

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
September 26, 2011
6:15 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
Todd E. Snyder, Director of Accounts and Finance
Joseph J. Bartello, III, Director of Public Safety
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer
Lisa Martina, City Controller
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Joseph Swope, Code Supervisor
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were ten (10) visitors present.

COMMENDATION OF MERIT

Mayor Persing read a Commendation of Merit for Mike and Connie Beegle for their dedication to the City of Sunbury during Hurricane Lee. The Beegle's volunteered countless hours answering the police department telephones, handling citizen's concerns, assisting police officers and helping officers so that they could continue to work in uniform during the crisis (see attached).

1ST READING POLICE PENSION ORDINANCE/IRS REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Persing moved to pass on a 1st reading a change to the Police Pension Ordinance as requested by the actuary from Conrad Siegel Actuaries dealing with Internal Revenue Service requirements concern the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART), the Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("PPA") and other recent law and regulatory changes. Second - Eister. Unanimous vote.

STREET CLOSURE/HOLIDAY PARADE NOV. 25TH

Councilman Eister moved to approve the street closure for the Holiday Parade on November 25th Second -Snyder. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Snyder moved to pay the invoices listed on the vouchers payable report in the amount of \$121,275.70 from the general fund as funds are available. Second - Eister. Unanimous vote.

FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN

Mayor Persing told council and members of the audience that the City's Flood Hazard Mitigation Action Plan is being reviewed as part of an annual update. The Plan is on file in the City Clerk's office for review. Mayor Persing also said it was a great idea when the flood protection duty was given to the Sunbury Municipal Authority and Greg Wilt and his crew do an excellent job maintaining the flood wall and flood protection for the City.

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT/3RD STREET

Councilman Bartello said council previously discussed an entertainment district on 3rd St. and with that, the noise ordinance would have to be changed. Mr. Scott Johnson has copies of other community ordinances for review. Councilman Eister asked Chief Mazzeo to discuss this idea with SRI since he is a Board member. Mr. Johnson explained that liquor license establishments are controlled by the state police, however, the City has a 24/7 police department that could perform the same function. Monroe Township, Northumberland Borough and the City of Harrisburg have all done the same thing. Further discussion will be held regarding this topic. Mr. Dale Henry stated that the #1's received a warning from the LCB because you could hear the juke box from the parking lot. Even if someone is entering/exiting the building and the door is open and music can be heard it is a potential violation of LCB rules. The LCB has a zero tolerance policy.

CITY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Councilman Snyder explained that all the computer networking equipment is located in the treasurer's office at this time. The recent flood event served to show that as of right now, there is no documentation of where the wires go throughout the building. The new IT firm working with the City has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$2,700 to document everything and to put the server in a cabinet to make it more secure. That way, anyone could put the City's computer system together (the computers were all moved to the 2nd floor during the flood event). Councilman Eister agreed that this is important. Also, the IT provider suggested moving the server to the 2nd floor and that would entail building a "closet" on the 2nd floor to protect it and assure that it is secure. That would be in addition to the \$2,700. All the wiring is in place, it would just entail moving the server.

2012 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Councilman Snyder passed out worksheets for the 2012 Budget which will also be sent to all councilmen electronically. Budget meetings are scheduled for Oct. 17th, Nov. 7th, Nov. 21st and Dec. 5th if needed.

A TASTE OF SUNBURY

Mayor Persing announced that from Nov. 1st through 12th will be "A Taste of Sunbury" in the City. He urges all residents and visitors to support a restaurant(s) in the City. A list of all City restaurants will be included in the fall newsletter which should be mailed by mid-October.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk