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David Koerth
Taylor Galaska



Robert Fiscus, City Manager
William J. Madden, City Solicitor
Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Held in Council Chambers **AND** Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

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| ✓ <u>President Bundrant</u> | ✓ <u>Mr. Koerth</u> |
| ✓ <u>Mr. James</u> | ✓ <u>Mr. Galaska</u> |
| ✓ <u>Mr. Sizer</u> | |

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| ✓ <u>Robert Fiscus, City Manager</u> | <u>News Media:</u> |
| ✓ <u>Attorney Madden, City Solicitor</u> | ✓ <u>The Herald</u> |
| ✓ <u>Daphne Parrish, City Clerk</u> | |

Department Heads:

- ✓ Jason Tomko, Finance Director
- ✓ Edward Stabile, Chief of Police
- ✓ David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Dump/Plow Trucks – Mr. Fiscus said part of the continued challenges with snow removal this year are due to maintenance on equipment and mechanical failures. The one-ton truck used for the alleys is the oldest piece of equipment and struggles the most. In researching replacement of equipment, it became apparent if we want equipment for next year, it must be bought now. If a new truck were ordered now, it would not be built until September and available March-April of 2023. Diehl Ford has been helpful and had multiple trucks available on the lot that would work with upgrades. Due to the process of approval to buy, we missed some opportunities. There is at least one truck available now and Mr. Fiscus asked Council to approve purchases tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Robert Astey, 402 Spencer Avenue, has lived near the traffic light at Spencer for 44 years and witnessed many accidents. He said no right turn on red has no teeth; people do not pay attention to signs. He suggested staggering lights from Smith Avenue heading toward Spencer Avenue to force traffic to slow down.
- Mary Ann DePofi, 211 South Barry Road, Greenville, said her son was Michael Davies, who died from the accident on November 5, 2021. Her opinion is to make Spencer Avenue a dead-end road before anybody else has to go through what her family is going through. It will be an inconvenience, but once people are used to the change, we will be done with accidents. She does not want to see another life lost. Mrs. Bundrant said she is sorry for her loss; she knew Michael and he was a wonderful person.
- Representative Mark Longietti said the Resolution on tonight's agenda to allocate \$1,000,000 from ARPA funds to the Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania to create an endowment is a wonderful opportunity to use funds for transformational reasons. This endowment fits all three criteria of: creating the greatest impact with the funds; creating the longest-lasting impact from the funds; leveraging additional dollars. Representative Longietti encouraged Council to pass the Resolution. He thanked Tom Roberts for his hard work and recognizing the funds from Penn State University. The ARPA money gives the opportunity to put up the match to double the funds. Economic development is a big part of transforming the City and to provide opportunities for current and future businesses.

- Tammy Surles, 1226 Heinz Avenue, said she lives on the east side of Heinz Avenue and does not have a driveway. She has two children with disabilities and asked how long this parking change will be in place. Mr. Fiscus said the proposed Ordinance will prohibit parking on the east side of Heinz Avenue for perpetuity unless changed by future legislation. Mr. Fiscus asked Ms. Surles to contact his office for assistance.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #01-22, introduced January 19, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 480 to add No Parking on the east side of Heinz Avenue between Thornton and Bluff

Public Hearing for Ordinance #02-22, introduced January 19, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 444 to prohibit right turns on red at two intersections: Spencer Avenue southbound at the Shenango Valley Freeway and Service Avenue southbound at the Shenango Valley Freeway

Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-22, introduced January 19, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 230, Tax Collection to allow periodic payments through December 31 of each year

No questions or comments.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance 01-22 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 Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Eight, “Parking”, Chapter 480, “Parking Generally”, Section .01, “No Parking Streets”, to add thereto the east side of Heinz Avenue Between Thornton and Bluff” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance 02-22 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 Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 444, “Traffic Control Devices, “Section 444.05, “Traffic Lights at Particular Intersections”, Subsection (D), “Right Turns on Red Prohibited”, to add thereto additional intersections at which no right turn on red is permitted being Spencer Avenue, southbound at the Shenango Valley Freeway, and Service Avenue, southbound at the Shenango Valley Freeway” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. James
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Ordinance 03-22 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 Six, “Administration”, Chapter 230, “Tax Collection”, to amend Section 01, to allow installment payment of City Real Estate Tax in two equal installments through December 31st of the year in which they are assessed” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. James
Vote: YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #16-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal from J&T Paving, Inc., for general construction services for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant #C000063807 – Moe’s Walkway project; amount of project not to exceed \$248,582” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #17-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to approve the Michael Miniea Subdivision Plan” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #18-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the contractor bid for the Sharon Multi Modal Transportation Phase III Paving Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc; amount not to exceed \$1,217,261.89” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. James
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #19-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the City of Sharon’s Single Audit Report as of December 31, 2020” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #20-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the Compliance Audits of the City of Sharon’s Police, Firemen’s, and Municipal Employees’ Pension Plans for the period January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #21-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing a Change Order to the New Video Surveillance System for the City of Sharon Municipal Building Project with Horizon Information Services; net increase to the contract not to exceed \$3,335” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #22-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #22-01 Bid to SereDay Trucking, Inc., amount not to exceed \$260,750” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. James
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #25-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the creation of an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Western PA to be used for economic development and new business creation in downtown Sharon; amount not to exceed \$1,000,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer
Vote: YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #26-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal from Holko Enercon Inc. for a roof replacement project at the North Sharon Firehall building; amount not to exceed \$27,387” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James
Vote: YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #27-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing ARPA funds for the Downtown Development Director and Downtown Events Coordinator positions for a one-year period; amount not to exceed \$100,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #28-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to purchase two (2) Dump/Plow trucks; amount not to exceed \$160,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James
Vote: YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. James
YES Mrs. Bundrant

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 #23-22 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 Financial Officer to pay bills on attached Schedule “A” **be adopted.**

MOTION approving minutes from the January 19, 2022, Council Meeting **be adopted.**

MOTION that Resolution #24-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Authorities” be adopted.

- Sharon Board of Health
 - Dr. John Gallagher (5-year term)
 - Dr. George Garrow (4-year term)
 - Nicole Tarr (2-year term)
 - Tracy Schliep (1-year term)
- Sharon Sanitary Authority
 - Robert Lucas
- Sharon Recreation Commission
 - Adam Ciambotti
 - Markee Juranovich
- Sharon Planning Commission
 - Tyler Cole
 - Marissa Atterholt

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: No comments.

CITIZENS: Debbie Pickens, 629 Sherman Avenue, asked whose responsibility it is to shovel walks on condemned properties. Mr. Fiscus said it is the responsibility of the property owner but can be challenging if it is a zombie property. Ms. Pickens said a rental home three houses from her property has piles of garbage and the garage is full of stuff. Mr. Fiscus advised Ms. Pickens to meet with Dave Tomko after the meeting.

Richard Davies, 613 South Main Street, Hubbard, Ohio, said he was Michael Davies’s father. The change to prohibit right turns on red is fine but in the case of his son’s accident, he was turning left. The intersection is blind for traffic coming down the Freeway. He suggested the solution of making Spencer Avenue a dead-end road.

Deborah Roberson, 484 South Oakland Avenue, asked about the streets to be paved with the upcoming Multi Modal project. Jason Tomko read the list of 15 streets: Carley, Glenwood, Griswold, Harry, Isabella, Kimberly, Miller, Paul, Saunders, Service, South Myers, Spencer, Strawbridge, Westerman, and White. Ms. Roberson asked when South Oakland will be paved; it is a busy thoroughfare. Mr. Fiscus said he will review it and try to identify funds to be used. He said CDBG funds can be used in some neighborhoods, and we have had success using Multi Modal funds in other areas.

Herman Griffith, 1082 Woodland Place, asked if the City gets together with utility companies before streets are paved; the streets get paved and then torn up. Mr. Fiscus said we collaborate and coordinate with Aqua. In our collaboration with Aqua, we have been able to almost double our paving. Sometimes the streets are torn up due to emergencies.

Etta Porterfield, New Castle Avenue, asked if there is an Ordinance regarding parking semi-trucks on City streets. Mr. Fiscus said he would like to review and asked Ms. Porterfield to call or stop at his office.

Beverly Palermo, 725 Spencer Avenue, said she lives on the other side of Spencer and there is road rage there. They go through the stop sign, and something needs to be done. She said Michael Davies was her great-nephew. She is not sure how to solve the problem on the other side of Spencer Avenue and asked if they will get all the diverted traffic. She asked about potholes and requested that Spencer Avenue not be forgotten.

MR. JAMES: No comments.

MR. SIZER: No comments.

MR. KOERTH: No comments.

MR. GALASKA: No comments.

MRS. BUNDRANT: There were a lot of positive things on tonight's agenda. The City is making progress and she is proud of the items on the agenda. She thanked everyone for attending tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM