

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 18, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 18 @ 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 Justin Stout. Others in attendance were Shea Greiner, Margaret Ratcliff, June Williams, Russ VanRenterghem, Gage VanGorp, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Ben Hansen was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

8/04/2025 regular meeting minutes

8/18/2025 agenda

8/18/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Shea Greiner annexation updates: The school board meeting was interesting. The board members said they had not received any information. The superintendent had been given the information but had not shared this with the board members at that time. Concerns were that the smaller towns in the county would not have a school but New Sharon would have a school in the city limits, also concerns about building on the ground the school owns. Dursky said that people on city sewer didn't really have opposition since they are using city utilities. McGriffs of New Sharon owner has been spoken to so now all of the businesses have been notified.

Discussed the map of new boundaries. A public meeting will need to be held for all property owners to attend and ask their questions. Certified letters will be sent out at least 14 days prior to this meeting. Some of the questions will probably be Why? - infrastructure, beautification, housing. Why five years abatement? Shea will answer questions. Tentative date for public hearing will be October 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the New Sharon City Park Building.

B. Margaret Ratcliff discussed police ride along. It was asked about allowing police ride along. Margaret said that this would have no change to our insurance premiums. Clear guidelines of what they can and can't do. Russ said sheriff office allows these but doesn't force any officers to allow ride along. Must be 18 and over, no felons. Good recruiting tool. Sheriff's office policy is no cell phones while riding. Russ said they make interns wear a ballistic vest while riding. Kevin said they have a waiver and the waiver and policy to be approved by city attorney prior to bringing it to council for approval. Will proceed with giving to the attorney.

C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve Resolution 081825 street financial report FY25. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Steel, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve Delta Dental Premier Plan B for dental insurance for this year. AYES: Huffman, Stout, Steel. NAYS: None. ABSTENTION: Lamberson. Motion passed.

E. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve Principal insurance renewal for vision, short term disability and long-term disability. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. ABSTENTION: Lamberson. Motion passed.

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-None

10. City council Information

A. Linda Steel- read a letter received from Mona Bond in regards to some properties in town that needed attention. One of these is already in litigation and the other one has received a letter for mowing and weeds.

11. Mayor Information

A. 2015 Chevy Truck- someone is interested in this and the offer will need to be on the next agenda for approval.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, Certified City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor