

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 4, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 4 @ 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, and Ben Hansen. Others in attendance were June Williams, Matt Wehrle, Josh Crouse, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Justin Stout was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

7/21/2025 regular meeting minutes

8/04/2025 agenda

8/04/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments:

A. Matt Wehrle- received a 14-day notice to remove two trees out of his yard that were in a decaying state and a danger. He said he wished he had more time instead of just the 14 days. It was asked when he could have these removed and he stated October. Council agreed to November 1st and Matt did say he would try to get the limbs cut on them prior to that time.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 6:10 and closed at 6:11 for building permit for Allen & Marsha VandeKrol, 302 N. Park, garage.

B. Public hearing opened at 6:11 and closed at 6:12 for sale of real estate to Josh and Bobbi Jean Tremmel.

C. Public hearing opened at 6:12 and closed at 6:13 for sale of real estate to Eric and Jeri Gragg.

No one was present for either public hearing.

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Motion by Huffman and seconded by Lamberson to approve building permit for Allen & Marsha VandeKrol, 302 N. Park Ave, garage. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Open sealed bids for 2002 Chevy Pickup. One bid was received in the amount of \$1600.00 from Jerry Fields.

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Lamberson to accept bid from Jerry Fields in the amount of \$1600.00 for sale of 2002 chevy pickup. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Hansen, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Huffman to approve purchase of new aerator for the sewer in the amount of \$14,451.00 including freight. AYES: Hansen, Huffman, Steel, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

- E.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 080425- A Resolution approving the sale of real estate to Josh and Bobbi Jean Tremmel. AYES: Lamberson, Huffman, Hansen, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- F.** Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 080425A- A Resolution approving the sale of real estate to Eric and Jeri Gragg. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None Motion passed unanimously.
- G.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve NSREDF loan and grant to Stout Trucking for new tire shop, mechanical shop and to put new steel on the outside of building and insulation. Loan of \$50,000 first at 5% interest for 10 years and then grant of \$35,000. AYES: Hansen, Lamberson, Steel, Huffman. NAYS: None Motion passed unanimously.
- H.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Huffman to approve Wellmark renewal for employee health insurance. AYES: Huffman, Hansen, Steel, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- I.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to table Principal insurance renewal for employee health insurance until more information from Delta Dental. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Huffman, Hansen. NAYS: None Motion passed unanimously.
- J.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve renewal with Employee Benefit Insurance for employee health insurance. AYES: Hansen, Huffman, Lamberson, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- K.** Fire Department to discuss the ISO retrogression plan. Josh said our ISO rating had regressed from a 5 to a 6. There was an inspection and we have one year to complete some items that could raise this back to a 5. We need to purchase a 24' ladder rather than the 35' one we have since that takes more people to put up. Also reallocating a thermal imaging camera, annual pump testing. Rural Water was not in attendance for the inspection so they were not able to answer some questions. The hydrants do need painted and also flow testing of the hydrants need to be done and documented twice a year. They looked at the number of people on the fire roster and how many show up for the calls and training and this does affect the score also. Tom will ask Mahaska Rural Water about the painting of the hydrants and also the flow testing and documentation of the hydrants.
- L.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve radio base and headset for fire department in the amount of \$4323.15 from Sitcom for new brush truck. AYES: Hansen, Lamberson, Steel, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- M.** Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 080425B pay compensation for zoning compliance officer. Only one person interviewed for this position and they were not interested at this rate of pay. Stan Munn Jr. will be the new zoning compliance officer as a city employee at this rate of pay. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- N.** Motion made by Huffman and seconded by Lamberson to approve Homecoming parade route street closures for Sept. 11th. AYES: Hansen, Lamberson, Huffman, 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

9. Departmental Requests

10. City council Information

A. Form a pool committee- Tom said that he had talked to Lindsey Phillips and they were forming a 501C3 committee for the pool and fundraising.

11. Mayor Information

A. Discuss Annexation Progress- The school board was not in agreement with the annexation. Council members said that we need for the city to not be limited for size.

B. September council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 2nd since the first Monday is a holiday.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, Certified City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor