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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:39 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

President Bundrant
 Mr. Sizer
 Mr. James

Mr. Koerth
 Mr. Galaska

Robert Fiscus, City Manager
 Attorney Madden, City Solicitor
 Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

News Media:
 The Herald

Department Heads:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Bundrant suggested tabling the reappointment of Mr. Walker under the Boards and Commissions to allow time to reach out to Mr. Walker for more information. Mr. Sizer said he is generally in support of the appointments unless Mr. Walker is unable to come to meetings.
- Dave Mc Laren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren asked for more information on proposed Ordinance #11-23 which is changing, amending, and restating the City's Excavation Ordinance. Mrs. Bundrant provided Mr. McLaren a copy of the proposed Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #11-23, introduced November 15, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, revising, amending and restating Chapter 1020 of the Codified Ordinances

Public Hearing for Ordinance #13-23, introduced November 15, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police

Public Hearing for Ordinance #14-23, introduced November 29, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, appropriating specific sums required for the specific purposes of City Government during fiscal year 2024.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #15-23 introduced November 29, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2024 for general city purposes.

No questions or public comments.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #11-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and restating Chapter 1020, Sections .01 through .99, “Excavations” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, in its totality and replacing in its entirety per attached draft” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #13-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Sharon and the Rose of Sharon Lodge #3 Fraternal Order of Police, setting forth wages, benefits and working conditions for the period beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #14-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be \$10,721,681 required for the specific purposes of City Government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2024.” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #15-23 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 2024 for general city purposes, the sum of 29.51 Mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #98-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Finance Director to open one bank account for Fire Escrow” **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 #99-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the City of Sharon’s Audit Report as of December 31, 2022” **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 #100-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing ARPA funds for engineering services from HHSDR for the Sharon Municipal Building Facility Study Project; amount not to exceed \$177,000” **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 #103-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, appointing William James 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 ABSTAIN
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 CITIZEN 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 #101-23 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 that Resolution #102-23 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 Recreation Commission
 - Tony Molinari (Reappointment)
 - Molly Bundrant – Non-Voting (Reappointment)
- Zoning Appeals Board
 - Gary Byers (Reappointment)
 - Cindi Byers – Alternate (Reappointment)
- Sharon Redevelopment Authority
 - Clancy Atkinson (Reappointment)
 - Julie Dolan (Reappointment)
- ~~Code Appeals Board~~ TABLED
 - ~~Samuel Walker (Reappointment)~~ TABLED
- ~~Sharon Human Relations Commission~~ TABLED
 - ~~Samuel Walker (Reappointment)~~ TABLED
- Sharon Beautification Commission
 - Mark Macey (Appointment)
 - Gary Rose (Reappointment)

MOTION approving minutes from the November 15, 2023, Council Meeting and the November 15, 2023, Budget Public Hearing, **be adopted.**

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

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

COMMENTS:

CITIZENS:

- Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren asked if Council has set the 2024 meeting schedule and times. Mrs. Bundrant said it will be addressed at the reorganization meeting.
- Mr. McLaren asked about parking in downtown. He there are three less parking spots on State Street near the former Willson’s building as lines are now painted there. Mrs. Bundrant said the lines were painted in accordance with PennDOT regulations since it is a state route. Mr. Fiscus said the lines were painted by the Street Department following City Ordinances and PennDOT regulations. It was done correctly and was most likely wrong in the past.
- Aiden Martin, 344 Russell Street; Mr. Martin asked, “what is an important issue to the people of our community”. Mrs. Bundrant said the number one issue when she was first elected to Council was blight; a lot of people were upset their neighborhoods were not cleaned up. We feel like we have made a lot of progress in the last few years. Mr. Martin asked what is being done about it. Mrs. Bundrant said the City’s Code Department is amazing and they organize clean ups of alleyways and neighborhoods where it is especially bad. They work with the Beautification Commission and volunteers, and they all get together and clean up, mow lawns, and other things to make the neighborhoods safer and more beautiful Mr. Martin asked, “how can young people help”? Mrs. Bundrant said young people can help by staying active; you can join a commission, you can volunteer. We have worknights every Monday at 5:00 PM while the weather is nice. We encourage young kids to get involved. West Hill students were getting involved and once you are in the High School sometimes the teams get involved. You can start on your own. On your way home by picking up trash with some gloves on and putting in a bag and doing your own neighborhood.

CITY MANAGER: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: No comments.

MR. SIZER: Mr. Sizer thanked Sherris Moreira for the work that goes into planning Small Business Saturday. It was a nice day, the weather was good, and downtown was busy.

Mr. Sizer thanked Attorney Madden for everything he has done for the City.

Mr. Sizer told Mr. James he appreciated working together the last four years and he provided a perspective as a former City employee that all of Council benefited from. Mr. James always had a good beat of what was going on in the City and he will be missed.

MR. KOERTH: No comments.

MR. GALASKA: No comments.

MR. JAMES: Mr. James thanked everyone on Council. He thanked Bob and Jason for making his job easy and everything they have done and moving the City forward. There is tremendous change from 12 years ago. He said attitudes are different, commissions are different, and they are phenomenal. He thanked all the city residents who voted him in; it has been an experience.

MRS. BUNDRANT: Mrs. Bundrant read aloud City Council’s proclamation to Mr. James.

Mrs. Bundrant said Mr. Madden has resigned/retired as Solicitor for the City. Representative Parke Wentling came tonight to present to Mr. Madden a citation from the House of Representatives. She read aloud City Council’s proclamation to Mr. Madden.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM