

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Public Hearing
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2008
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL - PRESENT:

TIME: 6:40 P.M.

Council:

President Heutsche
Mr. Flower
Mr. Connelly

Mr. Donato
Mr. Messina

News Media:

Attorney Madden - City Solicitor
Mayor Robert J. Lucas
Sharronda Faber - City Clerk

Courtney Anderson - The Herald

Dept. Heads:

Terry Whalen - Fire Chief
Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police
Diane Thut - Treasurer
John Cave - Street Dept.

Also Present:

Janet Thomas - Community Development
John Outrakis
Kenny King
Debie Lasher
Fred Hoffman

LEGAL NOTICE - Read by City Clerk: *The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Sharon Municipal Building, 155 West Connelly Boulevard, Sharon, PA, for the following items:*

The City of Sharon intends to apply for FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Dept. of HUD in the amount of \$679,550 plus approximately \$60,000 in Program Income from housing rehabilitation loan repayments. The City intends to submit its application on or before November 15, 2008. In order to address the identifiable needs of the City of Sharon, the proposed FY 2009 One-Year Action Plan proposes the following activities:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

General Administration	\$147,910
Sub Total	\$147,910

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Design and Construction of streets/alleys and sewers and catch basins	\$221,703
Sub Total	\$221,703

REHABILITATION

Housing rehabilitation (Includes \$60,000 in Rehab Program Income)	\$174,000
Rehabilitation Free Paint Program	\$ 30,000
Sub Total	\$204,000

PUBLIC SERVICE

S.V. Urban League - Housing Counseling	\$ 8,825
S.V. Urban League - Human Relations Comm.	\$ 3,500
S.V. Urban League - CHRB	\$ 3,320
Community Food Warehouse	\$ 3,600
Medical Equipment Recycling Program	\$ 900
Shenango Valley Shuttle Service	\$ 9,700
Mercer County Community Action Agency	\$ 8,000
Camp KIDS	\$ 2,500
Zone 5 Officer	\$ 46,592
Sharon Family Center for Child Development	\$ 6,000
Shenango Valley Community Library	\$ 5,000
Buhl Community Recreation Center	\$ 4,000
AW/ARE, Inc.	\$ 11,500
Mercer County Housing Coalition	\$ 1,500
Sub Total	\$114,937

CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES

Clearance and Demolition	\$ 50,000
Sub Total	\$ 50,000

INTERIM ASSISTANCE

Interim Assistance	\$ 1,000
Sub Total	\$ 1,000

**TOTAL FY 2009 CDBG FUNDS FOR
PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

\$ 739,550

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed amendment and to receive citizens' input.

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

None

CITIZENS:

Kenny King - Inquired about who decides which houses get on the demolition list. Janet Thomas advised that the process begins through the code office. Mr. Flower inquired about the number of houses currently on the demolition list. Mrs. Thomas advised that there are more properties on the list than the City can afford to demolish. She advised that the cost to demolish a house is approximately \$4,000.

MAYOR LUCAS:

None

MR. FLOWER:

None

MR. CONNELLY:

Inquired how the figure for public facilities improvements is derived. Mrs. Thomas explained that there is only so much money received for entitlements; they look at previous years and the needs for the City and then calculate how much to appropriate for each activity.

MR. DONATO:

None

MR. MESSINA:

None

MR. HEUTSCHE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Donato

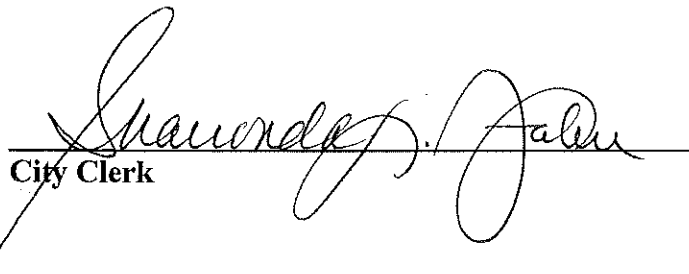
**Vote: Yes - Mr. Flower
Yes - Mr. Connelly
Yes - Mr. Messina**

**Yes - Mr. Donato
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**



Council President

Attest:



City Clerk