

**SHARON CITY COUNCIL**

**Purpose:** Regular Council Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2013  
**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:**

<b>NP President Heutsche</b>	<b>X Mr. Connelly</b>
<b>X Mr. Palanski</b>	<b>X Mr. Burke</b>
<b>X Mr. James</b>	

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**News Media:**

<b>X Scott Andrejchak – City Manager</b>	<b>X The Herald</b>
<b>X Attorney Madden – City Solicitor</b>	<b>___ The Vindicator</b>
<b>X Lori Merolillo – City Clerk</b>	<b>___ WPIC</b>

**Dept. Heads:**

**X Terry Whalen - Fire Chief**  
**X Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police**  
**X John Cave - Street Dept.**  
**\_\_\_ Ken Griffith- Finance Director**  
**X Janet Thomas- Community Development**  
**\_\_\_ Robert Fiscus- Director of Code**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Streetscape- ultimately completed and Tuesday there will be a semi final meeting with the contractor to review the final details of the project. The only big pieces of the project that are left are the crosswalks and anti small sidewalks and four (4) plantings were not to specifications and we have 4 new ones coming. Generally speaking we are very pleased with the work.**

**2014 Operating Budget progressing and Mr. Andrejchak is working with the department heads because at this time of the year it is typical that they start that process and there is usually a lot of knowns and unknowns and sometimes with the unknowns we have to wait until we have a more realistic financial plan which includes Health Care, but we do have some preliminary information that does look encouraging for our health care figures next year and we have a meeting with Highmark on Monday and it is one of the last pieces of the budget that we typically wait for. Mr. Andrejchak will be reporting back in October with more information. Also, related to that is the Capital Budget and the amount of money we are able to contribute will have a direct relationship to the cost and the number of projects we will be able to fund.**

**B Street Playground also has been discussed in the past with the City's commitment to improving the facility and sometime in October Mr. Andrejchak plans on having a neighborhood meeting and residents for a way to listen to the children in the neighborhood and the people that use the playground. The neighborhood will be notified by fliers and the Street Dept will handle that and a meeting will be set up in the next few weeks.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** that Resolution #61-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$83,353.50 to Carl Walker Construction for the Parking Garage Project. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Connelly**

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

**Yes Mr. James  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**EP- how many more payments? SA- there is at least one more from Carl Walker but have not received any pay estimates for the electric work yet.**

**MOTION** that Resolution #62-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a contract with Siegel Excavating for the 2013 Demolition and Removal of Structures Project not to exceed \$30,000.00. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

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

**Yes Mr. Connelly  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #63-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #10 in the amount of \$134,817.77 to SET, Inc. for the Sharon Streetscape Project-Phase I. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

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

**Yes Mr. Palanski  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #64-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$92,656.80 to JT Paving, Inc. for the Street Improvement Project. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

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

**Yes Mr. Burke  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #65-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ellwood Crankshaft and Machine Company for the administration of \$3,000,000.00 of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Funds. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

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

**Yes Mr. James  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

## 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 #66-13 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 September 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

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

**Yes Mr. Connelly  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

### **COMMENTS:**

#### **CITIZENS:**

Ron Maurice-Curtis St.- asked how many houses will be torn down with the \$30,000.00. Janet Thomas replied that there were 5 houses right now. Mr. Maurice also suggested that the City should put a fence up around the City Garage and buying a tow truck because the City does tow a lot of vehicles which actually Carpenters does the towing but the City could do it and benefit off of it. Mr. Maurice added that you can buy a used tow truck really cheap right now.

Rich Wallace- Asked if the trees that the company is planting should be the same species. Mr. Andrejchak replied that yes they should be the same species and the contractor picked 4 that they did not like because they were multi stemmed and they were given 5-6 different species of plants to choose from. Mr. Wallace added that the plants were not the same species and what should be potting soil in the planters is like mortar mix. Mr. Andrejchak said he would check on the planters and talk to the construction inspector and he knew they were just planted today and what was in there was not the final topping and it was just sand and gravel currently in there. Mr. Andrejchak added that yesterday and today the potting soil should have been added.

Carol Swartz- Lorain St.- asked how many cars park in the parking garage and Mr. Palanski replied that the parking lots downtown are full now and if you do not arrive before 8:30 a.m. then you will not get a spot. The parking issue will continue to grow and the lots downtown are filling up. Mr. Palanski added that the money used on the parking garage was designated for the garage and there was enough money to complete 2 floors in there.

Mrs. Swartz also added that the WaterFire was awesome and wanted to know if the City received any money from the event. Mr. Andrejchak answered yes from the businesses downtown that are benefitting from the event and in turn creating revenue for the businesses and creating jobs which adds to our Local Service Tax but there is no direct revenue to the City. Mr. Andrejchak added that the event was not supposed to give direct revenue back to the City but it is a big economic impact and the City does indirectly receive revenue. Mrs. Swartz also wanted to add a suggestion that during the next Water Fire maybe there can be designated areas for handicap by the river to see the activities.

Sharon Herald- Mr. W asked where Seigel Excavating that was awarded the demolition bid was from. Janet Thomas from Community Development answered that the company was from Edinburg in Lawrence County. Mr. W also wanted to confirm that there were 5 properties on the list for demolition and asked if Mr. Andrejchak could email him the list. Mr. Andrejchak confirmed the 5 properties and said he would email the list.

Mr. W also asked where J & T Paving that was awarded the paving bid was from. Mr. Andrejchak answered that they were from Greenville.

Mr. W asked about the 3 million dollars that was being redirected to Ellwood Crankshaft and if it was previously the money that was intended for downtown. Mr. Andrejchak answered yes and Mr. W asked which state office or agency is taking part in this activity. Mr. Andrejchak replied that it was the Office of Budget then Mr. W asked when was the transaction and Mr. Andrejchak answered that it was done in January of this year. Mr. W asked about the document that supports and talks about the investment in downtown and if that area was going to be approximately 400,000 square feet and is it going to be the Wheatland Tube section of the Westinghouse building. Mr. Andrejchak answered that he believes that is the location. Mr. W asked if anyone on Council had any comment on what this agreement with Ellwood Crankshaft is or does or what it will be. Mr. Palanski replied that Council feels that the company itself should answer those questions but that they are excited about the plan.

<b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>
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**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.**

**Motion: Mr. Connelly**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

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

**Yes Mr. Palanski**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**