

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday March 2, 2026**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday March 2 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 Margaret Ratcliff, Polly Ehret, Cassie Long, June Williams, Gage VanGorp, Russ VanRenterghem 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.

2/16/2025 regular meeting minutes

3/02/2026 agenda

3/02/2026 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Hector Hernandez to discuss Stride Grant- Hector was unable to be present at the meeting tonight so he will be on the 3/23 agenda.

B. Motion made by Huffman and seconded by Stout to table contract for STRIDE grant until next meeting when Hector can present it. AYES: Davis, Steel, Stout, Huffman, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve Fox Construction hauling rock. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Lamberson, Stout, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

D. Motion by Huffman and seconded by Lamberson to approve Change of Officers for Prairie Knolls Alcohol permit. AYES: Davis, Lamberson, Huffman, Steel, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

E. Motion by Lamberson and seconded by Davis to approve alcohol permit for Prairie Knolls. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Davis, Steel, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

F. Motion by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to change March 16th council meeting to Monday March 23rd at 6:20p.m. AYES: Steel, Lamberson, Davis, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

G. Motion by Huffman and seconded by Lamberson to table recodifying ordinances for FY2027 to send email to Area 15 for quote also. AYES: Stout, Davis, Huffman, Lamberson, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

H. Library Board to discuss wage increases for FY2027. Polly Ehret presented the budget numbers for FY2026 last year and they are looking to increase the director and librarian wages by up to \$4.00 per hour. Since the council is only able to approve the budget from the library not the line items. No decision was made at this time.

I. Motion by Stout and seconded by Davis to move renewal for health insurance to July 1st and change representative to Josh Rife Galligher Benefit Services. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Stout, Huffman, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

J. Discuss Peddler Application and locations for Food Vendors: Clerk will make decisions on the applications as long as all information and payment have been received. City will measure the city parking lot to be sure it is 100' distance from grocery store selling prepared food. If it is we would like to have the food trucks park in the city parking lot.

K. Motion by Huffman and seconded by Steel to set public hearing for building permit for Historical Society, 201 E. High, cover doorways; Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, shed and fence for March 23rd at 6:20 p.m. AYES: Davis, Steel, Lamberson, Stout, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

L. Motion by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve Resolution 030226A set public hearing for property tax levy for March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Stout, Davis, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

M. Motion by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve changes to building permit application forms. AYES: Huffman, Davis, Lamberson, Stout, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

N. Motion for needing permit for concrete flatwork or stonework died due to no motion.

O. Discussion on zoning changes to ordinances- Discussion was held and decided zoning committee will review and bring back to council.

P. Discuss wage increases for budget FY2027. Motion by Steel and seconded by Davis to plan on a 3% wage increase for full time employees only for budget purposes for FY2027 not effective until July 1st and resolution to be approved at a later date. AYES: Stout, Steel, Huffman, Davis. NAYS: None. ABSTENTIONS: 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. Mahaska County Sheriff 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. Stout said that someone stopped him and said thanks for all the city is doing. He was passing on the information.

11. Mayor Information

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor