

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Special Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2008
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL - Present:

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Council:

President Heutsche
Mr. Flower
Mr. Connelly
Mr. Messina

Absent: Mr. Donato
Mayor Lucas

News Media:

Attorney Madden - City Solicitor
Sharronda Faber - City Clerk

Courtney Anderson - The Herald

Dept. Heads:

Terry Whalen - Fire Chief

Also Present:

Janet Thomas
Lt. Gerald Smith

LEGAL NOTICE - Read by City Clerk:

Sharon City Council will hold a special Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Sharon Municipal Building, 155 West Connelly Blvd., Sharon, PA, to consider taking action on the following matters:

- 1.) A Resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with the City of Niles and the Western Reserve Transit Authority for distribution of federal transit funds;
- 2.) First reading on an Ordinance accepting the dedication of Valley Way;
- 3.) First reading on an Ordinance requiring all facilities to tie into the Sharon sanitary sewer system;
- 4.) First reading on an Ordinance authorizing a cooperative Agreement with the City of Farrell for automatic joint fire response.

Workshop (Review of agenda items):

Ordinance #16-08 - Attorney Madden explained that this ordinance has been in place since 1952 and needed to be revised to satisfy Penn Vest (loan for WWTX plant project).

Ordinance #17-08 - Attorney Madden advised that Mayor Lucas supported the agreement between the two cities, and discussed provisions of termination. Chief Whalen explained that it would mean an automated response for structure fires only. He explained that there is already a mutual aid agreement in place with neighboring departments. He stated that this agreement would be good for safety reasons and help the City's insurance ratings. Mr. Heutsche inquired about overtime. Chief Whalen stated that in the event that there is a full structure fire, then a phone callout would be done for two additional firefighters.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #15-08 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accepting for dedication as a public road, Valley Way, and setting the boundaries thereof" **pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Messina

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #16-08 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 Ten, 'STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE,' Title Four, 'UTILITIES,' Chapter 1040, 'SEWERS GENERALLY' Section .10, 'PRIVATE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS' to add thereto the requirement that all facilities within 150' of a sewer line be tied in for purposes of disposing of sewage waste" **pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Connelly

Second: Mr. Messina

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

**Mr. Connelly
Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Ordinance #17-08 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon to enter into a cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement between it and the City of Farrell relative to providing joint automatic fire response" **pass FIRST reading by title.**

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE #17-08:

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

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

****ORDINANCE #17-08 TABLED****

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution # 47-08 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 2006-FFY2007-FFY2008 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5316 and 5317 funds" **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

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

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA:

Courtney Anderson - The Herald - Inquired to Chief Whalen about the ISO (Insurance Service Office) and how Ordinance #17-08 would reduce costs. Chief Whalen explained that every year his department completes a packet and then they are reviewed by the ISO in person every ten years; he advised that during a review it was recommended that the agreement proposed in the Ordinance be passed by the City. He said it will help the City's insurance rating. Ms. Anderson also inquired why the ground floor to the City Building was closed to the public, and asked who paid for the new keypads. Mr. Heutsche stated that Dave Cuda installed/donated the keypads, and that the downstairs of the City Building was never intended for public use. Chief Whalen stated that it was done for security reasons and that the insurance company only allowed authorized personnel in that area. Ms. Anderson inquired if there were plans to implement other security throughout the building. Mr. Heutsche stated that he was not aware of any other security projects.

CITIZENS:

None

MR. FLOWER:

None

MR. CONNELLY:

None

MR. MESSINA:

None

MR. HEUSCHKE:

Inquired to Lt. Smith about property at Morrison St/New Castle Ave. and the residents there making a fence out of pallets. Lt. Smith advised that Del Williams, Code Officer, is working on the matter. Mr. Heutsche stated that the residents are requesting a meeting and requested that Lt. Smith accompany him for such meeting. Lt. Smith agreed. Mr. Heutsche announced that the Sharon High School Baseball team, who is undefeated currently, is playing at 2:30 p.m. the next day; also offered congratulations to the team.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Flower

Second: Mr. Connelly

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

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

Council President

Attest:

City Clerk