

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014
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

X Mr. Burke

X Mr. Connelly

___ 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 (Sgt. Scott Widmyer)

X Terry Whalen - Fire Chief

X John Cave - Street Dept.

X Ken Griffith- Finance Director

X Janet Thomas- Community Development

X Robert Fiscus- Director of Code

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 13-14, introduced December 4, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 14-14, introduced December 4, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING authorizing to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the Trumbull County Transit Board and the Western Reserve Transit Authority for the 2014 Federal Transit Administration Funds.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 15-14, introduced December 4, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING authorizing the amendment of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Eight, "Business Regulation and Taxation," Title Four, "Taxation", Chapter 860, "Realty Transfer Tax," Section .04 "Imposition of Tax, Interest" to raise the rate of tax for 2015 and thereafter from 1% to 1.5%.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 17-14, introduced December 4, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING enacting a realty transfer tax and other tax related provisions pursuant to article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax, interest and penalties.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 18-14, introduced December 4, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING appropriating specific sums of \$8,185,681.00 estimated to be required for the Specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the Fiscal year 2015.

Carol Swartz- Asked if Ord 14-14 Trumbull County was Ohio and Mr. Madden replied Yes.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #13-14 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City. **Pass SECOND reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #14-14 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 2014 Federal Transit Administration Funds. **Pass SECOND reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #15-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Eight, “Business Regulation and Taxation,” Title Four, “Taxation”, Chapter 860, “Realty Transfer Tax,” Section .04 “Imposition of Tax, Interest” to raise the rate of tax for 2015 and thereafter from 1% to 1.5%. **Pass SECOND reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

_____ Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #17-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County Pennsylvania, enacting a realty transfer tax and other tax related provisions pursuant to article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax, interest and penalties. **Pass SECOND reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

Yes Mr. Burke
 Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #18-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums of \$8,185,681.00 estimated to be required for the Specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the Fiscal year 2015. **Pass SECOND Reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. James
 Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #19-14 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 2015 for general City purposes, the sum of 29.51 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
 Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #20-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 440, “Special Uses of Public Ways”, Section .02 “Stop Streets”, to provide that all westbound vehicles be required to stop at Pitt Street’s intersections with Dock Street, North Railroad, Vine Ave. and Shenango Ave. Pass FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

____ Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #21-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 440, “Special Uses of Public Ways”, Section .02 “Stop Streets”, to provide that all Eastbound and Westbound vehicles be required to stop at Budd Street’s intersection with Sherman Ave. Pass FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #22-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 440, “Special Uses of Public Ways”, Section .02 “Stop Streets”, to provide that all westbound vehicles be required to stop at Silver Street’s intersection with Dock St. Pass FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #64-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving a Final Pay request in the amount of \$2,000.00 to J & T Paving for the 2014 Public Facilities and Street Improvement Project. be adopted
***Mr. Connelly asked if this was all retentions and Mr. Andrejchak said yes.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
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 #65-14 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 20, 2014 Regular Meeting, November 24, 2014 Budget Hearing, November 28, 2014 Special Meeting and December 4, 2014 Budget Hearing/Workshop/Special Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. James

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

_____ Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA: Asked if \$2,000 was the final payment for J & T Paving and Mr. Andrejchak replied yes. Mr. Wiercinski asked if there were any other streets and Mr. Andrejchak answered no. Mr. Wiercinski also asked if Council had any recommendations for the City Manager in the new year and Mr. Palanski replied that the sick day payments need looked at and positions should not be filled until money is paid out. Mr. Palanski also said they would be watching the Budget closely. Mr. Wiercinski asked Mr. Andrejchak if anyone was due to retire and Mr. Andrejchak answered no.

CITIZENS:

MR. ANDREJCHAK: Explained that June Gulla Health Officer, in the first Draft of the Budge, the position was eliminated, but now in the second Draft the position was given 6 months to keep Mrs. Gulla on.

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY:

MR. PALANSKI:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski