

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
October 26, 2009
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable John K. Shipman, Vice-Mayor, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor
Kevin E. Troup, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks/Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer
Steve Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were nine (9) visitors present.

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT/PA DOT/RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Councilman Eister explained that a supervisor from the RACP program at the state level would be meeting with the Riverfront team regarding the RACP financing. Mayor Woodring said when reimbursements are sent back to the City for bills that are submitted, the City can use the funds in any way, including repaying the debt and interest charges. Delta Development Group is a well-known financial assistance group that has submitted a proposal for \$15,000 to oversee the financial part of the Riverfront Project. Councilman Troup agreed that this is an important part of the project and feels additional help should be sought for the financial end of the project. Councilman Eister would like to wait until after the meeting that is scheduled for Friday to make any decisions in regard to the finances for the project.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENT/FRONT & MARKET ST

Council already agreed to the Reimbursement Agreement with PA DOT for the traffic signal easement at State Route 61 Section 102. Councilman Troup moved to pass the Resolution (see attached) to allow PA DOT access to that area. Second-Eister. Unanimous vote.

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT/PA DOT

Councilman Troup said he is not sure whether CDBG can fund the decorative supports for the traffic signals for the Route 61 Corridor project (City decided to go with decorative supports and PA DOT only supplies the standard supports). The additional cost is \$114,800. Councilman Troup suggested using the standard supports and paint them to match the street lights in use now. The additional cost must be included in the 2010 Budget if CDBG funds cannot be used.

CDBG-R CERTIFICATION

Councilman Eister moved to sign the CDBG-R Certification for the use of stimulus funds. The only change from the 2010 CDBG certification is a requirement to have an excessive force policy and drug free workplace policy, both of which the City already has. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

CDBG PROJECTS

Councilman Eister moved to transfer \$44,500 from the DLP Recreation Complex to the Cameron Park Project. At this time, DCNR has advised the City that until the funding for the Riverfront Project is spent there will be no other grants approved (\$44,500 was a match for a Keystone grant that was to be used for building a new bathroom at the DLP Recreation Complex). Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

HARB APPROVAL

9 N. 2nd St. – remove shingles, and install 30 year agricultural shingles, insulate and install furring strips, soffit and fascia. Motion – Troup. Second – Eister Unanimous vote.

356-358 Market St. – replace 8 windows. Motion – Troup. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

514-516 Market St. – restoration of 21 windows, 2 doors, siding, soffit and spouting. Motion – Troup. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

26 N. Front St. – 22 replacement windows, rear porch and dormer repair, replace siding in rear of property and paint. Motion – Troup. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

448 1/2/450 Market St. – no review necessary.

OCTOBER EXPENDITURES

Mayor Woodring moved to approve the expenditure of \$100,615.70 for the second accounts payable run of October. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Woodring moved to hire one of the candidates interviewed for the City Administrator position. At this time, no one has been given a job offer so he did not want to mention the name at this time until all 3 candidates have been notified. Second – Eister. Troup – no. Eister, Woodring – yes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Ms. Carmen Campbell asked how the new synagogue building was passed for construction approval as an ultra modern building. Mr. Rhoads answered that the prior administration did not have a HARB that was anything more than advisory. Plans did not have to be submitted to HARB and approved by council. Mayor Woodring also mentioned that the architect for the building is a world renowned architect and it was supposed to blend history with modern day architecture. Councilman Eister said that when Mr. Sickora came on board with the HARB he stepped up the ordinance and put a lot of work into it to make it work. The map on the wall of the historic district was very time consuming.

Chief Mazzeo announced that on November 5th a Community Awareness Fair was going to be held from 6 to 8 pm at the Shikellamy High School gym. The fire department and EMS has also been invited to present. Several of the neighborhood groups have also been asked to participate.

Ms. Mary Fatool sent a letter to council members asking council to revisit the sub-division ordinance and a need for sub-division approval.

Halloween trick-or-treating will be on Saturday October 31st from 6 to 9 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk