

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
GOLF CART/ATV/UTV INFORMATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met for an informational meeting regarding the golf cart/ATV/UTV ordinance at the city park building on Tuesday September 22 @ 6:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Larry Applegate, Tom German, Ron Wyatt, Leslie VanWyk, Lindsey Phillips. Others in attendance were Mayor Long, Kevin Lamberson, Lisa Munn, Dianna Klinker, Dustin Hite and approximately 25 citizens.

Roll Call answered by:

Ayes: Phillips, German, Wyatt, VanWyk, Applegate

1. Motion was made by Applegate and seconded by VanWyk to approve the 9/22/20 agenda.

AYES: Phillips, Wyatt, Applegate, VanWyk, German

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. Dianna Klinker presented a power point showing the key elements of the golf cart, ATV, UTV ordinances that are being prepared.
3. A question and answer period was held after the presentation where many good questions were asked. One of the items asked about was the insurance coverage and why the \$500,000 was decided upon instead of a lower amount like an automobile. Lisa stated that she had contacted McGriff insurance since they are the city's insurance agent and it was suggested to have the amount of the coverage at \$500,000 to protect both the individual and also the city liability since they are on city streets. Steve Davis suggested that we allow 16 year olds to drive ATV/UTV instead of 18 as the age however, they should have to take an ATV/UTV safety class and have the card with them to be allowed to drive. It was asked why the age of 16 for golf carts and yet 18 for ATV/UTV. VanWyk said as a council member this was chosen due to safety and 18 years olds should be more mature to handle ATV/UTV. Ron Wyatt stated that this is just the beginning of the discussion and the council will look into these questions. One error was found since ATV/UTV can't be driven on city land the council will need to make an exception for the yard waste dump area. Kevin Lamberson said that enforcement will be the first issue since we only have 1 ½ police officers and they can't cover 24 hours every day. He stated that any citizen could write a statement of a violation that they saw but if this was to go to court remember they will be subpoenaed to appear in court and testify. There was much discussion on how to get to a street if you lived on one of the main no ride state highways. Some routes were discussed in regards to crossing the highway and going on the side streets. You would not be allowed to ride on the right of ways or other private property without the property owner's permission. No riding on city property such as cemeteries, parks and right of ways between the road and the sidewalks. The council thanked everyone for their questions and they will take this information back to a council meeting and hold it in regards to writing the ordinances. Lisa stated that there would be three readings of the ordinances so it would take approximately 2-3 months at least before this could go into effect.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Wyatt and seconded by Phillips to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.

Lisa Munn, CMC
Certified Municipal City clerk

Jeff Long
Mayor