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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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

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

Department Heads:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Tomko, Finance Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Stabile, Chief of Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Lenkey, Director of Code Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Settle, Public Works Director |

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #13-24, introduced November 20, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,
amending and restating the Ordinances governing the City's Police and Firefighters' Pension Plans

Public Hearing for Ordinance #16-24, introduced November 20, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,
amending Part Four, Title Four of the City of Sharon Code of Ordinances, relating to motor vehicles and traffic

Public Hearing for Ordinance #17-24, introduced December 4, 2024, SECOND AND FINAL READING,
appropriating specific sums required for the specific purposes of City Government during fiscal year 2025

Public Hearing for Ordinance #18-24, introduced December 4, 2024, SECOND AND FINAL READING, fixing the
tax rate for fiscal year 2025 for general city purposes

No Comments or Questions.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #13-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and restating the Ordinances governing the City’s Police and Firefighters’ Pension Plans to update the plans in accordance with prevailing law, to eliminate redundant or outdated provisions in the Plans, and to implement other changes as necessary” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
 Mr. Galaska
 YES Ms. Heard

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #16-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Part Four, Title Four of the City of Sharon Code of Ordinances, relating to motor vehicles and traffic; providing for regulations related to stop signs; traffic signals; prohibited turns on red; and no parking streets” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
 YES Mr. Sizer
 Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Ms. Heard
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #17-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be \$11,323,230 required for the specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2025.” **Pass FINAL reading by title**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Ms. Heard
 YES Mr. Koerth
 YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth
 Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #18-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2025 for general city purposes, the sum of 29.51 Mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: Mr. Galaska
 YES Ms. Heard
 YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #19-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
 Mr. Galaska
 YES Ms. Heard

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #92-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for engineering services from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc., for Professional Traffic Signal Design Services; amount not to exceed \$39,850” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
 YES Mr. Sizer
 Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Ms. Heard
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #93-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to purchase three (3) Public Works vehicles and install equipment; amount not to exceed \$269,813.77” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Ms. Heard

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

MOTION that Resolution #94-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the 2025 Other Fund Budgets” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Koerth

MOTION that Resolution #95-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Finance Director to open one Grant Bank Account” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Ms. Heard

Vote: YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Koerth

Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Ms. Heard

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 CITIZEN 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 #96-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing, in accordance with Section 915 of the Home Rule Charter, The City Manager and Financial Officer to pay bills on attached Schedule “A” **be adopted.**

MOTION approving minutes from November 20, 2024, Budget Hearing, November 20, 2024, Council Meeting, December 4, 2024, Budget Hearing, and December 4, 2024, Special Council Meeting” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

Mr. Galaska

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Fiscus thanked all the City employees for another good year; he thanked the finance office and department heads for their work on the 2025 budget, and he thanked Council for their support.

NEWS MEDIA: Melissa Klaric, Sharon Herald; Ms. Klaric asked if Council or Mr. Fiscus know of anything the City can do to help Sharon Regional. Mr. Fiscus said the City is doing everything we can to have discussions; we do not have the ability to attract other entities, but when those entities come forward, we can meet and discuss with them the hospital's importance to the city and the community's level of support. We want anyone who is interested in operating in Sharon to know that we embrace and welcome them. It is our goal to see the hospital remain open and provide good services.

MR. SIZER: None.

MR. KOERTH: None.

MR. GALASKA:

MS. HEARD: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant echoed everything said. She said it was a good year; we did not raise taxes again.

CITIZENS: Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani said around 6:00 AM while traveling Meek Street, trucks are parked on Sharpsville Avenue, blocking the view to turn off of Meek Street. Mr. Fiscus recommended she report this when it happens.

Ben Griffin, 528 Dwyer Way; Mr. Griffin said Shenango Inn is up for Sheriff's Sale due to \$220,000 in back taxes. He asked if Mr. Landino will be taking over the property. Mr. Fiscus said he does not believe the sale has happened yet; if the Yanko Group pays the lienholder the money, they will retain ownership of it; otherwise, it should transfer to the lienholder, JCL Development. Mr. Fiscus said as the mortgage holder he had to push it to Sheriff's Sale; highest bidder will take ownership of the property.

Mr. Griffin asked if Sharon Regional is current on taxes due to the City of Sharon. Jason Tomko said they paid last year's taxes but have not yet paid current year real estate taxes, they have until December 30 to do so. They are still submitting quarterly earned income taxes through Berkheimer. Mr. Griffin asked what would happen if they did not pay the taxes and the amount owed. Mr. Tomko said the City real estate taxes total about \$170,000. Attorney Stedman clarified that the taxes are owed by the property owner, not the operator. The operator is in bankruptcy, the owner is not.

Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren asked about updating and changing the Codified Ordinances and how citizens can learn what is being changed. Mr. Fiscus said legislation is passed publicly; then the changes are memorialized and made available online. Attorney Stedman said every Ordinance that is adopted is posted online. Mrs. Bundrant provided Mr. McLaren with a copy of draft Ordinance 16-24 which lists the changes included in this update.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM