BUREAU OF COUNCIL Molly Bundrant, President Carl Sizer, Vice President David Koerth Taylor Galaska Sonja M. Heard



Robert Fiscus, City Manager Brett Stedman, City Solicitor Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

SHARON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AT <u>5:30</u> PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

Council:

President Bundrant - Excused

- 🖌 Mr. Sizer
- 🖌 Mr. Koerth

✓ Mr. Galaska
 ✓ Ms. Heard – via Phone

- 🖌 Robert Fiscus, City Manager
- ✓ Attorney Brett Stedman, City Solicitor
  ✓ Daphne Parrish, City Clerk

eitor 🗹 The Herald

**News Media:** 

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**

• Sharon Sanitary Authority Board Appointments – Mr. Fiscus said the Sharon Sanitary Authority Board is a separate Board, whose members are appointed by City Council. He asked Council to appoint himself and Carl Sizer to the Board. He talked with Frank Connelly, Board Chairman, and verified they will be available for the Board's meeting times.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani asked about the project covered by the bid awarded under Resolution 20-25, and what section of East State Street this includes. Mr. Fiscus said the project will be run along East State Street from Oakland Avenue to Sharpsville Avenue.

# PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

### Public Hearing for Ordinance #01-25, introduced February 19, 2025 - SECOND AND FINAL READING,

amending Chapter 1483 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances relating to the International Property Maintenance Code and periodic updates by the International Code Council

No questions or comments.

## **ORDINANCES**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #01-25 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Amending Chapter 1483 of the Sharon Code of Ordinances relating to the International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments, to update the current version of the Code, provide amendments to the Code, and provide for the periodic amendment of the Code upon their triennial update by the International Code Council" **Pass FINAL reading by title.** 

Motion: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer Second: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

Council Chambers Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM **MOTION** that Ordinance #02-25 entitled "An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, amending the Code of the City of Sharon pertaining to its police employees' pension plan to reflect changes that have been collectively bargained" **Pass FIRST reading by title.** 

Motion: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard YES Mr. Koerth Second: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** that Resolution #19-25 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, adopting the K9 Retirement Agreement, Sale of an Animal, and Waiver of Liability Agreement between the City of Sharon and Police Officer Andrew O'Shall" **<u>be adopted</u>**.

#### Motion: <u>Mr. Koerth</u>

Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard Second: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth \_\_\_\_\_Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #20-25 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, awarding the bid for the East State Street sidewalk and catch basin replacement/additions project to M and B Services; amount of contract not to exceed \$993,842.71" **<u>be adopted</u>**.

Motion: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska Second: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

<u>MOTION</u> that Resolution #21-25 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper city officials to apply for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant, and authorizing Jason Tomko, Finance Director, to sign the grant application on behalf of the City" <u>be adopted</u>.

Motion: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer Second: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

**MOTION** that Resolution #23-25 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, appointing Carl Sizer and Robert Fiscus to the Sharon Sanitary Authority Board; appointments are subject to approval by the Mercer County Commissioners" **<u>be adopted</u>**.

Motion: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer <u>YES</u> Mr. Galaska <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard

Second: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

### **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 #22-25 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" **<u>be adopted</u>**.

**MOTION** approving minutes from the February 19, 2025, Council Meeting" **<u>be adopted</u>**.

Motion: <u>Mr. Koerth</u> Vote: <u>YES</u> Mr. Koerth <u>YES</u> Mr. Sizer YES Mr. Galaska Second: <u>Mr. Galaska</u> <u>YES</u> Ms. Heard <u>Mrs. Bundrant</u>

## **COMMENTS**

**CITY MANAGER:** Mr. Fiscus said it is great to see the hospital re-opened as of Tuesday; they are seeing patients and providing services. Operations restarted with approximately 600 employees.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Melissa Klaric, The Herald; Ms. Klaric asked when the sidewalk and catch basin project will start. Mr. Fiscus said the project will begin this summer, probably in June. He added that State Street will also be repaved this summer under a PennDOT Route 718 Project. The paving will start on Dock Street at Bank Place, run toward State Street, left onto East State Street, and right onto Water Avenue. The City coordinated with PennDOT and the engineers of the sidewalk project to make sure the work does not hinder Waterfire and the Father's Day Car Show. The timeline for the repaving project includes trench and manhole work until July 31. Starting on July 31, it will be milled, and the repaving must be in place seven (7) days later. Mr. Sizer clarified that the area where the sidewalks are being replaced is not the same area that is being repaved. Ms. Testani, 417 Wilson Street, asked if Water Avenue was being repaved. Mr. Fiscus said he would need to review the project plans to see how far the paving will go. Ms. Testani said Water Avenue is bad, but for now, the potholes have been filled.

MR. SIZER: None.

MR. KOERTH: Mr. Koerth said the parade went well on Saturday. It was a good job by all.

MR. GALASKA: None.

MS. HEARD: None.

#### MRS. BUNDRANT:

#### **CITIZENS:**

• Lavern Johnson, Sharpsville, PA; Mr. Johnson said he came to address a situation that happened in Farrell on Hamilton Avenue with the Police abusing Everett Underwood. He asked what was going on with that. Mr. Fiscus said he does not have firsthand knowledge of the situation, but it is something Mr. Johnson could talk with the Police Chief or Internal Affairs. This is not the place. Mr. Johnson said he wanted to bring it to Sharon Council so that they are aware. Mr. Sizer thanked him.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at <u>5:41</u> PM