

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Time: Following Workshop meeting
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER **TIME: 7:50 P.M.**
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Connelly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lucas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Bundrant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Saylor | |

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

Department Heads:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edward Stabile, Chief of Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Tomko, Finance Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Phillips, Director of Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement and Public Works |

Swearing-in – Police Officers Michael Murphy, Anthony Martwinski, and Patrick Carne

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #06-19, introduced May 16, 2019 - SECOND AND FINAL READING
amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3 Section 302.30, amending Tables Related to Sections 2306.10 and 307.20.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #07-19, introduced June 19, 2019 – SECOND AND FINAL READING
authorizing the incurring of indebtedness by the issuance of a \$355,000 General Obligation Note.

Being no questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #06-19 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3 Section 302.30 to add thereto Subsections (c), (d) and (e), creating three new mixed use districts from existing commercial areas; amending tables related to Sections 306.10 and 307.10 setting forth permitted uses, special exceptions and lot, yard and height regulations for the newly created districts; directing the amendment to the Zoning Map to reflect the amendments provided herein; directing the City Clerk to provide for a public hearing and appropriate notice thereof” **Pass SECOND and FINAL reading by title**

Motion: <u>Mr. Lucas</u>	Second: <u>Mr. James</u>
Vote: <u>yes</u> Mr. James	<u>yes</u> Mr. Lucas
<u>yes</u> Mrs. Bundrant	<u>yes</u> Mr. Connelly
<u>yes</u> Mrs. Saylor	

MOTION that Ordinance #07-19 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurring of indebtedness by the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, by the issuance of a \$355,000 General Obligation Note.” **Pass SECOND and FINAL reading by title**

Motion: **Mr. Lucas**

Vote: **yes** Mr. Lucas

yes Mr. James

yes Mrs. Bundrant

Second: **Mrs. Bundrant**

yes Mrs. Saylor

yes Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Ordinance #08-19 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 road known as Hickory Street, running generally east and west and beginning at its point of intersection with the east line of Vine Avenue thence proceeding in an easterly direction to its dead end and being forty (40) feet in width and four hundred fourteen (414) feet in length more or less.” **Pass FIRST reading by title**

Motion: **Mrs. Saylor**

Vote: **yes** Mrs. Saylor

yes Mr. Lucas

yes Mr. James

Second: **Mr. Lucas**

yes Mrs. Bundrant

yes Mr. Connelly

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #47-19 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon to enter into a loan agreement with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank and appointing the City Manager, Finance Manager, and Director of Community and Economic Development, to execute any documents needed to finalize said loan on behalf of the City of Sharon” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. James**

Vote: **yes** Mrs. Bundrant

yes Mrs. Saylor

yes Mr. Lucas

Second: **Mrs. Bundrant**

yes Mr. James

yes Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Resolution #49-19 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon to purchase for One Dollar (\$1), the riverfront portion of real property from Travel Centers of America, the owners of the Sharon Quaker Steak & Lube” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mrs. Bundrant**

Vote: **yes** Mr. James

yes Mrs. Bundrant

yes Mrs. Saylor

Second: **Mrs. Saylor**

yes Mr. Lucas

yes Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Resolution #50-19 entitled “ A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, increasing “Right-of-Way” Excavation” Permit Fees and Inspection Fees pursuant to amendment of Ordinance 02-10” **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. James**

Vote: **yes** Mr. Lucas

yes Mr. James

yes Mrs. Bundrant

Second: **Mr. Lucas**

yes Mrs. Saylor

yes Mr. Connelly

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 CITIZENS 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 #48-19 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 Finance Director, or in the absence of the Finance Director, the Tax Collector, to pay the bills submitted on Schedule A to Council" **be adopted.**

MOTION approving minutes from the June 5, 2019 Special Meeting and the June 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. James**

Second: **Mrs. Saylor**

Vote: **yes** Mrs. Saylor

yes Mrs. Bundrant

yes Mr. Lucas

yes Mr. Connelly

yes Mr. James

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA: None

CITIZENS:

Carol Swartz, Lorain Street, said the City needs to adopt a resolution to put cats on a leash. Mr. Connelly agreed cats are a bigger problem than dogs and explained the program to catch and release cats after they are spayed or neutered.

Mrs. Swartz commented she is in favor of non-resident employees as long as they are doing the job well.

Mrs. Swartz asked when the North Water Avenue detour toward 846 will be done. Mr. Fiscus is reluctant to give dates for PennDOT projects and said there were issues that arose during the project that may have extended the timeline.

Brian Kepple said the Sharon Recreation Commission's Carnival will be on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the High School Stadium.

Mr. Kepple said the Sharon Beautification Commission collaborated with instructors and students from LTI to repair the Can Opener Sculpture. There will be a program at the July 27, 2019 Waterfire at 6:00 PM to recognize and thank them for their work. Mr. Kepple said the original designer of the sculpture will be in attendance and will be recognized. He invited City officials to attend.

Carl Aaron Sizer, 545 Fairfield Drive, said he used the Bike Lane three (3) times and was almost hit once and someone else was almost hit today. He feels the Bike Lane will be good once people are familiar with the lane and there is less traffic on Sharpsville Avenue. He suggested the candlesticks be installed in phases. Discussion took place about the debris that accumulates on the bike lane and cleaning with the street sweeper.

Chief Stabile said the water line on the north end of Dougherty was replaced by Aqua, and the width that was dug-up is starting to collapse. Mr. Fiscus said he will follow-up.

Leann Lear asked who is responsible for upkeep of vacant lots after homes are demolished. Mrs. Phillips said most owners are either deceased or unable to be found; the City is working on a program to manage the

properties. The City maintains as many as possible, but the top priority is maintenance of City-owned properties. Mrs. Bundrant explained the side lot program where a neighbor takes temporary ownership and the City gives them the lot to mow and upkeep. Often, neighbors do not have the money to buy the property at tax sale. Geno Rossi also mentioned an adopt a lot program. Ms. Lear discussed a house next door to her that was condemned and boarded up and signs were placed. Then people were allowed to go back into it. Mr. Rossi said there are certain circumstances where people have variances to go back in to retrieve personal property, etc. He said he could not comment further, as Mr. Tomko was involved.

Geno Rossi said the Plum/Sherman intersection is dangerous without a stop sign north and southbound. He also said the corner of New Castle/Prindle would be a good place for stop signs. He said it is a heavy traffic area and has heard complaints from neighbors. Mr. Connelly requested Chief Stabile to check these two intersections. Chief Stabile said he is aware and agrees that signs would be appropriate. He said there is a sign on the east and west sides of Prindle, but the hedges extend out and it is difficult to see going westbound. He said this an issue that may need addressed.

Robert Cunningham said thank you for the paving job at Division Street and Stambaugh Avenue.

MRS. BUNDRANT:

Mrs. Bundrant said the Sharon Recreation Commission Carnival will be Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM at the High School Stadium and will include games, prizes, and a bounce house. Waterfire will be on Saturday, July 27, 2019. The Meszaros Fun(d) Feast will be on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Also, before the next meeting the Slovenian Club will be holding their Steak Fry.

MR. LUCAS:

None

MR. JAMES:

Mr. James said we should consider a donation to the Fire Department for installation of the bell. The footer has been dug out at the corner outside of the Fire Department.

Mr. James asked for clarification on the payment for a Watermain Repair of \$12,000-\$15,000. Mr. Fiscus said this was the waterline that ruptured and flooded the Library. He added there is more work to be done and the concrete may be replaced with mulch.

MRS. SAYLOR:

None

MR. CONNELLY:

Mr. Connelly congratulated and welcomed the three new police officers, Michael Murphy, Anthony Martwinski, and Patrick Carne.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Mr. James

Vote: yes Mrs. Bundrant

yes Mr. James

yes Mrs. Saylor

yes Mr. Connelly

yes Mr. Lucas