

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:31 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

President Palanski

Mr. Burke

Mr. Connelly

Rev. Trambley

Mr. James

News Media:

Scott Andrejchak – City Manager

The Herald

Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

The Vindicator

Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

WPIC

Dept. Heads:

Terry Whalen - Fire Chief

Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police

John Cave - Street Dept.

Ken Griffith- Finance Director

Janet Thomas- Community Development

Robert Fiscus- Director of Code

Attendance:

John Evans

Ron Maurice

Dave Kepics

Henrietta King

James Thompson

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Parking garage opened Monday from 7 am until 9 pm and will not be open on weekends unless there is a special event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #01-14 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 Ten, “Streets Utilities and Public Services Code”, Title Two, “Street and Sidewalk Areas”, Chapter 1020, “Excavations,” Section 303.2 “Restoration of Bituminous Pavement,” to define “Lane” as the greater of from the center line to the curb or point of prior pavement . **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes **Mr. Burke**
Yes **Mr. Palanski**

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #16-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon approving a request for Pay Estimate #3 to Becdel Controls in the amount of \$13,930.48. **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes **Mr. James**
Yes **Mr. Palanski**

MOTION that Resolution #17-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon approving a request for Pay Estimate #4 to Becdel Controls in the amount of \$34,076.77. **be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

___ **Mr. Connelly**
Yes **Mr. Palanski**

MOTION that Resolution #19-14 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and the Sharon Economic and Community Development Commission to extend a small business loan to Thyme In Your Kitchen in the amount of \$20,000.00 at 1.95% interest rate for a 5 year term. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Burke

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

Second: Mr. James

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

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 #14-14 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 that Resolution #15-14 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Authorities. **be adopted.**

Sharon Beautification Commission

Julie Dolan Cylenica

Sharon Community & Economic Development Commission

Brian Kepple

Zoning Board

Tony Merolillo Jr.

MOTION to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Reorganizational/Special Meeting and the January 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

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

Second: Rev. Trambley

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

CITIZENS: Mr. Cave from Sharon Street Dept. wanted to let everyone know that the Street Department received an award from West Hill Elementary school for snow removal.

Henrietta King thought she heard on the news that Penn DOT was going to put up the cement barrier on 62 where the car accident was and Mr. Andrejchak thought that Penn DOT did make an announcement regarding that but did not know details.

MR. ANDREJCHAK: Asked Mr. Evans from Thyme in your Kitchen if he wanted to say a few words regarding the new business that would be opening soon downtown. Mr. Evans wanted to thank Council for the opportunity and the loan then explained the type of business they would be opening which his wife would be running. Mr. Evans also added that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Andrejchak and Mr. Smeraglia on the permits and details of opening because they both made the process easier. Mr. Palanski asked when they would be open and Mr. Evans replied March 29, 2014.

Before proceeding with the rest of the comments Council wanted to recognize Mr. Demao and Mr. Andrejchak explained that there was damage done to City property, specifically street lights, downtown by a vehicle and Mr. Andrejchak added that the City just invested a lot of money into those lights and shortly after they were installed there was this mishap. Mr. Andrejchak explained more thoroughly that a few weeks ago on the corner of Shenango Ave. and Pitt St. a large truck ran into a street lamp which had two lights on it and thanks to the quick follow up from Mr. Demao who reported it to the police station and they were able to track down the truck which came from Sharon Tube and was registered in New York. Mr. Andrejchak added that the City was able to then file a claim with the insurance company and felt that action from Mr. Demao showed an example of someone taking pride and ownership of the Downtown and that is what we need more of. Mr. Andrejchak commented that when we see vandalism or other wrongful activity people need to speak up and call the proper Authorities to report these activities. Mr. Palanski read the Certificate of Recognition before giving it to Mr. Demao. Mr. Demao thanked everyone involved in the recognition.

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE: Asked Mr. Evans from Thyme in your Kitchen if they were doing cooking lessons and they needed someone to taste Mr. Burke would be interested. Thanked Mr. Demao for his stepping up and recognizing wrongful actions. Mr. Demao responded that he was proud to do his Civic duty which is a word you do not hear anymore.

MR. JAMES: Thanked Mr. Demao and asked Mr. Cave to tell the Street Dept employees that they did a great job because he knows what it is like.

REV. TRAMBLEY: Thanked Mr. Demao and also wanted to acknowledge the Street Dept. because Rev. Trambley has lived a few different places and never lived anywhere he feels comfortable driving up and down like Meek St. no matter what the weather is and says a lot to the trust and the work that the Street Dept has been doing. Rev. Trambley also commented on how a lot of folks are not clearing their sidewalks especially near the schools where the children have to walk and it is not fair to the people walking through the snow covered sidewalks.

MR. PALANSKI: Felt we came out of a tough winter and today is an indication that winter will end eventually and we are very much appreciative of the services the citizens get who live in the City and

invest in the City and Mr. Palanski feels that there is no place to go but up and the City is on that climb.

Mr. Palanski requested a recess until next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. where they will appoint members to the Parking Authority.

Mr. James Thompson asked if he could speak with Council regarding a property he purchased on tax sale on Thornton St. which had some liens including sewer bills and is looking for some help. Mr. Thompson explained that he purchased the house for \$500 and cleaned up the outside for now but then someone broke in and stole all the pipes. Mr. Thompson added that he dropped pictures off to Mrs. Merolillo in the Code Office and he was waiting to see if the City can help him with some of the tax liens and sewer bills that were due. Mr. Andrejchak explained that right now he could not give him an answer but would like to set up an appointment to sit down with him to discuss the options. Mr. Thompson agreed to the meeting and said he would call the office.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting recessed at 7:15 P.M.

Motion to recess: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski