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Brett Stedman, City Solicitor
Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:32 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

President Bundrant
 Mr. Sizer - Excused
 Mr. Koerth

Mr. Galaska
 Ms. Heard

Robert Fiscus, City Manager
 Attorney Brett Stedman, City Solicitor
 Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

News Media:
 The Herald

Department Heads:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Fiscus said the first reading of the Ordinance to adopt the updated City Map will take place this evening. There is one change to be made before final reading of the Ordinance: the section of Penn Avenue from Shenango Street to Silver Street will be removed and become green space as part of the grant project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Sean McLaughlin, GIS Coordinator for the County of Mercer. Mr. McLaughlin spoke regarding Ordinance #07-24. As the GIS Coordinator for Mercer County, he totally supports every municipality in Mercer County and is concerned that all the implications of changing the map have been completely thought out. He said changing the section of the Shenango Valley Freeway to Sharpsville Avenue will cost money for signage and GPS updating and may create redundancy. He would have preferred if the changes had been brought to his attention to be reviewed. Mr. McLaughlin advised tabling the reading of this Ordinance so all issues can be reviewed and flushed out. Attorney Stedman asked the amount of time needed for the County to review the map. Mr. McLaughlin said it would take a considerable amount of time, and he is not sure of all the proposed changes. There are rules and regulations mandated by the 911 system, so it can be an intensive process. Deputy Fire Chief Nick Samson said the cartographer will share any resources to make the job easier and he believes they have already worked out a lot of the items that have been brought into question. This process was not taken lightly and if there are red flag issues that arise, he is confident they can reach a reasonable solution. Mrs. Bundrant said Council can have first reading and if problems exist, it can be tabled for the final reading, to allow time to correct all the issues. Mr. Fiscus said after the first reading there will be time for Mr. McLaughlin and Deputy Chief Samson to collaborate and work out any issues. He requested Mr. McLaughlin send concerns to him in writing. He also requested Mr. McLaughlin provide his business card to Deputy Chief Samson.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #04-24, introduced April 17, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, repealing Chapter 209 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances and to provide a Fee Schedule Resolution in its place.

No comments; no questions.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #04-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, repealing Chapter 209 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances, and to provide a Fee Schedule Resolution in its place” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #06-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for the Department to obtain Rights of Way on the City’s behalf in completion of the East State Street Multimodal sidewalk and curb replacement project” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #07-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting an official Street Map for the City” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #43-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, providing for a Schedule of Fees for those certain costs incurred by the City” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #44-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order EC-1 to the Miscellaneous Capital Improvements for the Shenango Valley Community Library project with Penn Ohio Electrical Company, to furnish all labor and materials necessary to install doors and hardware; total net increase to the contract not to exceed \$2,752.99” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #45-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the East Silver Street Improvement Projects; amount not to exceed \$1,295,028” **be adopted.**

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

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

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 #46-24 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 the April 3, 2024, Special Council Meeting, the April 11, 2024, Special Council Meeting, and the April 17, 2024, Council Meeting, **be adopted.**

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

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

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: None.

NEWS MEDIA: None.

MR. SIZER:

MR. KOERTH: None.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MS. HEARD: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant said the city properties, including the roundabout all look nice and asked Mr. Fiscus to pass this compliment along.

CITIZENS:

Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani asked when the new person will be introduced who is now doing the Downtown Development job. Mrs. Bundrant said Angie Urban will be at the June Workshop.

Debby Pickens, 629 Sherman Avenues; Ms. Pickens said the weeds need to be cut at the Freeway by the former Hangry’s building. Also, on behalf of Jan Boardley, she gave kudos to the police officers who recently assisted her while she was trapping cats.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM