

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 15, 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:

Yes President Palanski

Yes Mr. Burke

Yes Mr. Connelly

Yes Rev. Trambley

Yes Mr. James

News Media:

Yes Scott Andrejchak – City Manager

Yes The Herald

Yes Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

Yes Channel 27

Yes Lori Merolillo – City Clerk (Tammy Fuchs filled in)

Dept. Heads:

Yes Terry Whalen - Fire Chief

Yes Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police

Yes John Cave - Street Dept.

Yes Ken Griffith- Finance Director

Yes Janet Thomas- Community Development

Yes Robert Fiscus- Director of Code

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Andrejchak explained that the 2 pay estimates on the agenda were the final payments to Becdol Control for the electrical work at the parking garage and now the project is completely paid for. Mr. Andrejchak took a ride through the parking garage for a final inspection and the lights are all working but wanted everyone to know that during the day some of the lights are on and some are off but that is the way they are designed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 04-14, introduced April 16, 2014- SECOND AND FINAL READING
Authorizing the lease of the City's Parking Garage to Primary Health

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #04-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the lease of the City’s Parking Garage to Primary Health Network on a non-exclusive basis for a term of twenty-eight years for a rental payment of \$833.33 per month. **Pass SECOND reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #02-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development within the City of Sharon which are subject to flooding. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

RESOLUTIONS

MOTIONthat Resolution #26-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 enabling all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTIONthat Resolution #27-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to authorize a letter of agreement between Western Reserve Transit Authority, Trumbull County Transit Board and the City of Sharon for the 2014 Federal Transit Administration Program. **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTIONthat Resolution #28-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into contracts with Public Service Agencies for the City’s FY 2014 CDBG program year. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

**Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski**

MOTIONthat Resolution #29-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to its FY 2014 CDBG Annual Action Plan Budget due to a decrease in the allotment of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

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

MOTIONthat Resolution #30-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to approve a request for Pay Estimate #5 for Beddel Controls in the amount of \$5,344.56.**be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

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

MOTIONthat Resolution #31-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to approve a final pay estimate #6 for Beddel Controls in the amount of \$10,904.20.**be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

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

MOTIONthat Resolution #32-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a change order to decrease the contract sum by \$2,000 from Beddel controls for the Sharon Parking Garage Project. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

**Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski**

MOTION that Resolution #34-14 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a Contract with Bruce-Merrilees Electric Company New Castle, PA 16101 in the amount of \$77,308.41 for the ARLE Traffic Signal Upgrade Project in the City of Sharon. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Burke

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

**Yes Mr. Burke
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 #33-14 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 April 16, 2014 Regular Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

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

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA: Mr. Wiercinski asked Mr. Andrejchak for more detail on the Parking Garage Lease, the CDBG contracts with the Public Service Agencies and the funding that was available and the Resolution for the Police Radar Equipment.

CITIZENS: There were questions about the Small Ships Review but Mr. Palanski asked that they save those questions until all other questions were complete. There were no other citizens comments so Mr. Palanski returned to the Small Ships Review questions. Mr. Fred Drebbholz who is the Chief Financial Officer for Best Wings USA and wanted to thank Council and the City for all their support in the past. Mr. Drebbholz added that the Small Ships Review is a 33 year old tradition in the City of Sharon and wanted to thank the City for the safety and well being of the citizens of Sharon along with the Best Wings USA patrons not only on the Small Ships Review but every day. Mr. Drebbholz had a request to the City to work with Best Wings USA in terms of providing a safe environment in the future so Best Wings USA can continue to have a Small Ships Review or something similar to what they had in the past. Mr. Drebbholz explained that the letter they received from the City was somewhat restrictive and came as a surprise because Best Wings USA thought they were working with the City in the past to make the event safe and family oriented in 2014. Mr. Drebbholz ended with his request of the City is to . Mr. Ed Laverty from Farrell also wanted to add that he felt Quaker Steak & Lube has always supported the City and Mr. Laverty feels that this action is disrespectful not to continue this event and give support to the Small Ships Review. Mr. Laverty added that he had hoped more people would be at the meeting

because there is a large support group on social media for the Small Ships Review and the supporters were supposed to come with a petition that was passed around and given to the City. Mr. Lavery considers the Small Ships Review not only a Sharon event but a Shenango Valley event and by adding restrictions to the event Mr. Lavery feels the City is destroying the Small Ships Review. Mr. Lavery understands there are safety issues and suggested that the City of Sharon reach out to Farrell and Hermitage for additional Police support. Mr. Palanski wanted everyone to know that the Small Ships Review and the Water Fire are not related in any way except that they are both events that bring in large crowds in downtown Sharon. Mr. Palanski also added that there should be no surprise that the City came to this juncture and there have been meetings held both this year and last year. Mr. Palanski said the safety issues are serious and there is nobody sitting on Council or in the room that thinks that they wouldn't want to have the Small Ships Review but when there are the kind of issues the City faces you cannot risk that. Mr. Palanski also added that it is not the Quaker Steak & Lube and it is not the sponsorship but times have changed in 30 years. Mr. Burke also added that this was not an easy decision to make and wanted to comment to Mr. Lavery regarding contacting other municipalities for assistance with Police support. Mr. Burke reminded everyone that in the past years there have been up to 5 different agencies assisting with safety but unfortunately they cannot control some of the things that happen down there. Mr. Burke said the main problem is the trouble spreads throughout the downtown and these kids do not use their hands anymore they use weapons. Another citizen asked if these problems happened at the WaterFire would that be an issue. Mr. Palanski replied that security is always an issue but for some reason individuals always want to connect the two events and changing the subject but the issue here is what happens on the night of Small Ships Review and there are bad things that are happening on that night but it is the magnet that draws them in and just keeps progressing over the years. Mr. Palanski explained that last year was very serious with safety issues and the City has had discussions with the sponsor and the conclusion was that the City does not have the resources to reasonably assure the safety of the public. Mr. Palanski added that when you have 27 highly trained very effective police officers on patrol provided by the City which is no cost to the sponsor and you have the Mercer County Sheriff Deputies along with Southwest Police and undercover agents patrolling the City plus numerous other agencies assisting and the front page of the Sharon Herald the next day after the event has a story revealing that someone has been seriously injured or shot, the City is not going to let that happen. The City would like to work with the Sponsor but this event cannot continue in its present form according to Mr. Palanski. One of the residents asked if there would be an option for another time frame to make the event work better such as time of day. Mr. Palanski did not have details from the discussions with the sponsor but did say there have been meetings regarding options. Mr. Drebholz wanted to add that the sponsor is willing to work with the City if it means changing the time of the event and eliminating the fireworks and entertainment after dark and requested that the City let the sponsor know whatever they need for Best Wings, USA to comply to continue this tradition.

MR. ANDREJCHAK

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY:

MR. PALANSKI:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

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