

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council for a special work session on Wednesday January 15, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Pro Tem German and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Keri Lamberson, Linda Steel, and Justin Stout. Shea Greiner, Stan Munn Jr, Ivette Jimenez and Lisa Munn was also in attendance. Ben Hansen arrived late at 5:04 p.m.

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

2. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Stout to approve the work session agenda. Ayes: Lamberson, Stout, German, Steel. Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously

3. Work Session with Shea Greiner from Pathfinders. Shea presented the council with two logos and slogans to be considered.

A. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Stout to use the slogan place to grow. AYES: Lamberson, Hansen, Stout, German, Steel. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Voluntary Annexation was discussed. Shea and mayor will talk to business owners south and west of town for their feelings in this. If annexed will look at property abatement as a possibility to be determined at a later time. Also, will look into a TIF district. Shea has filled out an application for a grant using the University of Iowa students to come in and do the redesign of the building rehab and office consolidation. The downtown assessment will recommend different grants for this. They are only taking 6 communities for the assessment of a week and a 60-page document for \$2500.00. We could do two days and a 30-page document for \$1800.00.

C. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Steel to do the 2-day assessment and 30-page document for \$1800.00. AYES: Stout, Steel, German, Lamberson, Hansen. NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Shea is working on the Rise Grant for money for fixing and paving some gravel streets in town. We can put in for more than one street as long as the gravel street connects to a paved street.

E. Shea asked how often to meet and it was decided at the second meeting of each month to give a progress report and any motions that the council would need to approve.

6. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Stout and seconded by Steel to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. All in favor, whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared said motion approved.

Lisa Munn, City Clerk

Tom German, Mayor Pro Tem