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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Council:

President Bundrant
 Mr. Sizer
 Mr. Koerth

Mr. Galaska
 Ms. Heard – via Phone

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

- Trick or Treat Hours – Mr. Fiscus said Trick or Treat is normally scheduled on Halloween, October 31st; and he suggested the hours of 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The time of sunset was considered as well as pushing the time back as late as possible to accommodate working parents, while making certain children are inside before it is dark.
- Shenango Inn Property – Mr. Fiscus said there is a development on the Shenango Inn property, and while it does not create any immediate change, JCL Development has bought the mortgage for the lien on the property. The positive side is there is now a local entity that holds the mortgage, creating more local control. He looks forward to working with all parties ongoing, whether it is the developer for the hotel or the lienholder, making sure what happens is best for the neighborhood and the City of Sharon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Melissa Klaric, The Herald; Ms. Klaric asked about Ordinance #12-24, and if 100 West State Street is the Phoenix building. Mr. Fiscus said yes. Ms. Klaric asked who owns the building and if the purchase is for one part or both parts of the building. Attorney Stedman said it would be the purchase of one part of the building. Ms. Klaric asked which part was being bought. Mr. Fiscus said the part owned by Mr. Beighley. Ms. Klaric asked what the City plans to do with it. Mr. Fiscus said once the City has site control, it will be further evaluated, and the City may have interest in other parcels. The interior and structural soundness of the building will be evaluated for safety and its best uses will be considered. This could likely be a demolition project, but the door is not closed for other development.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #10-24, introduced August 14, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, approving editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances

Public Hearing for Ordinance #11-24, introduced August 14, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, authorizing the conveyance of a parcel to the Sharon School District

Public Hearing for Ordinance #12-24, introduced August 14, 2024 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, authorizing the purchase of real property located at 100 West State Street

No public comments or questions regarding Ordinances.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #10-24 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 FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Ms. Heard

MOTION that Ordinance #11-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of a parcel at the northern terminus of Jefferson Avenue in the City, containing a playground and athletic field, to the Sharon School District” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Koerth

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Galaska

MOTION that Ordinance #12-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the purchase of real property located at 100 West State Street in the City of Sharon” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**

Second: **Mr. Koerth**

Vote: **YES** Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

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 FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Sizer**

Second: **Mr. Koerth**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Ms. Heard

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Koerth

MOTION that Ordinance #14-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 464 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances, providing for an exemption from weight restrictions” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

Second: **Mr. Sizer**

Vote: **YES** Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Ms. Heard

MOTION that Ordinance #15-24 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the vacating and abandoning of a public alley running generally east and west between South Myers Avenue and White Avenue” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #72-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, allowing alcoholic beverages on designated City property for City-sponsored events as approved by the City Manager” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #73-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order #1 to the Sharon Catch Basin Replacements Project with Greenawalt Excavating, Inc., reducing the quantity from 25 to 13 planned replacements; total contract decrease not to exceed \$128,662” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #74-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the 2025 Minimum Municipal Pension Plan Financial Requirements and Minimum Municipal Obligations” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #75-24 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, setting the 2024 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours for Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Mr. Sizer
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 #76-24 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 August 14, 2024, meeting and September 4, 2024, special meeting, **be adopted**.

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Fiscus said the last Waterfire of 2024 will be held this Saturday, September 21, 2024, and the forecast is for nice weather. The following Friday, September 27, 2024, will be the last concert of the year held at the greenspace.

NEWS MEDIA: No comment.

MR. SIZER: Mr. Sizer thanked the street department for a great job in painting lines Downtown. The project was done during business hours with minimal disruption to traffic.

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth said there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Animal Shelter building this Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM on Lynnwood Drive.

MR. GALASKA: No comment.

MS. HEARD: No comment.

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant thanked everyone who came out for the Comprehensive Plan Study meeting at the High School last evening.

CITIZENS:

Cathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani said there is garbage and tires on the sidewalk in front of 388 Russell Street, for over the past month and asked if she needed to contact the Code Department. Mr. Fiscus said yes.

Ms. Testani asked about the project at the PNC Parking lot. Mr. Fiscus said this is not a project funded by City, but he believes it is a Primary Health Network parking lot replacement. Mr. Sizer said the project also is extending Moe's Walkway across the street and connecting it with Gilbert's Riverwalk.

Ms. Testani asked why there is a sidewalk in the middle of the green space off of Shenango Avenue. Mr. Fiscus said this was part of the Huntington Bank and it was in good shape and had recently been replaced so the City connected it to the river, giving a direct pathway to the river.

Ms. Testani said the stop sign at Pitt Street is terrible; people are running it.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM