

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 19, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Ben Hansen, Linda Steel, Christian Huffman. Keri Lamberson arrived at 6:07. Others in attendance were Margaret Ratcliff, Polly Ehret, Mark DeJong, Craig Fawcett, Eric Dursky, June Williams Joshua Crouse, Clay Beyer, Doug Readshaw, Emily Lawler, Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. Justin Stout was absent.

1. Roll Call answered by: Hansen, Huffman, Steel

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve the following consent agenda items.

2/05/2025 minutes

2/19/2025 agenda

2/19/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

4. Requests from the Community: None

5. Public Hearings: None

6. Resolutions and Motions:

A. Margaret Ratcliff discussed this year's insurance quote. EMC has over 400 communities that they insure and each year they issue a dividend check since they can only keep a portion of the money. This year our dividend check will be \$10,285. Insurance increased by 17% this year and the law enforcement increased by 40% plus we added an additional officer. Our work comp experience mod stayed good. Council decided to reject the terrorism coverage and continue with building deductibles as before.

B. Craig Fawcett discussed the car show for spring festival. The road closures will remain as was approved last meeting. He did as Thomas German and the fire department to choose a car for a prize this year. This is the 5th year of Digs Rod shop putting on the car show and Craig wants to do something special for this.

C. Motion made by Hansen and seconded Huffman to approve Resolution 021925 transfer funds from CD to money market account. Ayes: Steel, Hansen, Huffman, Lamberson. Nays: None Motion passed

D. Discussion with Eric Dursky and Mark DeJong for police protection for Keomah Village. Eric Dursky said calls for service with cutting council meetings will be about 15 calls. The sheriff department is asking for almost their whole budget just for police protection and they still have to pay sewer, fire, 1 employee and streets. Mark DeJong said they have 53 houses with a population of 104. They are not asking for any drive

throughs, don't need to come for council meetings. They can afford about \$6000 per year with their budget. They would like to do a 28E agreement for a 1-year trial. Council will put this on the agenda for the next meeting to further discussion and a vote.

E. Motion made by Huffman and seconded by Lamberson to approve purchasing a dump trailer from Thomas Bus Sales in the amount of \$10,295.00. AYES: Lamberson, Huffman, Steel, Hansen. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

F. Discussion changing city council meeting days to first and third Mondays. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel. AYES: Lamberson, Hansen, Huffman, Steel. NAYS: None. Motion passed. Will put new ordinance on next agenda for this change.

G. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Huffman to approve 28E Mutual Aid for Poweshiek County emergency services. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Hansen, Lamberson. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

H. Motion made by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to approve using new logo design for new street banners. AYES: Hansen, Lamberson, Steel, Huffman. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

I. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Lamberson to set public hearing for max levy property taxes for Monday March 24 at 5:30 and council meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. AYES: Lamberson, Steel, Huffman, Hansen. NAYS: None. Motion passed.

J. Discuss building permit for 108 N. Monroe regarding setbacks and property lines. No action was taken on this since the party inquiring does not own the property. Not allowing any different setbacks until they know the property lines.

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. Cemetery Report

G. City Clerk Report

H. Deputy Clerk Report

I. City Attorney Report

J. Fire Department Report

K. Library Report- June presented the library budget to the council.

L. Mahaska County Sheriff

9. Departmental Requests

10. City council Information: None

11. Mayor Information:

A. Discussed mowing position for cemeteries.

13. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Lamberson and seconded by Steel to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn
Certified Municipal City Clerk

Thomas German
Mayor