

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Public Hearing
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

Yes President Connelly

Yes Mrs. Bundrant

Yes Rev. Trambley

____Mr. Lucas

Yes Mr. James

Yes Robert Fiscus – City Manager

Yes The Herald

____Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

Yes Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

Dept. Heads:

Yes Gerald T. Smith- Chief of Police

Yes John Cave - Street Dept.

Yes Jason Tomko- Finance Director

Yes Janet Thomas- Community Development

Yes Robert Fiscus- Chief of Fire/Code

- I.) LEGAL NOTICE- *The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Monday November 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Sharon Municipal Building, 155 West Connelly Blvd. Sharon, PA, to present the City of Sharon's 2017 Budget.***

II.)

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed 2017 Operating Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Fiscus explained that the Revenue increased by \$100,000 and a new position for Code will be created but won't start until after the first month in 2017. Mr. Fiscus also added that the Code clerk is now authorized to go into the field as a code officer.

Chief Smith explained that original overtime budget changed since positions and schedules were moved around to lower overtime. Chief Smith also stated that there were no expected retirements this coming year and he is looking into a grant for body cameras but cameras have to be turned off when officers step onto porch of property or inside a residence. Also, Chief Smith added that there is some difficulty communicating with State Police and it would cost \$58,000 for Police and Fire to upgrade.

Rev. Trambley asked about the transfer to Capital Improvements and Mr. Fiscus explained that \$148,000 is for matches for grants and he is working on Capital Improvement plan but it is higher than last year just for a cushion.

Mr. Connelly asked about the electric bill for the street lights with LED lighting and Mr. Fiscus replied that he is waiting for a price per light from Chuck Jackson-Penn Power.

Mrs. Bundrant asked if \$1,500 can be added to the Recreation Board.

Mr. Fiscus asked Council if they wanted to continue their membership with the League of Cities for \$5,000 and Mr. Connelly said to leave it in there for now.

Mr. Connelly asked Mr. Fiscus when the new fire truck would arrive and if there were any retirements expected in the fire department. Mr. Fiscus replied that August 2017 the new truck

should be here and there are no expected retirements for 2017.

Mr. Cave told Council that Ron Maurice could retire in less than a year and also that he was looking for call out drivers for snow plowing but it may affect the budget for training them. Mr. Cave asked if Sanitary workers could assist at union wages. Mr. Connelly suggested Mr. Cave speak with Guy Cunningham about using employees after hours if needed and wages would come out of sanitary budget not the City's.

Mr. Cave also asked if a fence can be installed at the City garage since there was \$4,000 left in budget but it would cost \$6,000 for just materials. Mr. Cave suggested maybe Street Dept. and Sanitary workers could install the fence.

Mr. Fiscus said he was speaking with a grant writer about a new building for the street department.

Mr. Fiscus ended by telling everyone that the budget was on the City website .

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____ Mr. Lucas

_____ Rev. Trambley

_____ Mr. James

_____ Mr. Connelly

_____ Mrs. Bundrant