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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

☒ **President Bundrant**

☒ **Mr. Sizer**

☒ **Mr. Koerth**

☒ **Mr. Galaska**

☒ **Ms. Heard**

☒ **Robert Fiscus, City Manager**

☒ **Attorney Stedman, City Solicitor**

☒ **Daphne Parrish, City Clerk**

News Media:

☒ **The Herald**

Department Heads:

☒ **Jason Tomko, Finance Director**

☒ **Edward Stabile, Chief of Police**

☐ **John Lenkey, Director of Code Enforcement**

☐ **Mark Settle, Public Works Director**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **ARLE – Traffic Signal Replacement Project Bid** – Mr. Fiscus said the City was awarded a grant for the West State Street Signal Improvement project, which will improve five signals on East State Street. The project went out for bid and the lowest bid was \$374,689.10, which he is asking for Council to approve. Mr. Sizer asked if the grant covers the cost of construction. Mr. Fiscus said yes.
- **International Property Maintenance Code Update** – Mr. Fiscus said there is an update to the International Property Maintenance Code on the agenda for first reading. This is the most current version of the Code; the Ordinance will include language for automatic renewals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- **Melissa Klaric, The Herald;** Ms. Klaric asked which intersections will receive the signal improvements under the ARLE Grant. Mr. Tomko said the project is for coordination/timing among the signals, not replacement. The intersections will be State Street at Dock, Railroad, Sharpsville, Water, and Shenango. Ms. Klaric asked for the total amount of the project. Mr. Tomko said the construction amount is \$374,689, and the total project is approximately \$400,000, which includes engineering costs. Ms. Klaric asked when the project would begin. Mr. Tomko said hopefully 45 days after the contract is signed; the ending date is unknown.

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #01-25 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, updating the International Property Maintenance Code, and clarifying the adoption of future versions of the Code” **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: **Mr. Koerth**

Vote: **YES** **Mr. Sizer**

YES **Mr. Galaska**

YES **Ms. Heard**

Second: **Ms. Heard**

YES **Mr. Koerth**

YES **Mrs. Bundrant**

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #12-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, approving the Final Lot 1 Lewis Consolidation Plan, which will consolidate Parcels 3 G 4 and 3 G 5” **be adopted.**

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

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

MOTION that Resolution #13-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the bid for the West State Street Signal Improvements – PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement Program project to M and B Services; amount of contract not to exceed \$374,689.10” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Koerth
YES Mr. Sizer

Second: Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mrs. Bundrant

MOTION that Resolution #14-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the Letter of Understanding between the Pennsylvania State Police and the City of Sharon Police Department, establishing expectations and accountability standards for participation in the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth
Vote: YES Mr. Galaska
YES Ms. Heard
YES Mr. Koerth

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

MOTION that Resolution #15-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to approve Change Order GC-1 to the Sharon City Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project; total decrease to the contract not to exceed \$4,190” **be adopted.**

Motion: Ms. Heard
Vote: YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Ms. Heard

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

MOTION that Resolution #16-25 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to sign and execute a Salt Participation Agreement with the PA Department of General Services for the period of August 2025 through July 2026, for the purchase of 2,400 tons of salt” **be adopted.**

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

Second: Mr. Sizer
YES Ms. Heard
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 #17-25 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 #18-25 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
 - Pamela Ladner, LPN
 - Sue Ann Herald

MOTION approving minutes from December 18, 2024, Council Meeting, January 6, 2025, Reorganization Meeting, January 6, 2025, Special Council Meeting, and January 15, 2025, Council Meeting” **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Koerth

Second: Mr. Galaska

Vote: YES Ms. Heard

YES Mr. Galaska

YES Mr. Koerth

YES Mrs. Bundrant

YES Mr. Sizer

COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER: None.

NEWS MEDIA: None.

MR. SIZER: Mr. Sizer asked Mr. Fiscus if he was aware that the County is replacing the Emergency Messaging System. Mr. Fiscus said yes. Mr. Sizer asked if this would benefit the City. Mr. Fiscus said he hopes it will. The current radio system is good for the City, but that is not true throughout all of the County. Mrs. Bundrant asked if the system will be an increased cost for the City. Mr. Fiscus said he does not have details, but believes it will be an exchange of equipment, and then moving forward the cost to the City will increase. The City’s current radios will become obsolete, and the replacements will be more expensive. Chief Stabile said the County indicated there will be a one-for-one exchange, then after the City takes possession of the radios, it is the City’s responsibility to maintain and replace.

MR. KOERTH: None.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MS. HEARD: None.

MRS. BUNDRANT: None.

CITIZENS:

- Bill Rigby, 525 Lorain Street; Mr. Rigby said in June he talked with the supervisor of the garage regarding “no parking” signs on the south side of Lorain Street, like were posted in the past. Parking is only permitted on the north side, and somebody is going to get hurt. This area is a traffic hazard with bad weather, garbage trucks and salt trucks, especially at the corner of Lafayette. In June Mr. Settle told Mr. Rigby the City did not have signs to put up, and was waiting for signs to come in. Mr. Fiscus will follow up with Mr. Settle.
- Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani asked about the guardrails on Dock Street. Mr. Fiscus said the state placed the guardrails for an upcoming bridge replacement project over Pine Run starting this summer. Ms. Testani asked if Water Street would have stop signs or red lights. Mr. Fiscus said the intention is for stop signs. Ms. Testani asked if Railroad Street would have a red light again. Mr. Fiscus said it will be a regular red light; the City is awaiting materials. Ms. Testani asked about streetlights on Budd Street; there are no lights between the Freeway and Dock. Chief Stabile said if the lights are there but not lit Penn Power will need to be notified.
- Jim Johnson, 415 Lincoln Street; Mr. Johnson asked why Lincoln Street was not taken care of until Monday at 10:00 AM. He worked from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, and it was terrible getting home, and this was not the first time it happened. He said he is not complaining about the Street Department they do great work. Mr. Fiscus said he was sorry that he had that experience; the Street Department takes a lot of pride in what they do, and he will let them know. He told Mr. Johnson he can call the City Building. Mr. Johnson told Mr. Fiscus as the City Manager it is his job to manage it. He said the only thing that you do for me is keep the roads clean so I can get home and get to work. Mr. Fiscus apologized again and advised Mr. Johnson to call his office. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Fiscus to call him and will provide his number after the meeting
- Anna Mari Mindicino, 1345 Highland Road; Ms. Mindicino introduced herself to Council; she is running for City Council in May. Mrs. Bundrant thanked her for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM