

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2011
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:31 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Present:

COUNCIL:

Mr. Palanski

Mr. Messina

Mr. Heutsche

Mr. Connelly

News Media:

Scott Andrejchak –City Manager

Courtney Saylor - The Herald

Attorney Madden – City Solicitor

Lori Merolillo – City Clerk

Dept. Heads:

Terry Whalen - Fire Chief

Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police

John Cave - Street Dept.

Also Present:

Brian Kepple

Bob Fiscus

Todd Carenbauer

John Cave

Larry Scheetz

Bill James

Dawnlee Swartz

David Kepics

Carol Swartz

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 15-11, introduced November 16, 2011, SECOND AND FINAL READING

An Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of City Government during the fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$7,710,285.

Mr. Andrejchak explained the Real Estate Tax projection in 2011 will not hit that number. All or most of the departments were at their projected and some vendors are waiting for payments but by the end of the year we should have all bills paid. Waiting for money to come in also and we need TAN Note and MMO paid but will show a small surplus next month. Mr. Messina asked if there was any word on TAN note, but Mr. Andrejchak replied that he was waiting for the sewer authority meeting to decide interest rate. He added that he called a few banks but had no response.

Motion Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Messina

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1.) **Streetscape Update:** Continuing meeting with engineer and moving ahead
- 2.) **Highland Ave. Update:** Requested to move up to next summer after 5 mos. For submitting design and advertising. Another hard winter could produce more issues, but if they start in May it should be ok.
Mr. Palanski commented that he did not know there was any question about starting and disappointed to hear that. Mr. Andrejchak replied that they can start with a partial design. Mr. Palanski asked to see a time table for the project and Mr. Andrejchak said he would get that information after design is complete.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS.- ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

Carol Swartz asked why the budget was lower. Mr. Andrejchak explained that he had to make a change last week with the amount of the projected real estate tax and we saved on health insurance. Carol also asked if there would be a special meeting on Millage and Mr. Andrejchak answered yes at the workshop on January 3, 2012.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #16-11 entitled an ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2012 for general City purposes, the sum of 24.51 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation; and for debt purposes, the sum of 5 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the total of 29.51 mills” **pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Messina

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Palanski**

**Yes – Mr. Messina
Yes – Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Ordinance #18-11 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Community Development Administrative budget for fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$183,500” **pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Palanski

Second: Mr. Heutsche

Vote: Yes - Mr. Connelly

Yes – Mr. Palanski

Yes - Mr. Heutsche

Yes - Mr. Messina

MOTION that Ordinance #17-11 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Community Development Entitlement budget for fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$687,371"
pass FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Messina

Second: Mr. Palanski

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

**Yes- Mr. Palanski
Yes- Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Ordinance #15-11 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of City Government during the fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$7,710,285" **pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Palanski

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Palanski**

**Yes- Mr. Messina
Yes- Mr. Connelly**

ORDINANCE 15-11 PASSED 4-0 VOTE

MOTION that Ordinance #19-11 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending part three thereof, which will prohibit the issuance of permits for projects that cannot be completed to final pavement restoration before the expiration of the 30 day permit.
pass FIRST reading by title.

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Palanski

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Palanski**

**Yes- Mr. Messina
Yes- Mr. Connelly**

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #71-11 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon designating the City Manager as the Chief Financial Officer for the Non Uniform Pension Plans **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Palanski

Second: Mr. Messina

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

**Yes – Mr. Connelly
Yes – Mr. Heutsche**

MOTION that Resolution #75-11 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Messina

Second: Mr. Palanski

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Palanski**

**Yes- Mr. Messina
Yes – Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #76-11 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon appointing Hannah McCarthy to the Beautification Committee” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Palanski

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

**Yes – Mr. Heutsche
Yes – Mr. Palanski**

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 # 74-11 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 City Manager and Finance Director, or in the absence of a Finance Director, the Treasurer, to pay the bills submitted on Schedule A to Council" **be adopted.**

MOTION to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2011 Regular Council Meeting” **be adopted.**

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. Palanski

Second: Mr. Messina

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Palanski
Yes - Mr. Heutsche**

**Yes – Mr. Messina
Yes – Mr. Connelly**

<u>COMMENTS:</u>

NEWS MEDIA:

Courtney Saylor –

CITIZENS:

Carol Swartz asked what taxes will be in 2012 compared to 2011? Mr. Connelly replied that they will be the same. Carol then asked if Budd St. would be kept open. Mr. Connelly explained that it was still in litigation. Brian Kepple explained that the Landlords Committee adopted bi-laws and expect some good ideas next month when they meet again. Mr. Connelly thanked Brian and the Scheetz family for working with the committee.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

He wanted to thank Mr. Messina for his service even though he only was able to work with him for a few months. Mr. Andrejchak wanted council and everyone to know that he established residency about a month ago.

MR. CONNELLY: Mr. Connelly wanted to take a minute to have Mr. Messina come forward because it is his last meeting and Council wanted to present Mr. Messina with a Plaque. Mr. Connelly expressed that he would miss him and wanted to thank him for his insight and explain that Mr. Messina brought a different angle to different issues. Mr. Connelly also wanted to remind everyone that the Reorganizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 3, 2012 with a Special meeting following. He also stated that the Council Workshop would be Thursday January 5, 2012 and the Regular January meeting will change but changes will be on the website along with November’s meeting change. He ended with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MR. DONATO:

Not Present

MR. HEUTSCHE:

Mr. Heutsche wanted to thank Mr. Messina for his service because it is not any easy job and it does wear on you. He added that it is a thankless job but again thanked him for his time.

MR. PALANSKI:

He wanted to thank Mr. Messina for his time he took from his family. He also wanted to thank Mr. Donato even though he was not present stating he gave so much time with Fire, Council and coaching. Mr. Palanski also wanted to compliment Mr. Andrejchak and told him he had a lot on his plate. He ended with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

MR. MESSINA:

Mr. Messina said he was born and raised in Sharon and told his wife he wanted to help and his wife said "go for it". He said he met a lot of nice people and has learned so much. Mr. Messina wanted to challenge everyone to get involved and he has a new found respect for all departments and good things are happening in Sharon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Messina

Second: Mr. Heutsche

Vote: Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Palanski

Yes - Mr. Messina
Yes - Mr. Connelly



Council President

Attest:



City Clerk