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SHARON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - 5:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM**
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
**ROLL CALL**

**Council:**

- ☒ **President Bundrant**
- ☒ **Mr. Sizer**
- ☒ **Mr. Galaska**
- ☒ **Ms. Mindicino**
- ☒ **Mr. Reardon – arrived at 5:35 PM**

- ☒ **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**

**News Media:**

- ☐ **The Herald**

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Spencer Avenue Update – Mr. Fiscus provided comments regarding the Connelly Boulevard/Spencer Avenue closure and the ongoing efforts to improve safety at the intersection. The City has been addressing safety concerns at this intersection since 2020; however, because the roadway is owned by PennDOT, the City's ability to redesign the intersection is limited. In 2022 the City hired a consultant, Trans Associates from Pittsburgh to evaluate safety at the intersection and multiple public meetings were held. Trans Associates performed traffic counts, reviewed volumes, met with emergency services, and came back with recommendations to make the intersection safe. They recognized the sightline problem--it is hard to see as you come around the corner--and recommended the permanent closure. It has taken time to get there as the City needed to obtain funding while taking all factors into consideration including pedestrian crossings. As the City worked through this, public hearings were held regarding safety of the intersection, and the report from Trans Associates was posted on the City's webpage for public review. City Council acted, the project went through the engineering phase and went out for bids, and construction began this week. The curbs are in place, the roads are torn up, and they are working in the median.

  At the most recent public hearing residents living on Connelly Boulevard raised concerns about not being able to see the traffic signal to know when it is red and traffic might slow so they could exit their driveways. This week, a light was added to the design, located far south of the Service Avenue intersection and visible from the driveways. The traffic engineer also agreed to leave the mast arm at Spencer Avenue eastbound, and a sign will be added to indicate the color of the light ahead. Mr. Fiscus cannot provide a timeline yet, but the nearside light near the intersection has been installed.

- Schedule of Fees – Mr. Fiscus said while reviewing the update to the Code of Ordinances, several fees were missing and we would like to pass a resolution to correct this error. Additionally, the fees for special events and block parties will be removed since the fees contradict the Ordinance stating there is no fee.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- Ron Myers, 440 North State Line Road; Mr. Myers asked why the fees were removed in Resolution 93-26. Mr. Fiscus said the most recent ordinance specifically says there is no fee for special events unless there is a cost to the City.

- Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren asked why Res 89-26 and Res 93-26 are for the exact same thing. Mr. Fiscus said they cover different fees; Res 89-26 is a fee for providing body camera footage and Res 93-26 corrects fees not included in the Code of Ordinance update and removes fees for special events and block parties. Mr. McLaren suggested the motions on the agenda include more information. Mrs. Bundrant said these items were previously discussed at the Workshop. Mr. Fiscus said in most cases items are discussed at the Workshop and voted on at the regular Council Meeting.

- Kim Curry, Spruce Avenue; Ms. Curry asked if the agenda could contain more information as not everyone is able to attend every meeting. Mr. Fiscus said this will be taken into consideration. Ms. Curry asked if the City of Sharon provides a printed newsletter to residents. Mr. Fiscus said the City no longer does a paper version.

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES

**Public Hearing for Ordinance #07-26, introduced July 15, 2026 – SECOND AND FINAL READING,** adopting by Reference the Mercer County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance #2025-005

No questions or comments.

## ORDINANCES

**MOTION** that Ordinance #07-26, amending Ordinance 04-2013, and adopting by reference the Mercer County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance #2025-005 **Pass FINAL reading by title.**

**Motion:** Mr. Galaska **Second:** Mr. Sizer

**Vote:**
YES Mr. Reardon
YES Ms. Mindicino
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Ordinance #09-26, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

**Motion:** Mr. Sizer **Second:** Ms. Mindicino

**Vote:**
YES Mr. Reardon
YES Ms. Mindicino
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

## RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION** that Resolution #82-26, accepting the 2027 Minimum Municipal Pension Plan Financial Requirements and Minimum Municipal Obligations **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Galaska **Second:** Mr. Sizer

**Vote:**
YES Mr. Reardon
YES Ms. Mindicino
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #83-26, rejecting all construction bids for the demolition of the Sharon Cantilevered Walk Project **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Ms. Mindicino **Second:** Mr. Sizer

**Vote:**
YES Mr. Reardon
YES Ms. Mindicino
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #84-26, awarding the bid for the Sharpsville Avenue RRFB Installation Project – PennDOT ARLE Program to Combine Construction; amount not to exceed $151,774.10 **be adopted.**

**Motion:** Mr. Galaska **Second:** Mr. Sizer

**Vote:**
YES Mr. Reardon
YES Ms. Mindicino
YES Mr. Galaska
YES Mr. Sizer
YES Mrs. Bundrant

**MOTION** that Resolution #85-26, awarding the bid for the Backplate Retrofit Project – PennDOT ARLE Program to S.E.T., Inc; amount not to exceed $46,000 **be adopted.**

**Motion: Ms. Mindicino** **Second: Mr. Galaska**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #86-26, authorizing the disposal of two city-owned vehicles **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Galaska** **Second: Mr. Sizer**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #87-26, authorizing the application and borrowing of funds from the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner – Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program, for the purchase of a new fire command vehicle **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Galaska** **Second: Ms. Mindicino**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #88-26, setting the 2026 Halloween Trick or Treat hours for Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM **be adopted.**

**Motion: Ms. Mindicino** **Second: Mr. Galaska**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #89-26, amending the Schedule of Fees for those certain costs incurred by the City **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Galaska** **Second: Mr. Sizer**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #90-26,approving the Final Lot 1 – Jennings Consolidation Plan **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Galaska** **Second: Mr. Reardon**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #91-26, approving the Final Lots 277 and 278 – Lally and Irvine Addition Deed Book "E", Volume 7, Page 634 Lot 1 – Whole Life Services, Inc. Consolidation Plan **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Sizer** **Second: Ms. Mindicino**
**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

**MOTION** that Resolution #93-26, amending the Schedule of Fees for those certain costs incurred by the City **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Sizer** **Second: Mr. Galaska**

**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

## 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 #92-26, approving the City's financial report, including the bills outlined and paid during the month of August 2026 (see attached Schedule "A") **be adopted**.

**MOTION** approving minutes from the August 19, 2026, Council Meeting **be adopted**.

**MOTION** acknowledging the review of tax assessment additions and exonerations **be adopted**.

**Motion: Mr. Sizer** **Second: Ms. Mindicino**

**Vote: YES Mr. Reardon** **YES Mr. Sizer**
**YES Ms. Mindicino** **YES Mrs. Bundrant**
**YES Mr. Galaska**

## COMMENTS

**CITY MANAGER:** None.

**NEWS MEDIA:** N/A

**MR. SIZER:** None.

**MR. GALASKA:** None.

**MS. MINDICINO:** None.

**MR. REARDON:** None.

**CITIZENS:**

- Steven Theiss, 91 Jefferson Avenue; Mr. Theiss asked if Smith Avenue connects to the south side of the Freeway. Mr. Fiscus said no. Mr. Theiss asked if there is a possibility to connect Smith Avenue to the Freeway to gain access from that part of the City. Mr. Fiscus said it could be possible, but we would need to know who owns the property and the cost of such a project. Mr. Theiss said the entry way from the Freeway onto Pine Hollow Boulevard is very worn. Mr. Fiscus agreed; he said access to the Freeway is also available via George/Knapp.

- Rebecca Brown, 1024 Memorial Blvd; Ms. Brown suggested moving the time of Council Meetings to 7:30 PM or 8:00 PM to better accommodate residents' schedules. She expressed her continued concerns regarding traffic safety and said the recommendations of the traffic report focused primarily on restrictions rather than addressing speeding. Safety measures previously suggested, including additional signage, flashing warning lights, pavement markings, rumble strips, and changes to traffic flow, were not tried. Ms. Brown expressed concern that restricting access and removing traffic signals could increase speeding and divert traffic to the congested Stambaugh Avenue intersection. Ms. Brown raised concerns regarding emergency access and the potential for pedestrians, including children, to bypass barriers put in place.

- Joe Ondich, 603 Spencer Avenue; Mr. Ondich asked if Service Avenue will be converted to a two-way road following the closure of Spencer Avenue. Mr. Fiscus said the traffic pattern on Service Avenue will not change; it will remain one-way. Mr. Fiscus said the City yields to the safety consultant; we would not want to transfer the risk and safety problems at Spencer Avenue to Service Avenue. Mr. Ondich said there will be a lot of accidents due to fire trucks and ambulances being diverted to Stambaugh Avenue. Mr. Fiscus said the Fire Department uses Stambaugh Avenue for access to that side of town. Mr. Ondich said it is not feasible for people to drive through Hermitage to get to their home or go all the way to Stambaugh Avenue. He asked whose decision it was to close Spencer Avenue. Mr. Fiscus said it was the City's decision; a traffic consultant recommended the plan, which was adopted, and the project was implemented after receiving a grant. Mr. Ondich said years ago any type of street change required the signatures of all residents living on the block; he received no notification. This all started following an accident involving an unlicensed drunk driver.

  Mr. Ondich asked about having a no parking sign removed on March Street. Mr. Fiscus advised him to call his office so the Ordinances can be reviewed regarding whether or not the signage is supported by Ordinance.

  Mr. Ondich asked when Wengler Avenue is reopening. Mr. Fiscus said Wengler is a county-owned bridge, and it was the County's decision to close it.

- Chris Thomas, 1171 East Connelly Blvd; Mr. Thomas said this change has turned the Freeway from a 1/8-mile racetrack to a 1/4-mile racetrack. He was never notified of the road closure, and he depends on the light turning red to exit his driveway. He asked when the traffic study was conducted; apparently not during motorcycle season. The people of Sharon are heard but not listened to; Sharon is competing with Hermitage rather than working on roads, drains, and trees.

- Jeff Johnson, 689 Crowder Avenue; Mr. Johnson said it does not make sense for Service Avenue to be closed at this time. Mr. Fiscus agreed. The Service Avenue project is a County bridge project and was scheduled to be completed by October; however, there was an engineering delay, and the new design is awaiting PennDOT approval. Mr. Johnson said Spencer Avenue should not have started until Service Avenue was completed. Mr. Fiscus said because grant money is being used, timelines must be kept. Mr. Johnson said nobody stops at any stop signs and the Wengler Playground should have been made into a parking lot.

- Mike Brown, 1024 Memorial Blvd; Mr. Brown asked if the Service Avenue bridge project is separate from the $380,000 project. Mr. Fiscus said yes. Mr. Brown asked the amount of the bridge project. Mr. Sizer said according to the PennDOT website, the bridge replacement project is $1.4 million. Mr. Brown asked what the $380,000 project includes. Mr. Fiscus said removal of the roadway where the intersection was; concrete curbs, concrete dividers on the road, and removal of signalization other than the mast arm. Mr. Brown said with that amount of money, it could have been made beautiful. Mr. Fiscus said the project must be designed to PennDOT specs and approved by PennDOT. Mr. Brown asked if anything is being done at the Wengler Bridge area, as it is unsightly and looks blighted. Mr. Fiscus said there are discussions on plans to improve the Wengler Bridge area as well as the areas of the street closures. Mr. Brown said this solution was centered on public safety vs convenience, and we do not have to choose, we can have both and is hoping for a better solution in the future. He said the Traffic Study was only 4 hours' worth of traffic study; there should have been another opinion. Mr. Brown voiced his concern for home values in the neighborhood.

- Mike Curtician, 120 Buhl Boulevard; Mr. Curtician requested Buhl Boulevard/Westerman be made a four-way stop due to speeding traffic and what the process of changing it is. Mr. Fiscus said this request will be discussed with emergency services and the street department.

- Dave McLaren, 1113 Haig Street; Mr. McLaren said with Service Avenue closed this is the worst time to close Spencer Avenue. Mr. Fiscus repeated the Service Avenue project was scheduled to be completed in October. Mr. McLaren asked the cost to close Spencer Avenue. Mr. Fiscus said $380,000. Mr. McLaren asked if the Traffic Study included asking for the opinions of the residents living there. Mr. Fiscus said he does not know, but there were public hearings held. Mr. McLaren said he understands there were public hearings, but it is the City's responsibility to the citizens. Mr. McLaren said in the past, he suggested flip-flopping one way of Service/Spencer and this would have been a better, cheaper option. South Sharon is being alienated from north Sharon. Mr. McLaren said Mr. Reardon is probably the only Council person living on the south side of the Freeway; he feels this makes the north side of the Freeway more important.

- Kathy Testani, 417 Wilson Street; Ms. Testani asked for the location of the cantilever walk. Mr. Fiscus said it is the walkway that hangs over and parallels the river between State Street and Silver Street. The City had a design to remove it, as it was deemed unsafe. A grant of approximately $250,000 was awarded to the City, but the bids received were more than double, so all of the bids were rejected.

  Ms. Testani asked who controls traffic lights on State Street and explained all lights turn green except Dock Street causing congestion. Mr. Fiscus said the City must obtain a permit from the State to adjust the lights. In this case, the signal at Sharpsville Avenue is a temporary light and is not communicating with the other lights. When the new permanent signal is installed; the signals should synchronize. Ms. Testani asked about the "No Turn Truck" signs. Mr. Fiscus said the signs were added because trucks continually knocked down the posts, which take approximately 18 months to replace.

- Linda Johnson, 689 Crowder Avenue; Ms. Johnson asked why both sides of Spencer Avenue were closed; why not leave one side open. Mr. Fiscus said this was the recommendation of the traffic study. Ms. Johnson asked where the police are in Sharon. She is concerned for the safety of kids on scooters and bikes. Ms. Johnson said Wengler Playground should be a parking lot rather than greenspace.

- Mary Ann Lary, 91 Buhl Boulevard; Ms. Lary reiterated what Mike Curtician spoke about, speeding on Buhl Boulevard. She asked if anything can be done about scooters and safety concerns. Mrs. Bundrant said this is on Council's radar to have a public discussion about soon. Ms. Lary said there are plugged drains at 119 Buhl Boulevard and at Country Fair.

- John Rankin, 1181 East Connelly Blvd; Mr. Rankin suggested installing lights down the center of the roadway, starting at the first redlight, to indicate the color of the light ahead.

- Ron Myers, 440 North State Line Road; Mr. Myers suggested that because the police are busy, citations could be issued through the mail.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM**