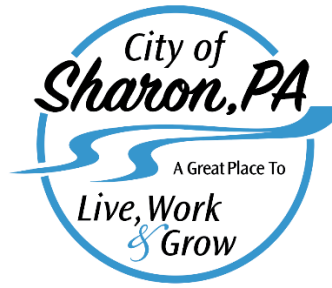


**BUREAU OF COUNCIL**  
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**Carl Sizer, Vice President**  
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**SHARON CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:32 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**

- Change Order #3 to Morrison Street Project - Mr. Fiscus said Change Order #3 to the Morrison Street Roadway Improvement Project will decrease the contract by \$4,362.
- Proposed Ordinance #10-23 - Police Pension Plan – Mr. Fiscus said Council voted on the first reading of this Ordinance at the last meeting which included language that a part-time SRO would not be eligible to participate in the Police Pension Plan and remove the reduction in compensation for rehired retirees. Following discussions with the FOP, the language was amended slightly to include part-time, per diem and seasonal police officers. The Ordinance will revert to a first reading.
- Mr. Fiscus requested an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and provide an update regarding ongoing CBA negotiations with the FOP.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

- Melissa Klaric from The Herald asked for more information on the Triangle Park Project. Mr. Fiscus said in proposed Resolution #80-23 the project was referred to as the Triangle Park Project and is a continuation of the project at the former Huntington Bank site. The next step is funded and will remove the parking lot and road surface between the two lots and extend the grassy area. This year the City will apply for additional funding to redo the walkway along the river, remove the cantilever, replace lighting, and create some park amenities. The grant request is for \$1-million and the goal is to continue making progress in each off-season.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #07-23, introduced August 2, 2023 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,** amending the Codified Ordinances to change the application fee from \$200 to \$500 for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #08-23, introduced September 20, 2023, - SECOND AND FINAL READING,** amending the Codified Ordinances to prohibit parking on the east side of Flowers Avenue, entire distance

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #09-23, introduced September 20, 2023, - SECOND AND FINAL READING,**  
amending the Codified Ordinances to require eastbound vehicles to stop at the intersection of Franklin Street and Vine Avenue

No questions or comments.

**ORDINANCES**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #07-23 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 application fee from \$200 to \$500 for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Ordinance #08-23 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 Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Eight, “Parking”, Chapter 480, “Parking Generally”, Section .01, “No Parking Streets” to add thereto Flowers Avenue, east side, the entire distance, between Glenwood Drive and East State Street” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Ordinance #09-23 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 Four, “Traffic Code”, Title Four, “Public Ways”, Chapter 440, “Special Uses of Public Ways”, Section .02, “Stop Streets” to require all vehicles traveling eastbound on Franklin Street to stop before entering the intersection of Franklin Street and Vine Avenue” **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Ordinance #10-23 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the City of Sharon Police Pension Plan to clarify the plan to make clear that part-time, per diem, and seasonal police officers are not eligible to participate in the plan and to remove the reduction in compensation for rehired retirees” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** that Resolution #78-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Shenango Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation” **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 #79-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a Downtown Sharon Truck Route Project” **be adopted.**

*\*\*Mr. Sizer asked if the grant for the Truck Route is from the Local Shares Grant and the grant for the Park is from Multimodal? Mr. Fiscus said yes.*

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #80-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for Phase One of the Triangle Park Project” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #81-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing utilizing ARPA funds for consulting services from Mackin Engineers & Consultants for the City of Sharon Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update; amount not to exceed \$74,854” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #82-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the OAG Drug Task Force Agreement between the City of Sharon and the Office of Attorney General” **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 #83-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the Demolition and Clearance Project #23-04 Bid to SereDay Trucking, Inc.; amount not to exceed \$137,500” **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 #84-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order #2 to the City of Sharon Morrison Street Improvement Roadway Replacement Project with Combine Construction, Inc., to design and build ramps in the field and thereby eliminate review of working drawings by the Owner/Engineer; total net decrease to the contract not to exceed \$1,500” **be adopted.**

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

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

**MOTION** that Resolution #85-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting Addendum to the Conditions of the City of Sharon and the Sharon Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 417 agreement to the SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) funded positions Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)” **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 #88-23 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 City of Sharon Morrison Street Improvement Roadway Replacement Project with Combine Construction, Inc., to add and deduct various items to the contract; total net increase of contract not to exceed \$4,362.90” **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 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 #86-23 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 September 6, 2023, Public Hearing for Liquor License, September 6, 2023, Special Council Meeting, and the September 20, 2023, Council Meeting **be adopted.**

**MOTION** that Resolution #87-23 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing appointments for certain Committees, Boards and Commissions” **be adopted.**

- Shenango Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation
  - Carl Sizer – Reappointment
  - David Stabile – Reappointment
  - David Grande - Appointment

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

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

**COMMENTS:**

**CITY MANAGER:** Mr. Fiscus said he and the Finance Department are actively working on the 2024 budget. The process has been difficult, and challenges were compounded by a 28 percent increase in healthcare insurance, totaling almost \$300,000. He expects to have a balanced budget to present to Council in the weeks to come.

**NEWS MEDIA:** None

**MR. JAMES:** None

**MR. SIZER:** None

**MR. KOERTH:** None

**MR. GALASKA:** None

**MRS. BUNDRANT:** Mrs. Bundrant said the ribbon cutting for the Penn State Shenango Launch Box was today and the project is now up and running. The project sounds fantastic and looks amazing. Also announced was the opening of the Sharon Economic Fund for businesses to apply for money to use for their Sharon business. An official press release will be forthcoming. We are proud that we are able to put funds toward Economic Development in Sharon and would like to encourage new businesses to come to Sharon and stay in Sharon. Information on the Economic Fund is available on the City's homepage.

**CITIZENS:** Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani asked if the Thai restaurant opened today. Mrs. Bundrant said the opening was pushed back to next Friday. Mr. Sizer said they will hold a dinner at Croakers this Friday and plan to open next Friday. Mr. Fiscus said the Grand Opening of Elephant #8 will be on October 28, as they wanted a date that had an Eight in it.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM**