or own a field to get grant money the improvements they would like. A provision was written that termination could happen if both parties were in agreement. The council would like this to say the city could terminate by a certain date each year, possibly January 2st. Justin said he thought 10 years is too long he would like to see a 5-year lease. Council also would like to see limiting them to use for baseball, softball, and youth sports. Since they are planning an adult softball tournament council would also like to add little league needs to get permission from the mayor for any other use. The city would have the right to use concession stand and bleachers since we use those for spring festival. Dustin

took notes and will write up a new lease for council to review and make changes or approve at next meeting.

**F.** Stan Munn Jr asked Dustin if the council could pass an ordinance in regards to commercial area for zoning since having a comprehensive plan wrote for the city is a time-consuming project and the zoning committee would like to at least get started on the commercial district. Dustin said that we had to have the comprehensive plan and determine in the plan what is allowed for commercial and residential.

**G.** Motion made by German and seconded by Hanson to approve bid from Van's Electric in the amount of \$2780.00 for lights for city park.

**AYES:** Stout, Applegate, German, Hansen

**NAYES:** none

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

## **7. Ordinances: none**

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-** none

**C. Street Report-** none

**D. Park Report-** Breman removed tree in city park today, playground donor sign was damaged at the school before picked up so they are making a new one; letter to Mid-American Energy grant sent; city park building will be closed for painting June 12-18.

**E. Police Report-** in packets, Kevin attended police fire arm training and got his certification, annual mental health training completed yesterday; needs to do the 3-hour online course for bias.

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** none, no one present

**G. Cemetery Report-**none

**H. City Clerk Report-** sent tobacco license renewal letters out; Brittany attended nuisance workshop on May 10; working on election paperwork, debt obligation report due end of June.

**I. City Attorney Report** – Dustin said served 2 infractions for nuisance ordinances, served dog notice, dog is gone may not be in the city limits.

**J. Fire Department Report-** Josh had left so Stan Munn Jr. said 62-62 is going to Toyne in Breda, IA June 4<sup>th</sup> will be gone for 3-4 days so dept will be down to one pumper.

**K. Library Report-** in packets.

**L. Zoning Committee-** in packets, Stan Munn Jr. said that since they have to wait for the city comprehensive plan there really isn't much they can do at this time for meetings.

## **9. Departmental Requests: None**

## **10. City council Information: None**

## **11. Mayor Information: none**

**12. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Stout to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

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Lisa Munn  
Certified Municipal City Clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor