

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 21, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 21 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Christian Huffman, Keri Lamberson, Justin Stout, Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were June Williams, several members of the community, Kevin Lamberson, Russ VanRenterghem and Lisa Munn

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

7/07/2025 regular meeting minutes

7/21/2025 agenda

7/21/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:01 and closed at 6:02 for building permits for Norm & Jerri Belew, 107 S. Park Ave, addition for residential use; Brad & Melissa Korell, 305 N. Park, back screened in porch, garage addition, front covered porch; Shannon Blommers, 706 W. Market, shed.

B. Public hearing opened at 6:03 and closed at 6:04 for vacation of East End of East Maple Street at South Railroad St.

No one was present for either public hearing.

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Discussion with Prairie Knolls regarding pool-

1. Grady Lewis- stated after 59 years the pool is in disrepair. Prairie Knolls no longer wants to be in the pool business so the country club does not have any interest in replacing the pool. They are asking if the city would have any interest in building a new community pool and maintaining it.

2. Trent Lindenman- said they only had one estimate for a new pool at this time. That estimate was from Pool Tech in the amount of \$ 724,400.00 for the pool with no add ons. It was asked if in the bylaws someplace when Prairie Knolls began it stated that it could not become publicly owned.

3. Scot Bokhoven- said it was an FHA loan back in that time so the bylaws did say couldn't be public but they can be changed to public at this time.

4. Lindsey Phillips- gave a presentation and incorporated lots of information that she had received from making several phone calls to towns and pool companies. She said that pool expectancy is about 25 years and they have between 35-40 swimmers a day except when it is open to the public and then the number increases quite a bit. A rectangular pool is less expensive than the shape that we currently have. It would need a pool cover due to the leaves, etc. that would get in the pool. Rectangular pools would run a minimum of \$300,000 and up. A state permit takes six months to obtain approximately. Mahaska County Rec has said they

would help channel funds like with the playground so they could be used as a tax deduction for individuals donating funds.

5. Keri Lamberson said she did some research and there are some loans and grants that would be available also to apply for. Some are not open right now but would be before the final project is ready.

6. Ralph Munson- asked Trent what other things Prairie Knolls has done for fundraising for the pool. City has given grant money for pool as long as it was open to the public for at least four times a year. Ralph asked if they had ideas they could do for fundraising.

7. Scot Bokhoven- asked if the city would at least look into having the pool.

8. Ben Hansen- said we would need to look into how to set money aside to maintain for each year.

9. Sherrill Strobel- said that swimming lessons are very important for the children since many are boating and around water and need to learn to swim to be safe.

Council ended the discussion that they would discuss this at a later time in more depth.

B. Motion by Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to set public hearing for building permit for Allen & Marsha VandeKrol, 302 N. Park Ave, garage for August 4th at 6:00 p.m. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Stout, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve building permit for Norm & Jerri Belew, 107 S. Park Ave, addition to residence. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Stout, Lamberson, Hansen. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Brad and Melissa Korell, 305 N. Park, back screened porch, garage addition, front porch covered. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Hansen, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Stout to approve building permit for Shannon Blommers, 706 W. Market, shed. AYES: Hansen, Huffman, Steel, Stout, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Lamberson to approve Resolution 072125B- A Resolution setting sewer rate increases of the city of New Sharon for 2025-2026 fiscal year. We will set these at 2%. AYES: Lamberson, Huffman, Hansen, Steel, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve purchasing new computer for the library in the amount of \$1064.37 approved by their board. AYES: Stout, Steel, Huffman, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve wall repair, new desks and replacing flooring with vinyl plank for the police department approximately \$2000.00 with Stan Munn doing the work as a city employee. AYES: Hansen, Lamberson, Steel, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Lamberson to approve Resolution 072125- A resolution setting public hearing for sale of real estate to Josh and Bobbi Jean Tremmel. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Hansen, Steel, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 072125A- A resolution setting public hearing for sale of real estate to Eric and Jeri Gragg. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Huffman, Hansen, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve contract from Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter for FY2026 in the amount of \$5237.30. AYES: Stout, Hansen, Huffman, Lamberson, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinances- none

8. Department Reports- The Council received the following reports:

- A. Water Report-
- B. Sewer Report -
- C. Street Report –
- D. Park Report
- E. Police Report –
- F. Cemetery Report –
- G. City Clerk Report -
- H. Deputy Clerk Report-
- I. City Attorney Report -
- J. Fire Department Report
- K. Library Report
- L. Mahaska County Sheriff

9. Departmental Requests

10. City council Information

A. Keri Lamberson- attended the EMA meeting- Training required for all appointed, elected officials for open records from Iowa Public Information Board. Changes for FEMA

B. Linda Steel- would like to continue with ideas for next year for Miller Place, lights, tables, planters.

C. Christian Huffman- asked that we add height to our building permits for zoning since that is listed on the zoning ordinance.

11. Mayor Information

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Lamberson to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, Certified City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor