

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday June 19, 2024**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 19, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Dustin Hite and the following members answering roll call: Keri Lamberson, Tom German, Justin Stout, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were Ben Carlson, Alan and Amber Lake, Linda Renaud, Bruce & Rhonda Wallace, Kathy Thompson, Carol & Robert Hudnutt, Josh Crouse, June Williams, Brandon Husmann, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Linda Steel was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

06/05/2024 minutes

06/19/2024 agenda

06/19/2024 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

4. Public Comments:

A. Ben Carlson- voiced his concern in his neighborhood about a dog. He stated that the people at 408 S. Pine had a dog that attacked Carol Hudnutt in March and she is still getting wound care 2-3 times a week for those bites. They had to have the dog euthanized and now they have a new pit bull puppy that looks mean and is loose in the yard and neighborhood. Ben said he would like a new stronger dog ordinance. He says Brooklyn has one that does not allow certain breeds of dogs like pit bulls, rottweilers or mixes of these breeds. He says he doesn't feel safe in his yard or doesn't feel comfortable having his children playing outside in the yard either. He also asked if we could not require people who have dogs to have fences around their yards to contain their pets.

Dustin said we have to have proof and if it is reported to us about any dogs unleashed or vicious, we will send this to the attorney for action. We must have these reports with people's names not unanimous and also, we need proof of the animal and who it belongs to. Dustin stated that he has zero tolerance for people who do not follow dog rules. If you see a dog unleashed call either the city hall or the non-emergency police number at the time it happens so that they can respond and work with the animal shelter to pick up these animals. The city has issued many unleashing fines with the attorney in the past and also vicious animals to be either removed from town or euthanized for biting.

B. Bruce Wallace asked if a citizen had the right to shoot a dog if it was vicious and on your property. Dustin said that it is a law that you can not discharge a firearm or a bow in town for safety reasons to other citizens. Report the incident if the dog is on your property.

5. Requests from the Community: None

6. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:18 p.m. for public hearing for building permits. No one was present and no comments so public hearing closed at 6:20.

7. Resolutions and Motions

A. Discussion was held with Alan Lake on his building permit. Will the front of the duplex be facing Cherry Street. Also, the set back should be 25' but due to the property size the council agreed to the 6' since Alan said it would not hamper the sight lines. He said he had measured it with the house to the east and they should be in line.

B. Motion made by German and seconded by Stout to approve building permits for Lee & Ralph Munson, 305 W. High, utility shed; Alan Lake, 301 S. Pine, rental duplex.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by German to approve purchase of 3 turnout gear for Fire Dept from Feld Fire in the amount of \$11,048.16.

Motion passed unanimously

C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Hansen to approve purchase of intake valves for Fire Department Unit 62-62 from Feld Fire in the amount of \$3900.00.

Motion passed unanimously

D. No motion needed for ambulance repair since the New Sharon Fire and Rescue Association will be paying for the repairs. The ambulance was in a slight fender bender accident during a call and the repairs are under the cost of the deductible.

8. Ordinances:

A. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by German to approve first second 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

9. Department Reports

A. Water Report- none

B. Sewer Report- none

C. Street Report- none

D. Park Report- new plaque was ordered for city park shelter to replace older one, east end park shelter house is being cleaned and upgraded.

E. Police Report- in packets

F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ had nothing to report

G. Cemetery Report- none

H. City Clerk Report- end of fiscal year reports, attended webinar small cities and library boards, talked to Sarah regarding zoning ordinances and we will have those next week to review.

I. Deputy clerk report- McQuisten Grant

I. City Attorney Report- none

J. Fire Department Report- tree planted, structure fire in town

K. Library Report- in packets, June said they had over 100 attend the zoo program.

L. Zoning Committee- will be receiving information to publish public hearings for zoning ordinance for week of July 10th and at council meeting on July 17th

10. Departmental Requests: none

11. City council Information:

A. Dustin asked if we would have a quorum for next meeting on July 3rd. All four councilors said they would be here. Meeting will remain on July 3rd.

B. Tom said at the landfill meeting they were getting some pushback on the money it cost for the improvements. Going to look into ways to work this out.

C. Keri said she attended the 911 and EMA meetings. City of Oskaloosa is still behind and did not come to the meeting to answer any questions.

12. Mayor Information:

A. Dustin said that Friday the state legislature passed a law stating the city could be sued along with a homeowner if someone is injured due to sidewalks not fixed. He will be looking into what sidewalks in the residential area need fixed and up to code and we will send out letters addressing this. This is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalks. It was also asked what if people in the city do not have sidewalks and Dustin said that we would be addressing this also to have sidewalks put in. Also the homeowner's responsibility. Discussion was held who would be responsible for the handicap sheets that are on the street entrances to sidewalks. It was discussed the city would put those in to be sure they were all the same.

B. Dustin said that we are working on the McQuisten Trust Grant and thinking of applying for this for the blank space at 105 S. Main where we removed the building. Possibly putting in concrete, partial roof and an arch to maybe use this space for farmer's market and other ideas.

13. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by German and seconded by Stout to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Dustin Hite
Mayor