

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

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

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| X President Palanski | X Mr. Burke |
| X Mr. Connelly | X Rev. Trambley |
| X Mr. James | |

News Media:

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| X Scott Andrejchak – City Manager | X The Herald |
| X Attorney Madden – City Solicitor | |
| X Lori Merolillo – City Clerk | |

Dept. Heads:

- X Gerald T. Smith - Chief of Police**
- X Robert Fiscus – Chief of Fire/Code**
- X John Cave - Street Dept.**
- ___ Ken Griffith- Finance Director**
- X Janet Thomas- Community Development**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Budget will be submitted on October 31, 2015 to Council and Mr. Andrejchak feels after meeting with department heads budget is going well. Mr. Andrejchak explained that there will be a 7% increase with healthcare instead of double digits.

Mr. Andrejchak informed Council that he was contacted by NorFolk Railroad regarding the Railroad crossing at Silver Street which is now a 2 way street but there is currently only one railroad crossing sign. Mr. Andrejchak suggested changing part of Silver St. back to a one way street to avoid the high cost of installing another Railroad crossing sign. Mr. Andrejchak added that the Railroad was giving the City some time to come up with a solution. Rev. Trambley asked if there may be other things that the City needs to go back and check to make sure protocol was followed. Mr. Andrejchak replied that there were actually still permits being held for traffic signals that were removed but he is working with Penn DOT to cancel those permits. Council agreed to return part of Silver St. back to a one way by Ordinance.

Mr. Andrejchak also added that the Wengler School demolition is going as scheduled. Also, Christopher Ford would like to be added to the Recreation Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 07-15, introduced September 18, 2015- SECOND AND FINAL

READING authorizing City Officials to amend the Codified Ordinance “Dog and Cat Nuisances” of the City of Sharon.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-15, introduced August 3, 2015- SECOND AND FINAL

READING authorizing the Proper City Officials to amend the Codified Ordinance “Special Uses of Public Ways” of the City of Sharon.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #07-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to amend the Codified Ordinance of the City of Sharon, Part Six, “General Offenses Code,” Chapter 604, “Animals” Section .14 “Dogs and Cat Nuisances,” to repeal subsection (f), directing aggrieved individuals to file complaints with the District Justice. Pass SECOND reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Ordinance #09-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to amend the Codified Ordinance of the City of Sharon, Part Four, “Traffic Code,” Title Four, “Public Ways” Chapter 440,”Special Uses of Public Ways,” Section .02 “Stop Streets,” to provide all vehicles are required to stop on West Connelly Blvd., both ways, at its intersection with Sterling Ave. Pass SECOND reading by title.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Palanski

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #43-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to submit a grant application with the Department of Education for Funding for School Resource Officers. be adopted

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

Mr. Burke asked how many Officers and Chief Smith replied only 1.

MOTION that Resolution #44-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the proposed amendment to the FY 2015 CDBG Annual Action Plan allowing for the reallocation of \$11,000 from the Public Facilities and Improvement Line Item to the Demolition/Clearance Line Item. **be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #45-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with Mercer County Housing for payment in Lieu of taxes for 2015-2035. **be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski

MOTION that Resolution #48-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the imposition of attorney’s fees on delinquent real estate tax accounts. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

Rev. Trambley asked what this Resolution was for and Mr. Palanski explained that it was an add on to the delinquent tax effort when the City takes someone to court and this will take care of attorneys fees. Mr. Palanski also suggested that Mr. Madden, Mr. Andrejchak and Mr. Fiscus meet before next Council meeting to go over delinquent taxes.

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 #46-15 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 that Resolution #47-15 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, setting the 2015 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours for Saturday October 31, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **be adopted.**

MOTION to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting, September 3, 2015 and September 10, 2015 Special meetings. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

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 who pays the other amounts if grant is awarded for additional School Resource Officer in the second and third year. Chief Smith explained they were waiting to see if the Grant was awarded first.

CITIZENS: Steven Theiss from Jefferson Ave. asked if changing the 2 way street on Silver St. meant that vehicles would have to go to Pitt St. and make a right. Mr. Andrejchak replied that only from Shenango to Sharpsville Ave. would become a one way. Mr. Theiss added that it is hard to pull onto Sharpsville Ave. with cars parked but Chief Smith suggested calling the Police if anyone is parked there because Sharpsville Ave. is a no parking street.

Ashley Kamavich from Sharpsville asked how much the City of Sharon is involved in the landfill coming back to dump into the river. Mr. Andrejchak explained that Pymatuning sent the City of Sharon a letter explaining that the DEP is making decision and it is the states decision.

Kevin Smith is a business owner in Sharon and feels it is a serious issue and residents should be involved in the decision because it is the City's drinking water. Mr. Andrejchak added that the City of Sharon does not have jurisdiction outside the City but suggested a petition from the residents and business owners and said it may be effective with the DEP. Mr. Andrejchak also added that the matter is being looked at closely by different agencies and municipalities. Kevin Smith explained he would like to raise awareness which Mr. Palanski suggested to start with the State Department not Council because the DEP is in charge of decision and residents will have a louder voice.

Bill Drolsbaugh from the Beautification Commission explained there was an issue with mattresses and garbage all over at Riverview Manor. Mr. Drolsbaugh spoke with the Code Officer and the Code Department is supposed to look into it. Mr. Drolsbaugh also wanted Council to know that the noise coming from Quaker Steak & Lube was ridiculous but Chief Smith will be making contact with the manager of Quaker Steak & Lube.

Carol Swartz asked if Silver St. will eventually be one way and Mr. Andrejchak replied that it looks that way. Mrs. Swartz asked why because Budd St. is now closed and then Silver St. will be one way. Mr. Andrejchak explained that only part of Silver St. will be one way but not the whole street. Mr. Palanski added that the Railroad is holding all the cards and did not know why it took 7 years for this issue to surface. Mr. Andrejchak replied that either way it is a safety issue and something has to be done and Mr. Palanski explained to Mrs. Swartz that Budd St. closed because of the Railroad not the City. Mr. Swartz

also asked why the schools do not pay for the School Resource Officer and Chief Smith explained that if we get the grant requested then the City can talk to the school about it.

Tim Sebastian from Hermitage and owns a business in Sharon explained that 5 years ago his business was broken into and Mr. Sebastian still has not heard anything regarding this incident and is very frustrated. Mr. Sebastian added that the suspect was never arrested and the statute of limitations is almost done and would like something done before the time limit. Chief Smith replied that he will call Mr. Sebastian to discuss the case tomorrow after Mr. Sebastian claims he has called and left several messages but never had a returned call.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

MR. CONNELLY:

MR. BURKE:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY:

MR. PALANSKI:

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

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