

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 20, 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Palanski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Burke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Connelly (by phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rev. Trambley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James	

News Media:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Andrejchak – City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> The Herald
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney Madden – City Solicitor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Merolillo – City Clerk	

Dept. Heads:

- Terry Whalen - Fire Chief
- Gerald T. Smith - Chief of Police
- John Cave - Street Dept.
- Ken Griffith- Finance Director
- Janet Thomas- Community Development
- Robert Fiscus- Director of Code

PRESENTATION

Mr. Palanski presented Nicole Henline from the Shenango Valley Community Library with a book about the history of Ellwood Grove which was donated to the City Council from the Ellwood Crankshaft.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Andrejchak gave an update on the 2015 Budget and explained that there would be a Public Hearing on Monday November 24th at 6 p.m. and the Budget is being advertised on the City Website for the public to view along with copies available at the City Building. Mr. Andrejchak added that a health care plan was presented to employees today and the Unions have 14 days to accept it and complete the Budget. Mr. Andrejchak also stated that the Human Resources Director put a lot of work into the health care research and presentation. Mr. Andrejchak ended by explaining that there will be a Special Meeting on Friday November 28th at 10 a.m to complete the second reading of Ordinance 16-14 for the Primary Health Network Project to continue moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA: Carol Swartz asked Mr. Andrejchak if the new health insurance plan was costing less than the original 38% that was previously discussed. Mr. Andrejchak answered yes that the new plan was with United and it is only a 15% increase.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #13-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #14-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Trumbull County Transit Board and the Western Reserve Transit Authority for the 2014 Federal Transit Administration Funds. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #15-14 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 Eight, “Business Regulation and Taxation,” Title Four, “Taxation”, Chapter 860, “Realty Transfer Tax,” Section .04 “Imposition of Tax, Interest” to raise the rate of tax for 2015 and thereafter from 1% to 1.5%. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #16-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Sharon of all the City’s right title and interest in and to the vacated portion of Vine Avenue between Silver Street and Pitt Street for and in consideration of one dollar. **PassFIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #17-14 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County Pennsylvania, enacting a realty transfer tax and other tax related provisions pursuant to article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax, interest and penalties. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Mr. James

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #60-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving a request for Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$126,036 to J & T Paving for the 2014 Public Facilities and Street Improvement Project. **be adopted**

***Mr. Palanski asked if the Project has been inspected and Mr. Andrejchak answered yes and this was not the final bill.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #61-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing change order #1 in the amount of \$2,300 to SereDay Trucking contract of \$42,000 for the revised amount of \$44,300. **be adopted**

***Mr. Palanski asked what the change was for and Mr. Andrejchak explained that a couple properties were taken off and new ones were added.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

**Yes Rev. Trambley
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 #63-14 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 October 16, 2014 Regular Meeting. **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

CITIZENS: Carol Swartz asked about Resolution 60-14 and whether it was funded by grants. Mr. Andrejchak replied that it was funded by grants through the CDBG funds. Mrs. Swartz asked if the School District helped the City at all and Mr. Palanski said there was no exchange in funds with the School District. Mrs. Swartz added that it was sad to see the School District spending money on their buildings while the City is struggling and they should be appreciative of our 3 hard working units which includes the Street Dept, the Fire Dept. and the Police Dept.

MR. ANDREJCHAK: Have a nice holiday and reminded everyone of the Public Hearing on Monday.

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY: Reminded everyone of the Small Business Saturday and Night of Lights November 29th downtown and thanked the Beautification Committee for all their hard work decorating downtown.

MR. PALANSKI: Thankful for this City and feels it is going in a positive direction and wanted to thank everyone including all the employees of the City. Have a nice holiday

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

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