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SHARON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Meeting Held in Council Chambers Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AT <u>5:32</u> PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

Council:

 ✓ President Bundrant
 ✓ Mr. Galaska

 ✓ Mr. Sizer
 ✓ Ms. Heard

✓ Mr. Koerth

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

Department Heads:

- ✓ Jason Tomko, Finance Director
- **✓** Edward Stabile, Chief of Police
- **✓** Mark Settle, Public Works Director
- **LEGAL NOTICE** The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM in City Council Chambers, to present the City of Sharon's 2026 Budget.
- **II.)** The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed 2026 Operating Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Fiscus commended the Finance Department and the City's department heads for working diligently on the budget. As of tonight, the budget is now Council's budget. Mrs. Bundrant thanked everyone as well and said everyone makes Council look good.

There was a request to start with Department 490 – Community Development Department.

• Mr. Fiscus said the Community Development budget is a pass-through. Money is received as an allocation from HUD, as an Entitlement City. Money comes in/out. The only other money in there is revenue that is created by the Housing Rehab as people pay down loans on their properties.

Revenues:

- 350-100 Payments in Lieu of Taxes There is a Pilot Agreement that is expiring and not being renewed
- There are some staffing changes in the Tax Collector office that will change the revenue we receive for being the tax collector for the County and the School District
- 370-930 Task Force This is a grant received by the Police Department during 2025 but will not be received in 2026.

Expenditures:

- Mr. Fiscus said one difference in the budget is healthcare was originally budgeted to increase 8% from 2025 but is now at a 4.5% increase from 2025; this change is reflected in the budget.
- Mr. Sizer said a lot of his questions were about benefits and changes in elections and the 4.5% increase.
- 408-150 Fire Hydrants AQUA is increasing their rates next year.
- 409-120 Building Lease This is for the building leased to house the Code Department during renovations.

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