

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday January 5, 2026**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday January 5th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Justin Stout, Linda Steel, Steve Davis, Keri Lamberson and Christian Huffman. Others in attendance were Jeff and Kaye Bittner, Lawrence and Donna Rouw, Kevin Franje, Mike Brand, Keith Rook, Stan Munn Jr, Shea Greiner, June Williams, Gage VanGorp, and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

12/15/2025 regular meeting minutes and 12/22/25 special meeting minutes

1/05/2026 agenda

1/05/2026 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 voluntary annexation updates- The Stride Grant is due on January 16th. Looking at South Park Ave paving and road work for this grant. We can bond for 3 years. Grants for fire trucks Shea said the foundation and Fema grants are open for this. Voluntary annexation taxes will help to increase housing market, downtown revitalization, trail system. Shea said we can make exemption for school with livestock as was discussed at the last school board meeting. School talked of special election and this would cost them for the election and it is costly. Timeline for the annexation will be at least July or could be later depending on how long it takes the process for annexation. The ag land per the state code Section 414.23 as long as it is used for agricultural purposes are exempt from city zoning regulations. Residents and landowners adjacent to the city limits benefit from proximity to city infrastructure, amenities, and services. Lamberson stated that the council government can change the laws also as well as the county government. Lamberson also stated that if we don't do things differently our town may die and not continue to grow. Lawrence Rouw said he was concerned that he would not have control of his property if annexed. Also, we would be taking money from the county taxes and he used county secondary roads. It was stated that the city does pay some tax money to the county also. Kevin Franje said that Key Coop wouldn't really benefit from annexing with the city. Much discussion was held and maps were handed out of the proposed annexation.

B. Motion by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve 28E Agreement for SRO officer and North Mahaska School. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Lamberson, Stout, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Davis to approve Resolution 010526 naming official depository institutions. AYES: Davis, Lamberson, Huffman, Steel, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Huffman and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 010526A naming Oskaloosa Herald as official newspaper. AYES: Steel, Lamberson, Huffman, Davis, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve Resolution 010526B naming Nicole Bryant as city attorney. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Lamberson, Davis, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 010526C naming Joshua Crouse as fire chief. AYES: Lamberson, Davis, Steel, Stout, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Motion made by Steel and seconded by Lamberson to approve new bathroom door for City Park building bathroom in the amount of \$623.04 with Mike Sereg donating labor to install. AYES: Davis, Huffman, Lamberson, Stout, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion made seconded by Steel to approve invoice for Mahaska County Ag and Rural Development dues for the year of 2026 in the amount of \$1872.00. Justin Stout is New Sharon's representative. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Stout, Lamberson, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve end loader seat replacement in the amount of \$1750.10 plus installation costs. AYES: Stout, Steel, Lamberson, Davis, Huffman. 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 –

I. City Attorney Report -

J. Fire Department Report

K. Library Report

9. Departmental Requests-None

10. City council Information:

11. Mayor Information

A. Discuss the employee handbook at the next meeting.

B. Move next council meeting to Tuesday January 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall. Post there may be a quorum at the school board meeting on Monday January 19th at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Steel and seconded by Lamberson to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor