

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday June 05, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 5, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Keri Lamberson, Tom German, Justin Stout, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Kim and Rick Shutts, Alan and Amber Lake, Trent Lindeman, Bill Freeborn, Ralph Munson, June Williams, Brandon Husmann, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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06/05/2024 agenda

06/05/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

4. Public Comments: None

5. Requests from the Community: None

6. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:01 p.m. for public hearing for building permits. No one was present and no comments so public hearing closed at 6:02.

7. Resolutions and Motions

A. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve building permits for Emily Johnson, 507 E. High, fence; Sadie Janes, 503 S. Main, storage shed; Kayla Kuhnle, 508 S. Main, fence; Bill Freeborn, 505 N. Main, pole building.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to set public hearing for building permit for Ralph Munson, 305 W. High, utility shed; Alan Lake, 301 S. Pine, duplex for June 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by German and seconded by Lamberson to approve alcohol permit for East Market Grocery.

Motion passed unanimously

D. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Stout to approve cigarette and tobacco permit for Caseys.

Motion passed unanimously

E. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve cigarette and tobacco permit for Al & JA's.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Lamberson to approve cigarette and tobacco permit for East Market Grocery.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion in regards to loan/grant proposal from Alan and Amber Lake and Rick and Kim Shutts. Alan Lake said this restaurant is an advantage to the community. Stout asked Alan if they had checked into bank loans. Alan said they have money coming in from the revolving loan fund. Ben Hansen said he would like to see a restaurant in town. Maybe do a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan. Linda Steel asked what they had for collateral. Alan said commercial kitchen appliances. Linda stated that she is was in favor of a grant. With the balance in this account comments were that we need to keep in mind how much we are spending. German, Stout, Steel, and Lamberson said they would like to see a loan but not a grant. Loan would need to be more interest than we can get from investing in CD's. Dustin will talk to attorney in regards to putting something together. This will be on the next agenda for discussion.

H. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve Resolution 06052024 Resolution setting wages for employees for 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Discussion was held to possibly look into family health insurance or other options for the next year with employees paying some of the premiums.

AYES: German, Stout, Hansen, Steel

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Lamberson

8. Ordinances:

A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by German to approve first reading of Ordinance 2024-001 an ordinance vacating the south ½ of the north south alley between lots 6&7 of block one DeVore's Addition.

Motion passed unanimously

B. Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2024-002 adding a new section allowing the keeping of chickens in the city limits under limited circumstances died due to lack of a motion. Council would like to look at another cities ordinance and talk to the zoning committee regarding the ordinance they are working on.

9. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- working on streets for spring festival

D. Park Report- large picnic shelter has new steel and is painted

E. Police Report- in packets

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said they have hired Chase Patton as new deputy, Jesse Sanders has resigned, Verlan Uitermarkt a long-term posse member was moved to hospice.

G. Cemetery Report- sold 8 lots

H. City Clerk Report- budget amendment, end of fiscal year reports, nuisance abatement conference.

I. Deputy clerk report- none

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- none

K. Library Report- in packets

L. Zoning Committee- none

10. Departmental Requests: none

11. City council Information:

A. German asked about grass being blown in the streets. This is a nuisance abatement in our ordinances and the attorney handles these.

12. Mayor Information:

A. Dustin said he has had some brief conversations with Tim Viseth about partnering with school for school resource officer. Dustin said we would hire another full-time officer to work part time at the school and part time for the city. He said the school is looking to see what money is out there for funding. Hansen said he is 100% on board for hiring another officer rather we do the school resource officer or not.

June Williams said she was a school secretary for 7 years and if there was an officer in the school it would have been a lot less stressful in her position.

Ben asked Russ if this would be a problem for him if the city did this since the school is in the county. Russ stated that we would need to respond to all non- emergent calls at the school. He stated that the sheriff dept averages 3 out of 5 days here at the school for calls. Most of the council was in favor of Dustin to continue to have discussions in regards to us providing a school resource officer.

B. Dustin asked the council to think of a project that we might use to apply for the McQuiston Trust Grant.

13. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Stout and seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor