

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015
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:

X President Palanski

_____Mr. Burke

X Mr. Connelly

X Rev. Trambley

X Mr. James

News Media:

X Scott Andrejchak – City Manager

X The Herald

X Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

X Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

Dept. Heads:

X Gerald T. Smith - Chief of Police

X Robert Fiscus – Chief of Fire/Code

X John Cave - Street Dept.

X Ken Griffith- Finance Director

X Janet Thomas- Community Development

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

RECOGNITION

Proclamations were presented to Sharon High Students Maxx Palisin and Jordan Williams for their accomplishments in Track & Field.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #11-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be \$8,294,276_ required for the specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2016. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

Vote: ___ Mr. Burke
 Yes Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mr. Connelly

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #10-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Trumbull County Transit Board and the Western Reserve Transit Authority for the 2015 Federal Transit Administration Funds. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

Vote: **Yes Mr. James**
 ___ Mr. Burke
 Yes Rev. Trambley

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #12-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2016 for general City purposes, the sum of 29.51 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #13-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a tax at the rate of five percent (5%) to be imposed for general revenue purposes upon the price of admission to any amusement within the City of Sharon. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

Vote: **Yes Rev. Trambley**
 Yes Mr. Connelly
 Yes Mr. James

___ Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

Rev. Trambley asked if Council can amend the motion now or wait until the second reading and Mr. Madden replied anytime the motion can happen. Rev. Trambley motioned to remove the exemption for tournaments etc. on school events. Mr. James seconded the motion.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #58-15 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$852,000.00 to the Department of Transportation to be used for road resurfacing. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

Vote: **Mr. Burke**
 Yes Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mr. Connelly

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

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 #57-15 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 to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Regular Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

Vote: **Yes Mr. James**
 Mr. Burke
 Yes Rev. Trambley

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA: Jim Wierisnki asked how much revenue the amusement tax would create and Mr. Andrejchak explained that he budgeted \$10,000 for 2016 and Mr. Wierisnki asked if this was a new tax and Mr. Andrejchak replied yes. Mr. Wierisnki asked Rev. Trambley if he was referring to the wrestling tournament when he motioned to amend the exemption and Rev. Trambley replied yes. Mr. Wiersnki also asked Rev. Trambley if the changes would include girls basketball but Rev. Trambley replied that he feels only football and wrestling at this time.

CITIZENS: Brian Kepple-Euclid Ave. asked if the school should send the difference of the tax when fans are paying \$5 and Mr. Palanski suggested that the school could reduce ticket sales to include tax which could equal \$5. Mr. Kepple asked if neighboring Cities have this tax and Mr. Andrejchak replied that he checked with a couple and they did.

Carol Swartz-Lorain St. asked what the mileage was last year and Mr. Andrejchak said it was the same last year. Mrs. Swartz was concerned with this amusement tax stopping activities all together but Mr. Andrejchak explained that people will pay for tickets indirectly and maybe they can question the School board on admission prices. Mrs. Swartz added that Mr. Palanski will be missed.

Henrietta King asked what Rev. Trambley said regarding the Amusement Tax Ordinance and Rev. Trambley replied that there was an exemption for interscholastic events but he would like to remove that exemption from the Ordinance.

MR. ANDREJCHAK: Congrats to the students that received the Proclamations.

MR. CONNELLY: Congrats to the students and wanted everyone to know that for 10 consecutive years the tax rate has not changed and thanked Mr. Burke and Mr. Palanski for their services and time spent on Council. Mr. Connelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES: Congrats to students and said it was a pleasure working with Mr. Palanski and the City will miss him. Mr. James also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

REV. TRAMBLEY: Congrats to students and said they both really earned it and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Palanski and mentoring him on Council plus explained that Mr. Palanski did so much behind the scenes and people do not realize.

MR. PALANSKI: Explained that the Tax Ordinance is a little more that the City will have coming in and does not feel that it will affect anyone negatively. Mr. Palanski reflected on the City's past and how the City became a Home Rule Charter that he was fully involved with and gave future suggestions to Council plus read a to do list for 2016. Mr. Palanski expressed his honor and pleasure serving on Council and working with everyone.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

Vote: ___ Mr. Connelly
 ___ Mr. James
 ___ Mr. Burke

 ___ Rev. Trambley
 ___ Mr. Palanski