

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
July 12, 2010
7:00 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable David L. Persing, Mayor, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

David L. Persing, Mayor
Joseph J. Bartello, III, Director of Public Safety
Kevin E. Troup, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Michael Apfelbaum, City Solicitor
John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Stewart Graybill, City Administrator
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Joseph Swope, Code Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were thirteen (13) visitors present.

Mayor Persing and Councilman Eister said the Sunbury Celebration went well and there were many compliments regarding the entire weekend, ending with the fireworks. Without the volunteers that help during the weekend it would not be possible to have Sunbury Celebration.

MINUTES AND REPORTS

Mayor Persing announced that the available departmental reports of the City Administrator, Police Dept., Treasurer's Office, Fire Dept., City Engineer, Code Office, Park and Recreation Department, Park & Recreation Board, Public Works Dept, and Planning Commission are in the City Clerk's office for review. On motion by Persing, second by Eister, the available reports and minutes of 5/10, 5/24, 6/14 and 6/28/2010 are approved as presented. Unanimous vote.

RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Councilman Eister moved to drawdown \$64,411.61 from the line of credit to pay Kinsley Construction for work done on Phase I. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to drawdown 20% of the Growing Greener I grant and place it in an interest bearing account to be used as working capital. Any interest earned would be reinvested back into the project. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to approve the invoice from L/B Water Service Inc. in the amount of \$12,246.70 for work completed for the Municipal Authority as it relates to the Riverfront Project. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to approve the invoice from Dave Gutelius Excavating Inc. for materials in the amount of \$1,200 for the same project. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to approve the invoice submitted by City Engineer John Bakowicz and drawdown the money from the line of credit in the amount of \$2,372.50 while he was filling-in for Mr. Tom McBryan. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING CONSULTATION SERVICES

Councilman Eister moved to enter into a contract in the amount of \$2,000 with Lloyd's Landscaping to act as a consultant using CDBG funds for the SRI Welcome Sign Project. Second – Troup. Vote Yes – Eister, Bartello, Troup. Abstain - Persing. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CDBG DEMOLITION PROJECT

After review by the City Solicitor, Councilman Eister moved to enter into a contract in the amount of \$7,000 with LeFevre Wilk Architects of Selinsgrove for engineering services for the demolition of 143 Walnut St., 158-160 Linden St., 1106-1116 Miller St. and 83-85 N. 8th St. using CDBG funds and

authorizing the mayor to sign all documents. The only other bid received was from Mid Penn Engineering of Lewisburg in the amount of \$12,245. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

CITY HALL RENOVATION INVOICE

Councilman Eister moved to pay \$92,088.52 to Hepco Construction for the work being done at city hall. Mr. Graybill has signed off on the work completed. Second – Persing. Unanimous vote.

TAX EXONERATION

Mayor Persing moved to pass the tax exoneration as requested by Statewide Tax Recovery. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR PAY RATE

Mayor Persing explained that the current collective bargaining agreement between the City of Sunbury and the Sunbury Police Officers Association requires increasing pay on a temporary basis for officers that fill-in for supervisors when an open position occurs. Mayor Persing moved to temporarily increase the pay from officer to corporal for Officer Brad Hare and Officer Jamie Quinn (\$54,855 to \$55, 938) and to sergeant for Corporal Christopher Blasé (\$55,938 to \$57,205) beginning June 18, 2010 until the promotional test date of August 17, 2010. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

TREE ON PACKER ST.

Councilman Bartello informed council that his office has received permission to take down a dangerous tree on a property on Packer St. owned by Alan Bubb. The tree is in the curb-line and is in need of being removed. Councilman Troup said his department is aware that the tree can be removed and the public works department will schedule the removal as soon as they can.

MARKET ST. LITTERING

Mayor Persing asked if there was any way the litter in the Edison Plaza could be cleaned up on a regular basis. Mr. Graybill has asked the public works employees to clean that area each time they collect trash. Part of the problem is the trash blowing from other areas and accumulating in the parking lot. The police department has been alerted to check the area for loitering when they come and go from the police department.

CITY-WIDE NEWSLETTER

Mayor Persing announced that in conjunction with the Municipal Authority, a joint newsletter will be sent to all residences in the City. Funding will be shared by both entities. A similar newsletter was sent out several years ago but funding was not available to continue it. The newsletter would have pertinent information to include the street sweeping schedule, leaf collection pick-up and contact information for city hall. It should be mailed quarterly or 3 times a year.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Scott White asked if the property on the demolition list on Linden St. was the Morrison property and Councilman Eister answered yes.

Mr. Bob Miller asked if there is still a shade tree commission in Sunbury and the answer is yes. The committee consists of Mike Bordner, Delroy Carr and Dick Eyster, although Mike Bordner is the only active member.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk