

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, March 19, 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:

President Palanski

Mr. Burke

Mr. Connelly

Rev. Trambley

Mr. James

News Media:

Scott Andrejchak – City Manager

The Herald

Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

Dept. Heads:

Gerald T. Smith - Chief of Police

Robert Fiscus – Chief of Fire/Code

John Cave - Street Dept.

Ken Griffith- Finance Director

Janet Thomas- Community Development

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

****OUT OF TOWN**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #02-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the City of Sharon Firefighters Pension Plan to clarify the plan to make clear that part-time Firefighters are not eligible to participate in the plan. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #14-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, awarding the 2015 COG Bids under the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

___ Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #15-15 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 2015 through July 2016 for the purchase of up to 5,000 tons of salt. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #17-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving a grant application in the amount of \$160,400.00 to Penn DOT with a 50% match for the Green Light Go Program. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #18-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon to act as the host municipality for the Sharon Center for Arts & Technology Capital Project funded under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #19-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement between the City of Sharon & the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the administration of a Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$53,000.00 for the Shenango Valley Library. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

_____ Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #20-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 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 the Keg in the amount of \$10,000.00 at a 1.95% interest rate for a 5 year term. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

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 #16-15 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 February 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:

CITIZENS: Carol Swartz- Asked what the Green Light Go Program was and Mr. Palanski explained that it was for the maintenance for the Traffic Lights. Mrs. Swartz asked if the City paid any benefits for part time firefighters and Rev. Trambley said the Ordinance was for future pension payments. Mrs. Swartz also asked where the \$80,000.00 match would come from and Mr. Palanski replied that the money would come from the General Fund after moving stuff but Mr. James clarified that this money was already budgeted. Mrs. Swartz inquired about what the grant for the Library would be used for and Rev. Trambley answered that it would be used for handicap improvements and the grant has already been received.

Paul Rader from Davis St. asked if more Police Officers will be hired and Mr. Palanski replied no but Mr. Rader said there were only 4 Officers on duty at a time. Mr. Palanski explained that there is only so much money coming in and the Budget is tight right now. Mr. Rader asked if we could reach out to other communities and Chief Smith replied that we do reach out in emergency situations and Mr. Rader inquired about fundraisers to help with expense but Mr. Palanski explained that fundraisers are outside the Government Body.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY:

MR. PALANSKI:

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

 Yes Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mr. Palanski