

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Connelly (by phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lucas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Bundrant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Saylor	

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

Department Heads:

Edward Stabile, Chief of Police (Captain Martwinski)
 Jason Tomko, Finance Director
 Melissa Phillips, Director of Community Development
 David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement and Public Works

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Fiscus updated on the status of the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM (preceding the Workshop Meeting). He passed out a sample of the invitation which will be personally distributed by his staff to all the downtown businesses.

Frank Gargiulo, President of the Library Board of Trustees presented an update to Council regarding the Community Library of the Shenango Valley (CLSV). Mr. Gargiulo thanked Council for the City's ongoing support, and Mrs. Saylor's individual support. He distributed a report on Sharon Usage Statistics and Information and a CLSV Newsletter. He detailed the highlights on the statistical report and commended Robin Pundzak and the entire staff for their tremendous work. He reviewed that CLSV has attained Gold Star Library status, which is a measure of the library system compared with other library systems in Pennsylvania. CLSV is applying for a \$750,000 grant through the Keystone Education Program and, in connection with the grant, will soon kick off a major fundraising campaign, themed "Lift the Valley, Elevate the Library, with the purpose of raising matching funds for the grant. These grant and matching funds are needed for physical improvements to the building due to its age and some other planned upgrades. This campaign is designed to complement the City's plan to refinance funding when the current loan held by the City matures.

Mr. Lucas asked for more information on Gold Star Status. Mr. Gargiulo explained in more depth this designation is not applied or tested for; it is attained by submitting documentation showing what the Library has been doing. He stated it is rare for a library the size of CLSV to achieve this status and less than 13 percent of the libraries in Pennsylvania have achieved this status.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #01-19 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend Chapters 286 and 287 of the Codified Ordinances of the City entitled Police Pension Plan concerning the disability survivor benefit and to update the provisions associated with the Internal Revenue Code.” **Pass FIRST reading by title**

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance #02-19 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend Chapter 288 of the Codified Ordinances of the City entitled Firefighters’ Pension Plan to update the provisions associated with the Internal Revenue Code.” **Pass FIRST reading by title**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. James

MOTION that Ordinance #03-19 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, enacting the International Fire Code of 2015, with amendments as the Sharon Fire Code, providing definitions and for amendments to the Code from time to time, regulating outdoor fires, providing for the enforcement, appeals, and penalties for violations of the Code, authorizing the implementation of fees for the administration and enforcement of the Code and making repeals of the prior version of the Sharon Fire Code.” **Pass FIRST reading by title**

Motion: Mrs. Saylor

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. James

YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. Lucas

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution 14-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania authorizing the proper City Officials to sign and execute a Salt Participation agreement with the PA Department of General Services for the period of August 2019 through July 2020 for the purchase of 5,000 tons of salt” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Mrs. Saylor

Vote: YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. James

MOTION that Resolution 15-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, increasing the number of members of the Sharon Beautification Committee from 14 to 16 members” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mrs. Bundrant

Second: Mrs. Saylor

Vote: YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. James

YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. Lucas

MOTION that Resolution 16-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the 2019 COG Bids under the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program”

be adopted.

Motion: Mrs. Bundrant

Second: Mr. Lucas

Vote: YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mrs. Saylor

MOTION that Resolution 17-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of property numbered 1-Q-43 subject to the three (3) existing liens of the City” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mrs. Saylor

Second: Mr. Lucas

Vote: YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution 18-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adding Shenango Township as a partner to the Shenango Valley Animal Shelter”

be adopted.

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. James

MOTION that Resolution 19-19 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving transfer of Restaurant Liquor License (License No. R-10801) into the City of Sharon, Pennsylvania, from Sharpsville Borough, Pennsylvania” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mrs. Bundrant

Second: Mrs. Saylor

Vote: YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mrs. Saylor

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 # 20-19 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 that Resolution # 21-19 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Authorities” **be adopted.**

Shenango Valley Animal Shelter Board

- Frank Connelly
- Bob Fiscus (as alternate)
- Molly Bundrant (as alternate)

Police Pension Board

- William James (Council Representative)
- Brian Faber (Retired Police)

Sharon Beautification Committee

- Laura Ackley
- Ann Kotyk
- James Mondok
- Gary Rose
- David U’Halie
- Ann U’Halie

Sharon Recreation Board

- Brian Faber
- Lynne Sherretts

MOTION approving rescheduling of the March 6, 2019 Workshop Meeting to begin at 6:00 PM” **be adopted.**

MOTION approving rescheduling the March 20, 2019 Council Meeting to March 27, 2019” **be adopted.**

MOTION approving the minutes from the January 2, 2019 Reorganization Meeting, January 2, 2019 Special Council Meeting, January 2, 2019 Workshop Meeting, and the January 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting **be adopted.**

Motion: **Mr. Connelly**

Second: **Mrs. Bundrant**

Vote: **YES Mr. Lucas**

YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mrs. Bundrant

COMMENTS

NEWS MEDIA

None

CITIZENS

Captain Travis Martwinski reported that the Police Department recently received funding for targeted traffic enforcement. This program will run from March 18 through April 28 and will target speeding and distracted driving. The State identifies municipalities with higher traffic incidents and awards the funds to be used for staffing patrols. He urged everyone to buckle up and not speed.

Alexandra Gilmore addressed Council regarding a Code Enforcement situation concerning her. She stated a recent interaction between a Code Officer and a senior citizen/veteran resident was not handled in a professional manner and was aggressive and abusive in nature. Mr. Fiscus stated he was made aware there had been a situation; however, he plans to confer with David Tomko and work through this issue and get details of what happened. Mr. Lucas thanked Ms. Gilmore. Mrs. Bundrant stated there will be a follow-up with David Tomko.

Frank Powell of 223 Bentley Avenue reviewed the history of a parking situation on his street. In the past, a petition was signed by the residents requesting parking on both sides of the street which was brought to Council, reviewed by both the Fire Chief and Police Chief, and Council was requested to make a change to the Ordinance. However, in the fall of 2018, signs were posted restricting parking on both sides of the street. Because of the lack of parking options, Mr. Powell requested this be reviewed and assess whether there would be sufficient space to park on one side of the street. It was agreed that Chief Fiscus will review the area and determine if fire trucks are able to pass through and operate; if possible, Mr. Powell’s request will be accommodated.

MRS. BUNDRANT

Mrs. Bundrant reported on a request from The Meszaros Family Charitable Foundation regarding an Act 13 Grant application. The City has been requested to be the pass-through municipality for the grant. Mr. Fiscus stated this will be discussed further at the March 6, 2019 Workshop meeting with a possible proposed resolution at the March 27, 2019 meeting.

MR. LUCAS

Mr. Lucas complimented the Street Crew for their work on the streets today.

MR. JAMES

None

MRS. SAYLOR

Mrs. Saylor reported that the results of the GIS mapping initiative are now available to view online at www.sharonforward.com. There are some corrections needed due to technical problems. Brian Kepple added we now have a base map with a lot of overlays to come. The Code Department will be able to review and adjust from time-to-time.

MR. CONNELLY

Mr. Connelly apologized for being unable to attend in person tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Motion: Mrs. Bundrant

Second: Mr. Lucas

Vote: YES Mrs. Saylor

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Lucas

YES Mr. Connelly

YES Mr. James