

**NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday May 5, 2025**

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The City Council prior to publication.**

The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Thomas German and the following members answering roll call: Linda Steel, Christian Huffman. Ben Hansen, Justin Stout. Others in attendance were DeAnn DeGroot, Alan Lake, Lea DeCook, Alisha Briggs, Ralph Munson, Megan Boender, Krista Tedrow, Stan Munn Jr, Wendell Campbell, Ben Hughes, Blake Hayden, Grant Caltrider, Tommy Dillon, Baylor Verbrugge, Keagen Head, Rick Fosse, Ken Lacey, June Williams, Emily Lawler, Ivette Jimenez, Russ VanRenterghem, and Lisa Munn. Keri Lamberson was absent.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

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

4/21/2025 regular meeting minutes

5/05/2025 agenda

5/05/2025 distributions pending

Motion passed unanimously

3. University of Iowa Presentation for Grant- Group of University of Iowa Engineering students gave us a presentation of Harvest Ridge Residential Subdivision. They presented us with the layout of streets, utilities, and homes. This would include 19 single family lots, 1 lot showing 16 condominium units so total housing would be 20 lots 35 units. Huffman asked about the sanitary sewer lines if they were large enough for so many homes. The largest sewer lines are in that area and we would research that before building. Another group of University of Iowa Engineering students gave us a presentation of the City Hall Hub. This would house the city hall, library and police department in one city structure. This would restore the historical appearance of the building and also make this ADA compliant with an elevator for the library being housed on the second floor of the building. Both of these projects were very well presented and can be used as a basis for grant funding for the projects.

4. Krista Tedrow from Pathfinders gave us an update and said that there are some grant opportunities for some of these projects. Krista also said that a home from Iowa Prison Industries would be a possibility to look into for some housing. Shea will have the marketing design flyer for events to us in the next week.

5. Public Comments:

A. Alan Lake to discuss duplex and would like to sell these as individual homes and split this parcel of property.

DeAnn DeGroot- said we need all kinds of houses in Mahaska County area and duplexes are very popular at this time.

Wendell Campbell- Said that duplexes are in demand at this time due to the size and being new without much maintenance. Wendell said that Oskaloosa has a lot of spot zoning for R2 designs. He thought we needed to try to remove some of the barriers.

6. Requests from the Community: None

7. Public Hearings:

A. Public hearing opened at 7:09 and closed at 7:10 for building permits for Matt & Megan Boender, 201 N. Pine, garage and entry; Michelle Hol, 207 S. Pine, deck.

8. Resolutions and Motions:

A. University of Iowa Presentation of Grant- presented earlier in meeting

B. Shea Greiner Updates- Krista presented these earlier in the meeting.

C. Motion by Stout and seconded by Steel to approve building permit for Matt & Megan Boender, 201 N. Pine, garage and entry. AYES: Hansen, Stout, Steel, Huffman. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Steel to approve building permit for Michelle Hol, 207 S. Pine, deck. AYES: Steel, Stout, Huffman, Hansen NAYS: None. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion made by Hansen and seconded by Stout to set public hearing for May 19th for building permits for Mark and Lisa Watts, 501 N. Lincoln, deck; Shawayla Clark, 107 S. Mulberry, deck. AYES: Huffman, Steel, Stout, Hansen. NAYS: None Motion passed unanimously.

F. JACE Race on city streets. Motion by Hansen and seconded by Stout to approve route on city streets. Ayes: Hansen, Huffman, Steel, Stout. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Financial Assistance on the bathroom at Reed Field for Little League. Without anyone present and no information no action was taken on this.

H. Motion for sign grant for Sanders & Co Barbering. Motion made by Stout and seconded by Huffman to approve \$87.73 for one half of cost of sign. AYES: Stout, Steel, Huffman, Hansen. NAYS: None Motion passed unanimously.

9. Ordinances: None

10. 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

L. Mahaska County Sheriff-none

11. Departmental Requests

12. City council Information:

A. Huffman asked if city could ask other towns for their minimum lot size for duplexes. Also, a clause for lot size and city needs to approve division of lots. Can't subdivide a lot parcel. Lisa will look into this.

13. Mayor Information:

14. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Huffman to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Munn, Certified Municipal City Clerk

Thomas German, Mayor