

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 20, 2026**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 20th 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 Shea Greiner, June Williams, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

1/05/2025 regular meeting minutes

1/20/2026 agenda

1/20/2026 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- We have paused on the voluntary annexation as Key Coop has decided to pull out which took a lot of the land for the annexation. We will look at redrawing some new lines for the annexation to pursue at a later date. Steve brought up how many vacant lots there are in town and if we could look at these lots for housing that would increase our property tax amounts. Shea stated moving forward to look at beautification of the main street. We will tour the Homes for Iowa and see about this for the newly acquired vacant lot. Shea will work on a commercial retail committee to see if there is any interest from business owners in town and in the county. Shea submitted the STRIDE grant for trails, paved road for housing and sidewalks. We will look into a new food truck peddler permit and discuss where we might have an area for food trucks to come into town.

B. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve Resolution 011926 transfer funds from CD to money market fire account. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Lamberson, Stout, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussed parking problem on North Park Ave. No motion made for no parking at this time. Lisa will send out letters to all property owners on North Park stating there have been recent instances brought to the city's attention that school busses and delivery trucks on that street are having trouble due to parked vehicles limiting sight lines which is a public safety issue. Residents will have 30 days to give their input on how to handle this and if the issue does not resolve itself within that time period the council may move forward with posting no parking on both sides of N. Park Ave from East Market Street to the north private road.

D. Discuss police officer position- Pay and benefits were discussed for hiring a new officer. If not certified they will have to be enrolled in the academy within a year.

E. Discuss Employee handbook- Tom asked council about sick leave. PTO discussed and vacation time. Stout said leave the probationary period and change start vacation first day of work.

- F.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve bid for library desk from Three Cs in the amount of \$4500.00 upon receiving quote with new completion date and new contract showing 1% late charge per day until completed if completion date is not met. AYES: Lamberson, Stout, Davis, Huffman, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- G.** Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to appoint Vicki German as library board member. AYES: Steel, Stout, Huffman, Davis, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- H.** Motion made by Steel and seconded by Stout to pay the \$1157.00 directly to the tax certificate purchaser after he signs a release that would be recorded as part of the chain of title if this is not forgiven. AYES: Stout, Lamberson, Huffman, Davis, 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 –**
 - I. City Attorney Report -**
 - J. Fire Department Report**
 - K. Library Report**
- 9. Departmental Requests-None**
- 10. City council Information:**
- 11. Mayor Information**
- A.** Tom had a phone conversation with Menefee and Stevens in regards to the fence that will be moved when the weather cooperates.
- 12. Adjournment:**
- There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor