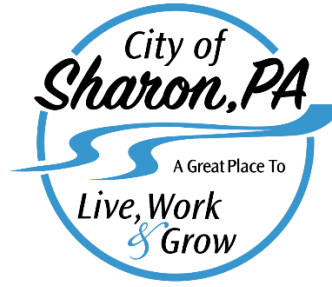


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**SHARON CITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Meeting Held in Council Chambers  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER AT 5:31 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Council:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>President Bundrant</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Galaska</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Sizer</b>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ms. Heard</b>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mr. Koerth</b>         |  |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Fiscus, City Manager</b>      | <b><u>News Media:</u></b>                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Attorney Stedman, City Solicitor</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Herald</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Daphne Parrish, City Clerk</b>       |   |

**Department Heads:**

- Jason Tomko, Finance Director**
- Edward Stabile, Chief of Police**
- John Lenkey, Director of Code Enforcement**
- Mark Settle, Public Works Director**

- I.) **LEGAL NOTICE** – *The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM in City Council Chambers to present the City of Sharon’s 2025 Budget.*
- II.) The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed 2025 Operating Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The proposed 2025 budget was reviewed by Section and Line Item. The following items were discussed:  
Expenditures:

- 411-100 - Employee Benefits - Fire – Mr. Sizer asked why the budgeted amount decreased approximately 10%. Mr. Tomko said this amount decreased due to the Fire Inspector position being reclassified to the NOOP section of the budget.
- Software Subscription License - Fire – Mr. Sizer asked about this \$14,500 expense, which was added for 2025. Deputy Fire Chief Samson said the expense is for Comprehensive Fire House Suite Software, First Due, to which the department began to migrate over the past 2-3 years. The expense was previously included under other line items; however, in 2025 it will have its own line in the budget.
- 413-000 – NOOP Enforcement – Mr. Sizer asked how many salaries are included in this amount. Mr. Fiscus said it includes the coordinator, inspector, and office manager. Mr. Tomko said a fourth employee also is included if the program progresses to need an additional employee, totaling four FTEs.
- Mr. Sizer asked if the proposed purchase of Street Department Vehicles is included in the debt service amount on the budget. Mr. Tomko said yes.

- Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren said Line Item 421-010 - Director of Code Enforcement amount increased from \$52,000 to \$76,000, which is a \$21,000 increase from last year to this year. Also, Line Item 463-000 - Economic Development Director, was \$0 budgeted in 2021, \$60,000 in 2023, and a \$20,000 increase for this year. That is a very large raise. Mr. Fiscus said \$80,000 in Line Item 463-000 is actually a contract expense with the SCDC for their Economic Development services. Mr. Sizer said the budgeted amount for 2024 and 2025 is the same; \$53,333 was the amount paid through September. Mr. McLaren said this is a 33% raise for the Economic Development Director and another large increase for the Code Director. Mr. Fiscus said nobody received that raise; the City negotiated to bring new talent in and that was the cost.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM**