

prohibits the City from raising real estate transfer tax but it would help revenue and could be changed without a study commission panel because it is not a structural change of the Charter. Mr. McConnell also said it would give the City a chance to increase revenue through the real estate transfer tax that would be equivalent to what they would be able to do in Hermitage and Farrell and he thought they were collecting 1% currently which is about \$80,000 and could potentially be doubled. Mr. McConnell encouraged adding this item to the ballot in May of 2014 and let citizens decide whether to avoid a future tax hike. Mr. Heutsche thanked Mr. McConnell and added that he was sure Council would address that and there was talk previously but nobody has put forth any effort to actually do that.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #12-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be \$7,799,471.00 required for the specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2014. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. Palanski

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #13-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Community Development Administrative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Burke

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #14-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Four,”Traffic Code,” Title Four, “Public Ways,” Section .02 “Stop Streets,” to provide all vehicles are required to stop on Spearman Avenue, both ways, at its intersection with Quinby Street. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Palanski

Second: Mr. Burke

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #83-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon approving a request for Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$41,001.55 to J & T Paving for 2013 Street Paving Project. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Palanski

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

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

*Mr. Palanski asked if this has been inspected and Mr. Andrejchak replied yes.

MOTION that Resolution #84-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon accepting the 2014 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) proposal in the amount of \$1,250,000 with a fixed rate of 1.49% from Nextier Bank. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

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

COMMENTS:

News Media: Mr. Wiercinski asked if the new councilman were all 4 year terms but Mr. Palanski replied his term was a 2 year term and the other 2 councilman are 4 year terms. Mr. Wiercinski also asked Mr. McConnell if he was a member or the solicitor for the Home Rule Commission and Mr. McConnell answered that he was the Chairman and Mr. Wiercinski asked Mr. Andrejchak if he heard correctly that the current real estate transfer tax brought in about \$80,000 and Mr. Andrejchak explained that he thought it was a little lower but Mr. Andrejchak offered to show Mr. Wiercinski where it was at in the Budget. Mr. Wiercinski also asked if there was a certain percentage for that tax and Mr. McConnell added that the City was capped at 1% and Mr. Andrejchak explained that half comes to the City and half goes to the County. Mr. Heutsche added that it is 2% which 1% comes to the City and 1% goes to the County because the City is capped at 1% and Mr. McConnell stressed that the City was capped at the 1% because of the third class City code and if your a Home Rule Municipality and otherwise didn't have that tax limitation in there then Council could raise that to the equivalent of what Hermitage and Farrell are generating which Mr. McConnell thought it was 2% coming into the City. Mr. McConnell also said that the City could possibly double their revenue. Mr. Palanski also added that the City would like to come up to par with the other Home Rule Communities which is a tax that typically happens when you transfer your real estate and Mr. Heutsche called it a “Happy Tax” and said nobody complains about it. Mr. Andrejchak asked what Mr. Heutsche called it and Mr. Heutsche replied that when people buy a house they are happy and when they sell a house they are happy. Mr. Palanski added that it is a tax that is amorized over 20 years and nobody misses it but it can provide funding and suggested discussing it in January because it is not really operating revenue and it would need to be designated in Mr. Palanski's opinion. Mr. Wiercinski also asked if the payment to J & T Paving was for the paving on Buhl Blvd and Mr. Andrejchak answered yes.

Citizens:

Mr. Andrejchak: Wanted to welcome Adam Trambley and also Ed and Bill.

Mr. Connelly:

Mr. Burke: Congrats to Adam, Ed and Bill also

Mr. James: Congrats to Adam and Ed

Mr. Palanski: Congrats to Adam and Bill and he is looking forward to taking their seats in January and moving forward.

Mr. Heutsche: Wanted to wish Mr. Trambley good luck and said if he had any questions or needed anything that he knew where to find him. Mr. Heutsche also said you do not get a lot of pats on the back but you do get a lot of complaints but added that Mr. Trambley would be working with a bunch of good guys on Council.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Palanski

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Heutsche