

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

NP President Heutsche	X Mr. Connelly
X Mr. Palanski	X Mr. Burke
X Mr. James	

News Media:

X Scott Andrejchak – City Manager	___ The Herald
X Attorney Madden – City Solicitor	___ The Vindicator
NP Lori Merolillo – City Clerk	___ WPIC

Dept. Heads:

X Terry Whalen - Fire Chief
NP Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police
X John Cave - Street Dept.
X Ken Griffith- Finance Director
X Janet Thomas- Community Development
X Robert Fiscus- Director of Code

PRESENTATION

Certificate of Recognition was presented to Rev. Richard Roberts for his service to the community.

Certificate of Recognition was presented to Combine Construction and all the volunteers for the Memorial Bridge Project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Andrejchak updated Council on the progress of the replacement traffic signal on State St. and Dock St. that was taken out a few months ago. He explained that earlier that day that approval to get that replaced and placed an order with Bruce and Merilees to get that work started and it will probably be mid September when that infrastructure will be replaced. Also, Streetscape is continuing to progress and we are working with Winslow Engineering to keep the project on schedule. Mr. Andrejchak explained that they have also received back the engineering RFP's so we can move forward with our CDBG paying this year and in the next few days Mr. Andrejchak will be submitting a list of streets to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

Mr. Whalen from Hometown Community Rentals wanted Council to know that a few weeks ago he wrote an editorial challenging anyone to match his pledge of \$500 for the Police and Fire Department and The Hudson Group and a private individual who did not want to be named agreed to the match. Mr. Whalen presented three checks to Council worth \$1,500.00 which \$750 will go to the Police Department and \$750 will go to the Fire Department.

Mr. DelGros wanted to thank Mr. Whalen for matching the donations that he started when all of this came about.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 06-13, introduced March 21, 2013- SECOND AND FINAL READING

An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the "Towing and Storage Charges" to increase the charges as previously set in 1995.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 07-13, introduced March 21, 2013- SECOND AND FINAL READING

An Ordinance signifying its intention to organize a Municipal Arts Commission..

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #06-13 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City, Part IV, "Traffic Code", Chapter 422, "Impounding", Section 04 "Towing and Storage Charges" to increase the charges as previously set in 1995. Pass FINAL reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

Vote: Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Connelly

Yes Mr. James
____ Mr. Heutsche

MOTION that Ordinance #07-13 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signifies its intention and desire to organize a Municipal Arts Commission to be known as the Sharon City Arts Commission. Pass FINAL reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

Vote: Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

Yes Mr. Connelly
____ Mr. Heutsche

MOTION that Ordinance #09-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the vacating and abandoning of Alexander Place. **Pass First reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski
____ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Ordinance #10-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 2692 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. **Pass First reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Burke

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke
____ Mr. Heutsche**

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #29-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing proper City Officials to enter into contracts with Public Service Agencies for the City’s 2013 CDBG program year. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. James

**Vote: Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Connelly**

**Yes Mr. James
____ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #31-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #2 for S.E.T. Inc. in the amount of \$7,298.40 for the Sharon Streetscape Project. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski**

**Yes Mr. Connelly
____ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #33-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #3 for S.E.T. Inc. in the amount of \$64,758.74 for the Sharon Streetscape Project. **be adopted**

Mr. Palanski asked if the work has been properly inspected and Mr. Andrejchak answered yes.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

**Vote: Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #34-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve the Title IV program plan for Shenango Valley Shuttle Service. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke
___ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #35-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the issuance of the 2013 RACP Revenue Note in the face amount of \$452,033.40 with an annual interest rate of 2.44% in anticipation of receipt of \$531,804.00 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski
Yes Mr. Connelly**

**Yes Mr. James
___ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #36-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the City Solicitor to initiate a Judicial sale for the attached properties with a legal fee of up to \$450.00 per property. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski**

**Yes Mr. Connelly
___ Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #37-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to sign and execute an agreement with Huntington Bank for two(2) 10-ton trucks equipped with plows and spreaders in the amount of \$309,387.48 with an interest rate of 2.23% with payment options monthly in advance. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski
___ Mr. Heutsche**

CONSENT AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE CITY BUSINESS AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION AND ONE ROLL CALL VOTE. ANY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OFFICIAL OR CITIZENS WISHING CLARIFICATION OF AN ITEM MAY ASK A QUESTION BY RAISING THEIR HAND AND IDENTIFYING THE ITEM BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE ITEM.

MOTION that Resolution #22-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing, in accordance with Section 915 of the Home Rule Charter, the City Manager, or in the absence of the City Manager, the Tax Collector, to pay the bills submitted on Schedule A to Council" **be adopted.**

MOTION that Resolution #23-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, authorizing appointment for Sharon Regional Health System Authority." **be adopted.**

Sharon Beautification Commission

Bill Drosbaugh- 5 yr term replacing Pamela Dutro

Sharon Economic Development Commission

Mike Kotyk- 3 yr term

Sharon Arts Commission

Laura Miklos- 4 yr. term

Alane Jewel- 5 yr. term

Michelle Miller- 5 yr. term

MOTION to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2013 Reorganizational Council Meeting, March 21, 2013 Regular Council Meeting and April 4, 2013 Special Council Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski
 Yes Mr. Connelly
 Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Heutsche**

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

CITIZENS:

Mr. Dave Kepics commented that 2 years ago Council voted not to accept the \$194,901.00 cops grant and the grant would have paid for a police officers wages and benefits for 3 years. The stipulation he explained was that in the 4th year the City had to pay the entire cost of employment but Mr. Kepics thought at that time the School officials agreed to split that cost with the City. Mr. Kepics felt that by not taking that grant the City made a mistake and now he feels it is even more of a mistake and perhaps

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

He wanted to acknowledge Rev Roberts for all his work especially with the Economic and Community Development Commission. Mr. Andrejchak also wanted to thank again all the volunteer who helped with the bridge construction and especially Mr. Cunningham for his leadership. He also wanted to acknowledge Mr. Whalen for continuing to revitalize our neighborhoods and all his efforts and wish him luck.

MR. CONNELLY: Thank you to all the volunteers that worked on the bridge.

MR. BURKE: Echo what everyone else said and also to Combine for taking time out of their schedule to volunteer provide materials. He also wanted to give kudos to Mr. Whalen for the efforts of raising money for different causes which benefit the City.

MR. JAMES: Agrees with the other councilman and thinks it was great how everyone came together to help with this project.

MR. PALANSKI: Copys the other comments and said there is a lot going on in Sharon and its being done by citizens and business owners, but Councils job as elected officials is to make sure they mind the money to take care of the City. Mr. Palanski added that there was cake and punch for the volunteers that were there as a thank you from the City.

MR. HEUTSCHE: NOT PRESENT

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at P.M.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Vote: _____ **Mr. Burke**
_____ **Mr. Palanski**
_____ **Mr. Connelly**

_____ **Mr. James**
_____ **Mr. Heutsche**