

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday March 23, 2026**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday March 23 at 6:20 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Justin Stout, Steve Davis, and Christian Huffman. Others in attendance were Shea Greiner, Hector Hernandez, Tony Erwin, Joshua Crouse, Dana Sereg, June Williams, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Linda Steel and Keri Lamberson were absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

3/02/2026 regular meeting minutes

3/23/2026 agenda

3/23/2026 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments:

A. Tony Erwin introduced himself as running for Mahaska County Supervisor. He grew up in What Cheer, was mayor of What Cheer, chairman of Oskaloosa waster board, realtor for last 8 years, worked at Vermeer. He would like to keep the young people in the area. Council asked who was up for reelection and Tony stated that both Steve Wanders and Chuck Webb were up for reelection.

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing for building permits for Historical Society, 201 E. High, cover over doorways; Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, fence and shed was opened at 6:33 and closed at 6:37. No one present and no written comments.

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Hector Hernandez- New Sharon was the recipient of the STRIDE grant. This is a small town, rural improvement and enhancement planning grant. We are looking at roads, project would be for smaller communities with an 80/20 grant for road work, we are also looking into way finding signs, IDOT sign replacement and some grants for trails and sidewalks.

B. Motion made by Davis and seconded by Huffman to approve contract for STRIDE grant. AYES: Davis, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

C. Shea Greiner – We toured the Homes for Iowa. Looking at one of the homes for our lot. We need a narrow home for the lot we have right now. Shea gave us a worksheet of prices for extras we need to consider. She will contract some contractors, council gave names of for more specific pricing and we will look at this again next meeting. Shea said that she would do the planting of the landscaping for us. Downtown Assessment visit will be held on May 27 and 28th. Looking for individuals for the interview groups. Council will ask for volunteers to sit on those groups. We would like some of the school board, business owners, bank personnel, coop, and interested individuals. If you are interested, please contact City Hall. Survey link is posted to Facebook and we would encourage all to fill out the survey.

D. Dana Sereg shared with the council what activities she is planning for these family nights for the community. There will be food trucks, vendors, games, music for all ages in the city park and park building. She would like to close West High Street to accommodate the food trucks

and vendors. This will be held from 5:00 pm.-9:00 p.m. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve Family Fun Fest Street closures for June 25th and July 23rd. AYES: Huffman, Stout, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve insurance renewal from Ratcliff, Blake insurance. Ayes: Stout, Davis, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve recodifying ordinances for FY2027 with Iowa Codification in the amount of \$4600.00, with down payment paid after July 1st. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve Peterson Motorsports to service fire trucks.

AYES: Stout, Davis, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion made by Huffman and seconded by Davis to approve Panoptic inspection for inspection of building at 107 S. Main in the amount of \$1325.00. AYES: Stout, Davis, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve Resolution 032326- A Resolution setting public hearing for Budget FY2027 for April 20th at 6:00 p.m. AYES: Stout, Huffman, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve building permit for Historical Society, 201 E. High, covered doorways. AYES: Davis, Huffman, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve building permits for Zack and Brittany VanderBeek, 310 S. Park, fence and shed as long as fence follows ordinance. No variances allowed. AYES: Davis, Stout, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve Resolution 032326A- A Resolution assessing taxes for trash and junk. AYES: Huffman, Stout, Davis. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

M. Motion made by Davis and seconded by Stout to table till next meeting selling 1982 and 1993 firetrucks. Will look up some values for these trucks before next meeting. AYES: Huffman, Davis, Stout. NAYS: None. Motion passed

N. Discuss fire department fundraising for new truck. Shea sent in grant to MCCF for \$20,000. Lisa filled out grant for \$100,000 for CHS. Heard we did not qualify from CHS. Josh said there is a farm credit services of America grant for \$35,000. Shea will look into this for Josh. Council asked about association contributing to new truck. Some ideas for fundraising were dunk tank at spring festival, fireman's breakfast or dinner, buckets for fundraising for truck. Council mentioned asking the foundation to come up with 3-4 fundraisers for the new truck. Christian will attend the next business meeting for the fire department in April.

O. Burn ordinance was discussed. Would like to work on rewriting this. Christian has some ideas for rewriting this ordinance. Lisa stated that per DNR we are not allowed to burn within ¼ mile of neighbors so that basically makes the town citizens unable to burn. Will look over the ordinance and put on the next meeting agenda for ideas and rewrites.

7. Ordinances-

- A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Davis to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-002 Amending provisions related to building permits. AYES: Davis, Stout, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed

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 – library budget discussed and council agreed to proceed with increase in their budget.

I. City Attorney Report -

J. Fire Department Report

K. Library Report –

9. Departmental Requests-None

10. City council Information:

A. Davis asked to discuss empty lots in town. He thinks we need to assess a tax to empty lots so people will sell these lots for houses.

B. Discuss Miller place lights and additions. Looked at some lights for Miller place will put on next agenda and will check with Mid-American Energy regarding electricity connection and grants.

11. Mayor Information

A. Tom said he had been approached about church still renting the city park building for ½ price. We will look into this for the next meeting agenda.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Stout and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor