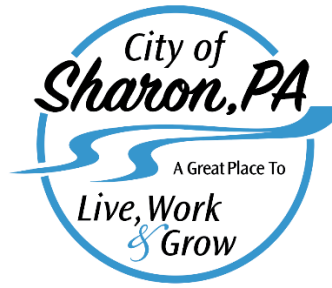


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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held in Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at **6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President Bundrant - Excused | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Koerth |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Galaska |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Sizer | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Fiscus, City Manager | <u>News Media:</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney Madden, City Solicitor | <input type="checkbox"/> The Herald |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daphne Parrish, City Clerk | |

Department Heads:

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

PROCLAMATION

- Proclamation in Memory of Patrolman Zaddock M. Dismuke IV

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Change Order #3 – Green Light Go Traffic Signal Update Project – This change order will include additional curbing and concrete sidewalk and relocate signage for the Speedway intersection project
- Change Order #4 – West State Street and Morrison Street Roadway Replacement Project – This change order will address an approximately \$1,200 overrun on the project

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Courtney Saylor, 362 Spencer Avenue, asked for an explanation on Ordinance #11-22 on the agenda for a first reading, amending the Sharon Zoning Ordinance relating to Hotels. Mr. Fiscus said this proposed zoning change was discussed in depth at the July Workshop and creates an overlay for all residential neighborhoods to allow a hotel if specific requirements were met, including a 4-Star or 4-Diamond rating, and offering a level of services and amenities. Ms. Saylor asked if the Ordinance would affect the Shenango Inn. Mr. Fiscus said the Ordinance would affect the entire city and allow for possible development of hotels, as long as all assurances and requirements are met. Ms. Saylor said the Zoning Board passed the variance for a potential buyer of the Shenango Inn who subsequently backed out and asked if this variance is still attached to the property or if this Ordinance will supersede it. Mr. Fiscus said that variance approval was appealed by the City; it went to the County Court, was upheld, and came back to City Council. Mr. Fiscus recommended City Council entertain an Ordinance for a zoning change to lead to a better pathway to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. If the first reading of the Ordinance passes, it will then be sent to Mercer County Regional Planning and Sharon Planning Commission for review, and they will make recommendations to City Council. The City's Zoning Ordinance provides for special exemptions or conditions, and this would become one if it is passed by Council. The new owner would need to make an application to the Zoning Hearing Board and a public hearing would be held in that case.

Ms. Saylor asked about Resolution #64-22, the bid for the Library Roof project. The Keystone Grant covered the roof and other items such as LED lights, security cameras and fire alarms. She asked if these items are covered in this bid. Jason Tomko said those will be separate items. When bids were requested, only roof bids were received; the other items will be addressed later.

James Epstein, 1339 Kimberly Road, said he addressed his opinions regarding the Shenango Hotel project at the last meeting. He thanked Council for taking his considerations into account as well as the assurances if a hotel is developed in the R-1 Zoning District. He thanked Mr. Fiscus for his communications on this issue. The assurances in the Ordinance are specific and will hold any hotel developer to a high standard.

David McLaren, 1113 Haig Street, said there are two motions giving the Library \$550,000, and asked if any other communities are putting money into the project. Mr. Fiscus said no, but other communities do participate in annual allocations to the Library. The City of Sharon is the host and applicant for the grant money; a portion of the money will be financed, and the debt service amount falls within the City's budgeted annual allocation amount. Mr. Sizer said Resolution #64-22 is to approve the project bid and Resolution #68-22 is to approve financing.

Mr. McLaren asked about Resolution #61-22, and if the businesses are established in Sharon or new businesses coming in. Mr. Sizer said one grant will assist with a project to develop student housing for Penn State Shenango; one grant is for a restaurant to add a new location in downtown. Mr. Fiscus said one grant will be used by a current business to construct a new building. Mr. Fiscus said there will be a press release and applicants will be formally notified after Council approves the grants.

Mr. McLaren asked for an updated amount of the spending of the \$14 million of ARPA funds. Mr. Fiscus said this information is read at each Workshop.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #10-22, introduced June 15, 2022 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, approving an EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK for all managerial, supervisory, confidential and all other non-union employees of the City of Sharon

No questions or comments.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance 10-22 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth general goals and standards which shall be known as the EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK for all managerial, supervisory, confidential and all other non-union employees of the City of Sharon" **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance 11-22 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Sharon Zoning Ordinance of the City, Article 3, Section 306 and 309 to provide as an additional use as a special exception: Hotel, but only in compliance with stated conditions" **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #59-22 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the City of Sharon 2022 Fiscal Year Annual Action Plan" **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #60-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order #3 to the contract with M and B Services LLC for the Green Light Go Traffic Signal Upgrade Project for additional curb work, additional concrete sidewalk, and relocation of existing signage; total increase to the contract not to exceed \$4,650” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Galaska

Vote: YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

MOTION that Resolution #61-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to award four (4) Sharon Revitalization and Investment Grants; total amount of awards not to exceed \$1,150,000, and one (1) Start-Up Cost and New Restaurant Grant; total amount not to exceed \$150,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. James

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Koerth

MOTION that Resolution #62-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to request a Multi Modal Transportation Fund Grant, amount not to exceed \$1,590,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Truck Traffic Revitalization Project” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. James

MOTION that Resolution #63-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #22-02 – Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grant Bid to Siegel Excavating, LLC, amount of contract not to exceed \$147,900” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Sizer

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Galaska

MOTION that Resolution #64-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the roof construction project bid for the Community Library of the Shenango Valley to Genesis Roofing and Construction; amount not to exceed \$301,500” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Galaska

Vote: YES Mr. James

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

MOTION that Resolution #67-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase 34 complete Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units and fill compressor; amount not to exceed \$397,623” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. James

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. James

 Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Koerth

MOTION that Resolution #68-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to enter a 10-year lease term with Bank Capital Services LLC/dba FNB Equipment Finance, a subsidiary of First National Bank of PA at an interest rate of 4.75 percent. Lease to be used for building improvements/roofing project of the Community Library of the Shenango Valley; amount not to exceed \$250,000” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #69-22 entitled, “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order #4 to Contract 21-05 with Whitman Requardt & Associates, LLP – West State Street and Morrison Street Roadway Replacement Project to include the changes listed on attached Contract Change Order #4; net increase to the contract will be \$1,291.54” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. James
 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 #65-22 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 June 15, 2022, Council Meeting and the July 6, 2022, Special Council Meeting **be adopted.**

MOTION that Resolution #66-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Authorities” **be adopted.**

- Shenango Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation
 - Robert Fiscus – Reappointment – 4 Year Term

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

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

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: No comments.

CITIZENS:

Troy Clark, CBD Store Manager, asked if there is a way to overturn the Ordinance that prohibits putting signs on telephone poles. He is trying to use signage to revive his business and will follow up to make sure signs do not become trash. Mr. Sizer said posting signs on telephone poles is prohibited by state law. Mr. Fiscus suggested Mr. Clark contact David Tomko and if something comes from that meeting, Mr. Tomko will bring it to Council for review.

Courtney Saylor, 362 Spencer Avenue, said she is grateful for the resurfacing of the roads in her neighborhood. She asked the status of the intersection of Spencer Avenue and Connelly Boulevard. Mr. Sizer said this issue has been discussed at the last three meetings and workshops. There has not yet been any official action; this will take time as a lot of parties are involved. Mr. Fiscus said he has an upcoming meeting scheduled with PennDOT.

Reverend Lisa McCoy of Greater New and Living Way Synagogue introduced herself and Associate Pastor Alvin Eric. She is here to learn more about the City and help the community to be better and safer.

Ben Griffin, 528 Dwyer Way, asked if PennDOT has authority if the City closes Spencer or Service at Route 62. Mr. Fiscus said we would need PennDOT's approval because they intersection with PennDOT streets. Mr. Fiscus said PennDOT collaborates with the City and respects the elected officials of the City of Sharon. Mr. Sizer said this will be confirmed at an upcoming meeting with PennDOT and will be reported at a future workshop.

MR. JAMES: Mr. James said noise from cars is getting out of hand again. He asked if the Ordinance can be reviewed and enforced.

MR. SIZER: None.

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth asked if there is a timeline on the closing on the Wengler Avenue Bridge. Mr. Fiscus said the City was notified recently that it is a permanent closure. Mr. James said the City was notified about four years ago the bridge was in bad shape and the state never did any repairs or upgrades.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM