

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016
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 Connelly

X Mr. Lucas

X Mr. James

X Mrs. Bundrant

X Rev. Trambley

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.

___ Ken Griffith- Finance Director

X Janet Thomas- Community Development

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #01-16 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 IV, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 440, “Special Uses of Public Ways”, Section .01 “One Way Streets”, to provide that Alderman Avenue shall be one way in a Northerly direction from its intersection with York Way to its intersection with Prindle Street. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

**Rev. Trambley asked if the first reading is passed will there be a Public Hearing prior to the second reading and Mr. Andrejchak replied yes.

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. Connelly

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #12-16 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the 2016 COG bids under the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program. **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: **Yes Mrs. Bundrant**
 Yes Mr. James
 Yes Mr. Lucas

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Resolution #14-16 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to approve a Pay Estimate to Central Heating and Plumbing in the amount of \$15,056.10 for work being done at the Shenango Valley Library as part of a Keystone Education grant. **be adopted**

**Mr. Connelly asked if this is the final payment and Mr. Andrejchak replied no and explained that there was approximately \$3,100.00 left on the balance.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Lucas

Vote: **Yes Rev. Trambley**
 Yes Mrs. Bundrant
 Yes Mr. James

Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Resolution #15-16 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City, the County of Mercer and the Sharon City School District, to collaborate in the

recovery of delinquent real estate taxes with regard to properties being exposed to Judicial Sale pursuant to Real Estate Tax Sale Law. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant**

**Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #16-16 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to sign and execute a Salt Participation agreement with the PA Department of General Services for the period of August 2016 through July 2017 for the purchase of up to 5,000-7,000 tons of salt.**be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

**Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. Connelly**

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 #13-16 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 January 4, 2016 Reorganizational meeting and January 21, 2016 Regular Council meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Rev. Trambley

**Vote: Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Lucas**

**Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Connelly**

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

CITIZENS: Carol Swartz from 445 Lorain St. wanted to thank the Street Department for the snow removal. Mrs. Swartz asked if Resolution 15-16 would start this year and Mr. Andrejchak replied yes. Mrs. Swartz also asked about a property on the corner of Lorain St. and Logan Ave. that has a sign in the front yard that says “Nittany House” but Mr. Andrejchak was not aware and said he would check on it.

Ron Maurice from the Street Department commented on an email Mr. James sent to John Cave regarding curb to curb snow removal and explained that there is no way it can be done with 3 guys. Mr. James felt that there is no reason it cannot be done with 2 shifts and Mr. Cave replied that he felt the Street Department was doing a better job of snow removal with 2 shifts rather than when Mr. James worked there. Mr. James explained that he felt there is a safety issue when snow is not removed from curb to curb. Mr. Cave added that the City will get complaints from residents when you have 11 inches of snow. Mr. Maurice explained that 2 of the salt trucks are 15 years old and unless the City hires more drivers or create a parking ban then it cannot get better. Mr. Cave explained that he did an evaluation of the streets after being plowed and felt that they were all passable and there were currently guys out there still plowing to clear streets more. Mr. Cave invited Mr. James to ride along with him and show Mr. Cave where Mr. James feels there is a safety issue. Pam Corini of Wengler Ave. wanted to add that 6 cars were stuck on Wengler Ave. after the storm and asked if she should have called the City and Mr. Cave replied yes because the Street Department could send a truck at that time. Mrs. Bundrant requested that there another discussion with Council on a parking ban. Mr. Cave added that the trucks usually go down a street where cars are parked and by time the cars move the truck is already on another street. Mrs. Corini asked why cars are allowed to park on both sides of Wengler Avenue. Mrs. Bundrant added that there should be no parking on a street such as Jefferson Avenue which is already narrow and residents should be forced to park in a driveway or the back of property. Mr. James said there should have been a comprehensive plan for the abundance of snow we received because the weatherman gave everyone a clue on the snow coming. Mr. James also suggested parking bans should be for streets especially when parking is allowed on both sides of street or ban parking on one side then rotate to the other side plus create an emergency ban like Ohio did the day before the storm came. Mr. Connelly added that it is a safety issue for Police and Fire Departments and agrees there should be a meeting to put something in writing by next winter. Mr. James also said he is the biggest supporter of the Street Department but felt that he was let down this time. Mr. Lucas asked if chains can be added to the trucks for heavy snow but Mr. Maurice replied that he is not a fan of chains because it tears up the tires. Rev. Trambley suggested rotate parking options from November through April like they did when he lived in Erie. Mr. Lucas added that the parking ban would also help with street cleaning. Chief Smith commented about making more streets one way because the streets are so narrow and added that Mr. Andrejchak, Chief Fiscus and himself are working on more requests. Mr. Connelly wanted to schedule a meeting to further discuss the snow removal and parking issues for a week from Saturday and asked that Council, Chief Smith, Chief Fiscus, John Cave and Mr. Maurice be present. Mr. Cave invited Council also to drive around in the trucks. Mrs. Swartz said that with the amount of snow we received she felt the Street Department did a great job. Rev. Trambley added that Sharon is a walking school district and he noticed residents are shoveling snow from their driveways and putting it on the sidewalks or not even shoveling their sidewalks at all. Mr. Andrejchak replied that the Code department could issue citations after 24 hours if they are not cleared. Mr. Connelly thought maybe Mr. Wierisnki could publish something in the newspaper. Chief Fiscus added that it is sometimes hard to cite residents when City sidewalks are not cleared either.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

MRS. BUNDRANT:

MR. LUCAS: Received calls about the odor from the Sewer plant. Guy Cunningham explained that the Sanitary Authority is currently discussing to expand the odor control for a few thousand dollars and being looked into.

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY:

MR. CONNELLY: Asked Mr. Andrejchak how Wengler demolition is going and Mr. Andrejchak replied that it is almost wrapped up and waiting for completion to submit final payment. Mr. Connelly asked if the Demolition Company will seed it and Mr. Andrejchak said yes they do and the fence will come down by the Beautification Commission.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Motion: Mrs. Bundrant

Second: Mr. James

**Vote: Yes Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mrs. Bundrant
 Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Lucas
 Yes Mr. Connelly**