

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday February 7, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday February 7, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Justin Stout, Keri Lamberson and Tom German. Others in attendance were Ken Lacey, Josh Crouse, June Williams, Donna Gunderson, Jane Clark, Craig Fawcett, Russ VanRenterghem, Brandon Husmann and Lisa Munn. Ben Hansen was absent.

**1. Roll Call answered by:** Lamberson, Steel, Stout, German

**2. Consent Agenda:**

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

01/17/2024 minutes

02/07/2024 agenda

02/07/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

**3. Public Comments: None**

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

**5. Public Hearings: None**

**6. Resolutions and Motions**

**A.** Motion made by German and seconded by Steel to set public hearing for building permit for Ashley Hughes, 202 N. Main, fence for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

**B.** Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to set public hearing to approve FY2024-2025 budget property tax proposal for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

**C.** Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve liquor license for Casey's General Store.

Motion passed unanimously

**D.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve sale of gun to Kevin Lamberson in the amount of \$200.00.

**AYES:** German, Stout, Steel

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** Lamberson

**E.** Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to approve Digs Rod Shop road closures for spring festival car show June 8<sup>th</sup>. Will be same streets as last year.

Motion passed unanimously

**F.** Josh Crouse presented the council with information about purchasing a new brush buggy. We have a 1996 brush truck. It has gone on 20 responses last year; it rolls on more than just grass fires. They are looking at an F550, 7.3-liter gas engine, with a cat

walk, can carry 3 firefighters if needed, a 400-gallon tank, built in foam tank, super single since dually does not work well in fields, 36" 22 ply tires. Pricing is approximately \$198,000. Josh said they are looking at Danko and he stated that the old truck we should get approximately \$25,000 for. It will be the fall of 2025 for possession. The council agreed with Josh in regards to moving forward with finalizing numbers. Josh will bring this to the fire department and association at Monday night's meeting and let us know their vote.

**G.** Jane Clark was present to discuss vacating and purchasing ½ of the alley by her home. She said that she would like to close this for safety of the kids. Cars drive down this alley too fast and her children have almost been hit. Steel and Stout both said we need to sell the entire alley if we are closing an alley instead of just half of it. Jane will talk to the other neighbors bordering the alley to see if they would like to purchase or sign off on someone purchasing and closing this alley.

**H.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to table vacating ½ alley between 109 S. Pine and 302 W. Market St.

Motion approved unanimously.

## **7. Ordinances:**

**A.** Didn't address ordinance 2024-001 due to tabling motion to vacate alley.

## **8. Department Reports**

**A. Water Report-** none

**B. Sewer Report-** none

**C. Street Report-** Fox is hauling rock for us

**D. Park Report-** none

**E. Police Report-** on table

**F. Mahaska Sheriff Report-** Russ said Matt McCain retired, continue to do active shooter and lock down training at schools, K9 2023 reports were 1 citizen assist, 1 lost child, 1 suspect, 7 presentations, 2 tracking, 4 surrender, 3 school searches, 6 search assists, 31 drug search arrests and no bites for 2023.

**G. Cemetery Report-** none

**H. City Clerk Report-** working on budget, Margaret Ratcliff will be at the next meeting to discuss insurance.

**I. Deputy clerk report-** Donna is working on grants for new city signs and East End Shelter renovation. She presented a picture of the sign from one company and we have also looked into metal signs. Donna is contacting companies for quotes and asked for some support letters from the council for both grants.

**I. City Attorney Report-** none

**J. Fire Department Report-** none

**K. Library Report-** in packets, Dustin appointed Jody Smith as non-resident library board member. Linda Steel asked June about the library signs that are needing to be replaced. June stated they are working on that.

**L. Zoning Committee-** comprehensive plan community open house will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at city park building from 5-7 p.m.

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

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

## **11. Mayor Information:**

**A.** Dustin met with school superintendent to discuss ways to work together.

**12. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Stout and seconded by German to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

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Lisa Munn  
Certified Municipal City Clerk

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Dustin Hite  
Mayor