

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Special Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2015
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

President Palanski

Rev. Trambley

Mr. Connelly

Mr. Burke

Mr. James

News Media:

Scott Andrejchak – City Manager

The Herald

Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

Dept. Heads:

Gerald Smith - Chief of Police

Robert Fiscus – Chief of Fire/Code

John Cave - Street Dept.

Ken Griffith- Finance Director

Janet Thomas- Community Development

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

Mr. Andrejchak explained that there might be a change order related to Resolution 40-15 in regards to the Library ADA Compliance renovations. Mr. Andrejchak added that the Contractor, Gem Construction, underbid the project but even with the companies change order they are still the lowest bid. The project is being funded by a grant but Mr. Connelly asked if they held a bond to bid the project. Mr. Andrejchak replied that they did but the job was still underbid then Rev. Trambley explained that Mr. Frank Gargiulo said the company did not add the electric work but the Library Board approved the change order in regards to the grant. Mr. Connelly expressed concern that Gem Construction might have priced the materials close to the other bidder but the labor might be different. Mr. Connelly asked if Mr. Andrejchak could set up a meeting with Frank Gargiulo from HHS DR at 11:00 a.m. Friday but Mr. Andrejchak called Mr. Gargiulo and requested he come down to the meeting in progress to answer questions and Mr. Gargiulo agreed. Mr. Palanski called the Special meeting to recess until Mr. Gargiulo arrived and suggested continuing with the Council Workshop meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The Special meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m. when Mr. Gargiulo arrived and Mr. Connelly asked why there were only 2 bids for this project and why there was such a wide spread in bids. Mr. Gargiulo explained that it was not from lack of effort, it was advertised all over but assumed it was because this project is a smaller job for most construction companies. Mr. Gargiulo also explained that the project was for 4 bathrooms and a front entry door which would all be ADA Compliance but 50% of the project would be paid for by the Library and

50% from a grant. Mr. Connelly asked if they needed a General Contractor for a job this size and Mr. Gargiulo replied that regulations make it necessary to have a General Contractor because of funding and non profit. Mr. Connelly asked if we reject Gem Constructions bid and rebid the project then could Gem Construction rebid at a higher cost and Mr. Gargiulo replied yes because the numbers are public so it would be a risk advertising for new bids. Mr. Connelly wondered if they waited until January to advertise for new bids maybe more contractors would bid. Mr. Gargiulo explained that HHS DR is trying to make the tight budget work with current bid from Gem Construction because grant may not cover higher bids. Mr. Gargiulo added that Gem Construction left electric work out of original bid but there is not a whole lot of electric needed for this project and when they present change order HHS DR will oversee amounts and work then Council would have to approve the change order. Mr. Connelly asked if they could advertise for electrical bids but Mr. Gargiulo replied that there would be more cost to add another contractor to the project.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #08-15 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to accept the 2016-2020 Capital Plan. **pass**
FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

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

Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Mr. Palanski

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #40-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon award a general construction contract to Gem Construction in the amount of \$67,429 and a plumbing contract to Central Heating and Plumbing in the amount of \$31,285, for work being done at the Shenango Valley Library as part of a Keystone Education grant. **be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Burke

Vote:
Yes Mr. Burke
Yes Rev. Trambley
No Mr. Connelly

___ Mr. James
Yes Mr. Palanski

COMMENTS:

News Media:

Citizens:

Mr. Andrejchak:

Mr. Connelly: Voted no because he did not feel good about the unknowns

Mr. Burke:

Mr. James:

Rev. Trambley:

Mr. Palanski:

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Burke

Second: Rev. Trambley

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

Yes Mr. Connelly
Yes Mr. Palanski