

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday April 6, 2026**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday April 6 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Justin Stout, Linda Steel, Keri Lamberson, and Christian Huffman. Others in attendance were Shea Greiner, Ron & Kathi Thompson, Randy Pleima, Zack VanderBeek, Ron Wyatt, Jim Arment, June Williams, Kevin Lamberson, and Lisa Munn. Steve Davis was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

3/23/2026 special and regular meeting minutes

4/06/2026 agenda

4/06/2026 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Zack VanderBeek was in and wanted to discuss a variance on the height of his front portion of his fence. Stout said that we would send it back to the zoning committee to review for a variance in height and should know by the next council meeting.

B. Shea Greiner – Shea said that we have applied for a T-Mobile grant for \$50,000; Farm Credit grant for \$25,000; MCCF grant for \$20,000 for help with the cost of the new fire truck. Shea wrote these grants with help from the city. Shea contacted some contractors regarding prices for basements, crawlspaces, decks for the home for Iowa and hopes to have information at the next meeting. We are looking at approximately 6 months from time of order of house to delivery. 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.

C. Motion by Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to approve setting building public hearing for April 20th at 6:00 p.m. for building permits for Ron Wyatt, 802 E. Market, shed; Casey Sammons, 101 W. South, garage, Aaron Schock, 504 E. Walnut, fence. AYES: Steel, Huffman, Lamberson, Stout. Nays: None. Motion passed.

D. Discussion regarding charging Vital Ministries half price for use of city park building. Lisa presented spreadsheet showing prior year on Sundays of rents received and they were \$600.00 at \$130.00 per rent. This year same months rents at \$65.00 for Vital Ministries Sunday use of city park building was \$1690.00. Stout said this is guaranteed rents to cover the cost of building utilities. Motion by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve charging \$65.00 for Vital Ministries for use of city park building. Ayes: Stout, Lamberson, Steel, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

E. 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.

F. Randy Pleima discussing fire hydrants and water tower. Randy said they have Cedar Circle looped and done. Randy said they do not flush or test all the fire hydrants each year. It was asked for the ISO rating inspection to have some documentation showing the maintenance agreement between Rural Water and the City. Randy said that he needs to get with Garden Associates to have the water map updated. Lisa will send Randy a copy of the 2017 hydrant flushing worksheet since that is the final one as a city we did. Randy said they will use the ISO tester for pressure and volume. Huffman asked about painting the water tower and inspecting it. Randy stated it doesn't need done only every 20-25 years. Since it is in the center of town he will contact someone to do the inspection, place main valve on outside and paint the top this year. Randy said he could have this information, testing to us before the July 1st ISO deadline.

G. Motion died due to no motion for selling the 1982 and 1993 firetrucks. No pictures or information were received at this time.

H. Discussion was held on the burn ordinance and some changes the council would like to make. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

7. Ordinances-

- A. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Lamberson to approve second reading of Ordinance 2026-002 Amending provisions related to building permits. AYES: Steel, Stout, Huffman and Lamberson. 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 –**
- I. City Attorney Report -**
- J. Fire Department Report**
- K. Library Report –**

9. Departmental Requests-None

10. City council Information:

A. Stout said he was stopped and asked about why someone was parking on East South Street and it is posted no parking. Kevin will monitor this.

B. Steel said she had been contacted and asked why the lot on S. Pine St that the house was demoed was not offered to them to purchase. As a city must hold public hearing for sale of property.

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 Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor