

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday September 6, 2023**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ben Hansen, Ron Wyatt, Justin Stout, Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Elizabeth Wehrle, June Williams, Andrea Reed, Scott Williams, Travis Williams, Ken Lacey, Caitlin Daniels, Cheryl Holub, Nicole McCombs, Eric Jones, John Livezey, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

- 1. Roll Call answered by:** German, Hansen, Applegate Stout, Wyatt
- 2. Consent Agenda:**
  - Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve the following consent agenda items.
  - 08/16/2023 minutes and 8/23/23 special meeting minutes
  - 09/06/2023 agenda
  - 09/06/2023 distributions pending
  - AYES:** German, Stout, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate
  - NAYES:** None
  - ABSTENTIONS:** None
- 3. Public Comments: None**
- 4. Requests from the Community: None**
- 5. Public Hearings:**
  - A.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to open public hearing for building permit for Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, house at 6:01 p.m.
    - AYES:** German, Stout, Hansen, Wyatt, Applegate
    - NAYES:** None
    - ABSTENTIONS:** None
  - B.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to close public hearing for building permit for Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, House at 6:02 p.m.
    - AYES:** Applegate, Wyatt, Hansen, Stout, German
    - NAYES:** None
    - ABSTENTIONS:** None
  - C.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve building permit for Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, house.
    - AYES:** Stout, Applegate, Hansen, German, Wyatt
    - NAYES:** None
    - ABSTENTIONS:** None
- 6. Resolutions and Motions**

**A.** Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to set public hearing for building permit for Rick Comstock, 301 W. Walnut, shipping container; Marty Templeman 502 W. Market, shed; Ryan Groom, 310 N. Park, addition to garage for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**B.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to approve using JACE race route on streets for color run on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Caitlin Daniels said this would be water dissolvable color.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**C.** Discussion regarding cats running loose. Nicole with animal control Stephens Animal Shelter and Cheryl Holub animal rescue were here to discuss the cat problem in one of the areas of town. Cheryl said that she has a trap, neuter and release program. She can either bring the cats back to the property here or she does have a barn cat program and a relocation program. She does this at no cost as a liaison to help the shelters. Nicole said Stephen's shelter is at or over capacity for both dogs and cats at this time. Stephens only euthanizes for medical need, danger for adults. Cheryl stated that cats will travel for love and food. Cheryl said that we could look at relocation of cats if there are a number of them in one hot spot in town. She would like to talk to some of the homeowners and take a count of how many cats, ages, health condition. Eric Jones said he had 15 fixed and vaccinated due to the shelter full and not able to take them. He said he spent about 1500.00 on getting this done. Scott Williams said that he does not have any pets but he has had cat and dog feces in his yard. Cheryl said that in regards to the Edmundson cats in Oskaloosa they have moved these cats to a more remote location, only feed them twice a day for 30 minutes and then remove the food so that it does not attract wildlife or other stray cats. This has worked there. Lisa asked Nicole about the contract with Stephen's and she stated that even if contracted if they are full, they may not be able to pick up the animals unless dangerous.

**D.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Wyatt to get started on the TNR program with relocation program with Cheryl Holub.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**E.** Discussion regarding urban chickens.

Hansen said that he had been asked about urban chickens. Most cities don't allow roosters, can't sell eggs, only 6 hens. Code enforcer handles the ordinances. Since no one was here at the meeting in regards to this. It was decided to put on the next agenda if anyone is interested in having urban chickens, they come to the meeting to discuss or the ordinance will stand as it is now.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**F.** Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve Resolution 090623 street finance report FY2023.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**G.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve Resolution 090623A hiring new library director.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**H.** Motion by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve Resolution 090623B transferring funds from Gen I to Employee Benefit Account.

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**I.** Discussion of purchasing new vehicles- state bids will be the middle of September. Availability is a problem, right now. Need to look ahead and plan for vehicles. Look at pickups so they can go to the city guys after done using for police department. Maybe look at civilian models also along with pursuit rated vehicles. German said to get bids on all three chevy, dodge and ford.

## **7. Ordinances: none**

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-** aerator wired and will be put in this week, generator converter box getting delivered this week and setting it next week

**C. Street Report-** none

**D. Park Report-** none

**E. Police Report-** on table

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Russ said 6<sup>th</sup> year of youth watch, threat to our courthouse along with Wapello and Jefferson courthouses, warrant will be coming; Restructuring at the sheriff office now to Nov 1st

**G. Cemetery Report-** sold some lots, hedges are trimmed.

**H. City Clerk Report-** Election papers and ad for council and mayor seats up for election, met with Sarah and Emily from MSA for comprehensive plan on Tuesday evening. I Pads are set up and ready so next meeting packets will be on the I Pads.

**I. City Attorney Report-** none

**J. Fire Department Report-** burn ban starts Friday at 6:00 a.m.; Josh called about fire hydrant at the school not working right.

**K. Library Report-** training for June Williams begins on Tuesday

**L. Zoning Committee-** none

## **9. Departmental Requests: none**

## **10. City council Information:**

A. Assembly of God would like to replace their sign. It will be a little different dimension but in the same location. Council said it blocked sight so would like Mike Linder to come to the next meeting to discuss sign and placement.

**11. Mayor Information: None**

**12. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by German to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

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Lisa Munn  
Certified Municipal City Clerk

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Jeff Long  
Mayor