

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2008
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL - PRESENT:

TIME: 6:30 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

The Herald

Dept. Heads:

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

Also Present:

Frank Brown
Larry Reeher
David U'Halie
Sharon Williams
Chris Gavin
Dave Kepics

Roland Curry
Carol Swartz
Noel Moss
Ray Baker
Lt. Gerald Smith

DISCUSSION

Mr. Larry Bashe, Raymond James - Gave a presentation on the bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. Stated that the financing is completed for the project. Discussed the unique partnership forged between the City, State, County, and separate local authority (Sanitary Authority). Discussed the advantages to the City in the way the bonds were handled. He also discussed future issues the City may want to address such as privatizing the sewer system and securing the City's own credit rating.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:

Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Lucas to Jordan Moss to honor his athletic achievements in Wrestling during the 2007-08 season

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #14-08, introduced by Mr. Donato on April 17, 2008 – SECOND READING

An Ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Two, "ADMINISTRATION CODE," Title Two, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," Chapter 209, "GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE," Section .04, "SCHEDULE," to change the fee for certain enumerated services or materials supplied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council discussed wanting to separate the Rental Inspection Fee from the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Frank Brown - Inquired how often Council would raise these fees. Mayor Lucas advised that this is the first increase on some of these fees in ten years. Mr. Brown discussed that Council implemented fees for rental inspections not that long ago. Mr. Heutsche stated that Council may remove that section from the Ordinance and that they do not agree with the Mayor's proposal of \$50.00/year. He stated that Council does not wish to penalize "good" landlords.

WORKSHOP

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution #43-08 - Attorney Madden explained that this would transfer the responsibility to MCRCOG, which was not a legal entity in the 70s, and that now MCRCOG can be a legal entity recognized by PennDOT. Roland Curry inquired if the City gets to keep any of the transit funds; Attorney Madden advised that there are specific uses for the money and that the City only serves as the pass-through agency for the funds.

Resolution #44-08 - Added to the agenda with the approval of two (2) Councilmen. It authorizes the appointment of Mr. Jeff Valentino to the Sharon Recreation Board, which will complete the Council appointments for that board.

Resolution #45-08 - Added to the agenda with the approval of two (2) Councilmen. Designates rights of way for certain streets intersection South Dock St. in the City of Sharon. This will assist PennDOT in the project to widen Route 60.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #14-08 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part Two, "ADMINISTRATION CODE," Title Two, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," Chapter 209, "GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE," Section .04, "SCHEDULE," to change the fee for certain enumerated services or materials supplied" **pass FINAL reading by title.**

MOTION to amend Ordinance #14-08 to remove Item No. 47 (Rental Inspection Fee).

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Flower

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Second: Mr. Donato

Vote: Yes - Mr. Flower

Yes - Mr. Messina

Yes - Mr. Connelly

Yes - Mr. Heutsche

Yes - Mr. Donato

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #41-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing, in accordance with Section 915 of the Home Rule Charter, the Mayor and Finance Director, or in the absence of a Finance Director, the Controller or Treasurer, to pay the bills on Schedule 'A' " **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

Vote: Yes - Mr. Messina

Yes - Mr. Donato

Yes - Mr. Flower

Yes - Mr. Heutsche

Yes - Mr. Connelly

MOTION that Resolution #42-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon , authorizing the Council President to sign a Letter of Agreement on behalf of the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service with the Western Reserve Transit Authority (WRTA) and the City of Niles to distribute FFY 2008 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 and 5340 Apportionments allocated to the Youngstown OH-PA urbanized area" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Messina

Second: Mr. Connelly

Vote: Yes - Mr. Donato

Yes - Mr. Connelly

Yes - Mr. Messina

Yes - Mr. Heutsche

Yes - Mr. Flower

MOTION that Resolution #43-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon requesting the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to re-designate as the sponsoring municipal

entity for the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service the Mercer County Regional Council of Governments, effective July 1, 2008" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Messina

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

**Yes - Mr. Flower
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #44-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the sale of surplus out-of-service police and code vehicles (per Resolution #33-08) to the highest bidders" **be adopted.**

2004 Chevrolet Impala
Highest Bidder: Brookfield Township Police Department
Amount: Appraised value of \$2,000.00

2004 Chevrolet Impala - Two (2)
Highest Bidder: Vienna Township Police Department
Amount: Appraised value of \$2,000.00

2004 Chevrolet Impala
Highest Bidder: Sam Messina
Amount: \$1,451.00

2001 Chevrolet Impala
Highest Bidder: Advanced Auto Body
Amount: \$988.00

2001 Dodge Neon
Highest Bidder: Pete's Auto Sales
Amount: \$2,245.00

1997 Dodge Neon
Highest Bidder: Pete's Auto sales
Amount: \$1,000.00

Motion: Mr. Donato

Second: Mr. Flower

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

**Yes - Mr. Messina
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #45-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Pennsylvania, appointing Mr. Jeffrey Valentino to the Sharon Recreation Board for a four (4) year term" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

**Yes - Mr. Messina
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #46-08 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Pennsylvania, recognizing and designating the widths of certain streets intersecting South Dock Street in the City of Sharon" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

**Yes - Mr. Connelly
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2008, Regular Council Meeting" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Donato

Second: Mr. Flower

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

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

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| <u>COMMENTS:</u> |
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NEWS MEDIA:

None

CITIZENS:

Rol Currie - Inquired about the bond presentation by Mr. Bashe and sewer rates. Mr. Heutsche explained the bond financing and required rate increase.

MAYOR LUCAS:

Announced he went with Mr. Cave to Michigan last Friday to look at equipment to repair the roads. Announced that he went to the Gettysburg Conference for Tourism. Mr. & Mrs. Winner received an award. He stated that in June the Head of Tourism is giving an award to Mr. Mesaros and Mr. Warren for Three by the River. Announced he supported Wheatland Tube workers in Washington DC for the Trade Commission urging the President to enact the trade bill. He advised that the City will start using prisoners from the County Jail to help clean up the City. Discussed Congressman English recently passing a bill which will allow municipalities to go to the Federal Home Bank for loans.

MR. FLOWER:

Commended Chief Menster and Mayor Lucas for organizing a neighborhood meeting at Musser. He said that it was well attended and hopes that it will be a good start for things. Stated that he is interested in attending more neighborhood meetings.

MR. CONNELLY:

Reiterated Mr. Flowers commendations for Chief Menster and Mayor Lucas for the neighborhood meeting and stated that he would like to see follow-up with neighborhood watch signs. Stated that he wants to see citizens help neighbors clean up. Congratulated the Moss family.

MR. DONATO:

Commended the Chief and stated that he hopes the same is done in other parts of the City. Commended Jordan Moss for his achievements.

MR. MESSINA:

Kudos to Chief Menster for a great presentation at the neighborhood meeting. Congratulated Jordan Moss. Thanked the Fire Dept. for the fire operation in Butler, appreciated the invitation, and said that it was well done.

MR. HEUTSCHE:

Commended Chief Menster for the presentation and said that he was impressed by the turnout. Stated that Code Enforcement needs to address vacant/abandoned houses (board them up, etc.). Mr. Cave stated that the street department boarded up fifteen in the past two weeks, and that a new line item was created for the cost of materials. Mr. Heutsche announced that ERASE was holding a march on May 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. from Farrell to Sharon to Musser school. He encouraged attendance and support at the March. He discussed the youth basketball league sponsored by ERASE, and challenged the Sharon Recreation Board to come up with similar programs to keep youth off the streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

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

Council President

Attest

City Clerk