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

SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at **7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Council:

President Bundrant
 Mr. Sizer - Excused
 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance #02-23, introduced April 19, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, authorizing entering into two cooperative intergovernmental agreements with the Western Reserve Transit Authority to provide administration of Federal Mass Transit Funds

Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-23, introduced April 19, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, amending the Codified Ordinances, Chapter 209, General Fee schedule.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #04-23, introduced April 19, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING, adopting a Credit Card Policy

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #02-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Sharon to enter into two (2) cooperative intergovernmental agreements between it and the Western Reserve Transit Authority relative to providing administration of Federal Mass Transit Funds” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #03-23 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 Two, “General Provisions”, Chapter 209, General Fee Schedule”, Section .04, “Schedule”, to change the fee for certain enumerated services or materials supplied” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

MOTION that Ordinance #04-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Credit Card Policy” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #37-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing participation in the Mercer County Gas Consortium and designating and authorizing Jason Tomko, Finance Director and Jessica Flynn, Assistant Finance Director as representatives of the City of Sharon” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #38-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to its PY 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #39-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for construction inspection services from QES Engineering Inspection for the South Irvine Avenue Sidewalk and Paving Project; amount not to exceed \$83,110.24” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #40-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, accepting the proposal for engineering services from Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc., for the ARLE Grant, West State Street signal Improvements Project; amount not to exceed \$35,000” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Mr. James
YES Mr. Koerth
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 #41-23 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 approving minutes from the April 19, 2023, Council Meeting **be adopted**.

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. James

Vote: YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mr. James

Mr. Sizer

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Galaska

COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER: No comments.

NEWS MEDIA: No comments.

MR. JAMES: Mr. James said Mercer County Transit needs drivers to fill their routes. The pay rate is \$15.00 per hour for part-time and \$17.00 per hour for full-time.

COG requested an increase in the amount we contribute. There is a \$9,000 shortfall on the pool and approximately \$25,000 shortfall on transportation funds. These shortfalls can only be funded by municipalities. Mr. Fiscus asked where these shortfalls came from as we pay an annual allotment which increases substantially every year. Mr. James said it is a combination of overhead costs, wages, and money lost from us administering funds to them administering funds as a result of the 2022 Census results. Mrs. Bundrant asked if this increase would be next year. Mr. James said yes, he would assume so. Mr. Fiscus asked if the \$9,000 pool shortfall would be spread out to the participating municipalities. Mr. James said yes, and he was surprised to receive a survey showing a lot of people from Sharon use the West Middlesex pool. Mr. Fiscus said the pool funding would be challenging; the City has never contributed directly to a pool, and this would need to be budgeted for. The challenge is that many people utilize the Buhl Park Pool, and this would create competing factors. Mr. Fiscus said this could be discussed at budget time.

MR. SIZER:

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth suggested forming a committee in the next 2-3 months to review the Charter. This review would include Attorney Madden, and change things in need of change. Mrs. Bundrant said we can look into it. Mr. James said this is required to be brought up to the voters.

MR. GALASKA: No comments.

MRS. BUNDRANT: No comments.

CITIZENS: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM