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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at **7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

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

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

Department Heads:

Jason Tomko, Finance Director - Excused
 Edward Stabile, Chief of Police
 David Tomko, Director of Code Enforcement
 Mark Settle, Public Works Director

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Multimodal Transportation Fund Grants
 - Street Paving Project – If approved by Council, the City will apply for a PennDOT Multimodal Project Grant for street resurfacing and ADA ramps. The total cost is projected at approximately \$4.3 million. The grant is for 70 percent of the total costs with a 30% City match, or approximately \$1.2 million. The streets that would be included in the project are named on the attached list.
 - Truck Route Project – If approved by Council, the City will apply for a PennDOT Multimodal Project Grant for \$2.1 million to be used for the Truck Traffic Revitalization Project. The grant is for 70 percent of the total costs with a 30% City match. An identical DCED Grant was applied for which was not denied, but this second grant opportunity opened up with PennDOT. Mr. Sizer asked when work would begin if the grants were approved and received. Mr. Fiscus said it is typically three to four years from application of the grant until the work begins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #18-22 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requiring, in accords with Act 57 of 2022, the City of Sharon Tax Collector, beginning January 1, 2023, to waive all additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer complies with all the requirements as set forth” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

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

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mrs. Bundrant

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #96-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Koerth

 Mr. James

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #97-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving Shenango Valley Shuttle Service’s Title VI Program, including all components of the Program, including service standards and policies” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #98-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Community Development Block Grant Program, which captures accomplishments from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Galaska

 Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #99-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #22-04 Bid to SereDay Trucking, Inc., amount not to exceed \$186,000” **be adopted.**

**Mr. Sizer asked if the contract includes a provision that the property cannot be seeded until spring. Mr. Fiscus said yes; and it will be seeded with clover.

Motion: Mr. Sizer

Vote: YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

 Mr. James

Second: Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #100-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, reappointing Francis Connelly to the Sharon Sanitary Authority Board; appointment is subject to approval by the Mercer County Commissioners” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

Second: Mr. Sizer

 Mr. James

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #101-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to request a grant from Multimodal Transportation Fund, from PennDOT of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for Road Repaving Project, to include, but not limited to, road paving and improvements, ADA compliance, sidewalk and curb replacement and improvements, signage, and engineering; amount of grant not to exceed \$3,000,000” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Vote: Mr. James

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Mr. Sizer

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #102-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to request a grant from Multimodal Transportation Fund, from PennDOT of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for Truck Traffic Revitalization Project, to include, but not limited to, road paving improvements, ADA compliance, sidewalk and curb replacement and improvements, signage, and engineering; amount of grant not to exceed \$2,150,000” **be adopted.**

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

Second: **Mr. Sizer**
YES **Mr. Sizer**
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 #103-22 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 October 19, 2022, Council Meeting **be adopted.**

MOTION that Resolution #104-22 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Commissions” **be adopted.**

- Sharon Board of Health
 - Tracy Schliep – Reappointment (5-year term)
- Sharon Arts Commission
 - Courtney Saylor – Reappointment (5-year term)
 - Alane Jewel – Reappointment (5-year term)
- Sharon Community and Economic Development
 - Brian Kepple – Reappointment (3-year term)
 - Carl Sizer – Reappointment (3-year term)
- Recreation Commission
 - Brian Kepple – Reappointment (3-year term)
 - Geno Rossi – Reappointment (3-year term)
 - Julie Norris – Reappointment (3-year term)
- Police Pension Fund
 - Carl Sizer – Reappointment (3-year term) Council Representative
- Shenango Valley Animal Shelter Board
 - David Koerth – Reappointment (3-year term)
- Sharon Planning Commission
 - Clancy Atkinson – Reappointment (4-year term)
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - Robert Means – Reappointment (3-year term)

Motion: **Mrs. Bundrant**
Vote: **YES** **Mr. Sizer**
YES **Mr. Galaska**
Mr. James

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

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Fiscus invited everyone to attend Small Business Saturday which is a day-long event and includes lighting of the Christmas Tree. Happy Thanksgiving.

NEWS MEDIA: None

CITIZENS:

Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street, asked Sherris Moreira about her visit with the Mayor of New Castle. He asked if they have a Downtown Development team in New Castle. Ms. Moreira said they were inquiring about Sharon's program and requested job descriptions.

Mr. McLaren asked how much the City paid for the bank building. Mr. Fiscus said the amount was approximately \$330,000.

Mr. McLaren asked who owns the properties on North Sharpsville Avenue that is the recipient of ARPA grants. Mr. Fiscus said some of the properties are owned by JCL Development. Mr. Fiscus said businesses are identified and/or contact the City to request information on the available programs.

Mr. McLaren asked about \$5,000 in ARPA funds given to the Sharon High School Park, as reported in The Herald. Mr. Fiscus said this was a misprint; \$5,000 was given to the Bike Park.

Mr. McLaren asked the location of this evening's Sharon Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Bundrant said it was a phone-in meeting through the Teams App; information is posted on the City's webpage. At tonight's meeting, the Commission discussed funding for the Truck Traffic project, requested the GIS mapping log-in for the City, and asked if the City budgeted for a Planning Commission staff person. Mr. McLaren asked if the Planning Commission discussed the zoning of the Shenango Inn property and the proposed Dollar Store on Sharpsville Avenue. Mrs. Bundrant said this would be the responsibility of the Zoning Board.

Kim Curry, Spruce Avenue, asked if Edgewood Drive, between Cedar Avenue and Spruce, could be added to the list of streets for the Multimodal Grant project. Mr. Fiscus said it cannot be added to this list but can be identified for a possible change order or a future project.

Ms. Curry asked about the closing of the Wengler Bridge at the Freeway and if ARPA funds could be utilized for repairs. Mr. Fiscus said the bridge is a County-owned asset and was permanently closed by the County. Repairs to the bridge would likely be \$1 million. He would like the road to be permanently reconstructed rather than the use of barricades

Ms. Curry asked if there are any recreation projects planned similar to Shenango Township, such as ice rinks or pickleball courts. Mrs. Bundrant said there are no plans at this time, other than the facilities at Buhl Park. Ms. Moreira said PSU plans to put in indoor pickleball and basketball courts in the former Carine building, which will be available to the public. Mrs. Bundrant said we are always looking for recreation opportunities, which require space and funding. Ms. Curry said there is space available at the Wengler School property. Mrs. Bundrant said the property is owned by the School.

Ms. Curry asked for an update on the ARPA funds to be distributed to businesses. Mr. Fiscus said the application period for larger grants closed on April 29th. Grants for new business attraction remains open. The total amount was \$800,000 and more than half has been drawn down. Awarding of grants is temporarily on hold until January. More details will be available at the December Workshop. In addition, there are infrastructure needs within the City and approximately \$4 million is set aside for these needs; we are awaiting results of engineering studies.

Ms. Curry asked about HOME Grants for Housing Rehab and if the City can apply for the grant for next year. Mr. Fiscus said he will research the grant.

MR. JAMES:

MR. SIZER: None

MR. KOERTH: None

MR. GALASKA: None

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant echoed Mr. Fiscus regarding Small Business Saturday, which will begin at 9:00 AM on November 26th with a ribbon cutting at the roundabout. The small businesses will have promotions inside their shops. Ms. Moreira said there will be a ceremony honoring Representative Mark Longietti beginning at 5:00 PM and Santa will arrive at 6:00 PM.

Mrs. Bundrant said the first 2023 Budget Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.