

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday December 15, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Justin Stout, Linda Steel, and Christian Huffman. Others in attendance were Landon Briggs, Steve Davis, Margaret Ratcliff, Adam Eischen, Kasyn VanRyswyk, Joshua Crouse, Shea Greiner, Alivia Schock, June Williams, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Ben Hansen and Keri Lamberson were absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

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12/15/2025 agenda

12/15/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments:

A. Adam Eischen gave an overview of the house demo. They finished in three days. They took 178.85 tons to the landfill and this did include some concrete. They hauled 4 trees to the city yard waste dump and took 7 tv's, 10 appliances and 2 tires to the landfill. Lot is filled and leveled.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Margaret Ratcliff to discuss recommended process for handling customer calls. Margaret stated that when resident calls and has an issue it is not necessarily our claim. There has to be some negligence such as being told and not working on something that might cause the issue not just because we own the system. Margaret also discussed the ISO class code and said that if the ISO rating would drop it would affect the homeowners approximately 1% and commercial will be 4%.

B. Discuss fire truck purchase- Josh presented the council with a proposal for a new 3000-gallon pumper/tanker fire truck. This would replace both the 1982 tanker and the 1993 pumper trucks. Both of these trucks are leaking water. The 1993 we should be able to sell and the 1982 is not worth a lot. This truck is a 3000-gallon Danko Freightliner and it is a demo truck so would be available in August 2026. The chassis would be ready in January 2026 and would cost \$124,100 and the truck would be ready in August and the balance would be \$286,000. Josh stated if any change order it would be less than \$5000.00. Huffman asked if once this was delivered it would be ready and outfitted to just back into the station and use. Josh stated that yes everything should be on it and ready to go at this price. Discussion was held to look into grants, cashing out CD's, bank loan, ask for donations for payment on this truck. If wait the cummings diesel engine will not be available after 2026 and the new engine could be \$20,000-\$60,000 more.

- C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to hold a special council meeting on Monday December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Lisa will check interest rates, payments, Sourcewell pricing. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed.
- D. Review 28E for SRO officer and North Mahaska School. Questions or changes.
- E. No motion was made for changes to 28E agreement. Motion for approval of 28E will be on January agenda.
- F. Discuss any revisions to Employee Handbook.

Waiting on insurance information and there were not other questions in regards to the handbook.

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:

A. Shea Greiner came in after the school board meeting and gave an update on meeting. The FFA has questions in regards to having some livestock. Shea will be at the January 5th meeting for voluntary annexation updates.

11. Mayor Information

- A. Letter for snow removal pushing onto cemetery sidewalk. Council said to send the letter.
- B. January 5th city council meeting will be held at the New Sharon City Park Building at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Stout and seconded by Steel to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor