

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
March 28, 2016
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
Richard L. Reichner, Director of Public Safety
Dale L. Henry, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Kevin E. Troup, City Treasurer
Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor
Michael Bordner, Public Works Supervisor
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were thirty-one (31) visitors present.

A moment of silent reflection was held after the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held at 5:30 pm before this meeting to discuss the police contract and new chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Persing asked for comments on agenda items and there were none.

SALT SHED BIDS

Only 1 bid was received for the salt shed from Snyder Equipment from Watsonstown PA in the amount of \$61,120. Councilman Henry moved to award the bid based on the solicitor's review and approval and authorize the mayor to sign all documents. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES MOU AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Mayor Persing moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation Agreement (see attached) between SRI and the City in regard to the Keystone Communities designation. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

KIZ OFFICE SPACE

The KIZ lost their leased space and are looking for additional space to rent. The city is going to allow them to use the 1st floor conference room until they can find permanent office space.

RESOLUTION/DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

Councilman Reichner moved to pass the Resolution (see attached) to allow for the disposition of records per the PA Historical and Museum Commission guidelines. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

ROLLER DERBY BEER SALES

Councilman Eister moved to allow beer sales for the roller derby team that use the ice rink in the summer for their home matches. The dates are May 7th, June 4th, July 16th and August 20th. They will be required to provide the necessary insurance documents and use of a public facility to serve alcohol.

Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$184,479.63 from the General Fund and \$40,747.07 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Henry received a phone call from the owner of the building where the Dept. of Public Welfare is. They receive 19 parking permits at this time and they need another 31 for all the employees in that building. They already lost use as a processing center because they did not have enough parking available. The new permits would increase revenue by \$9,000/year. He checked with another business owner in that area and there appears to be enough parking. Parking meters could be removed to make it permit parking only and the meters could be used in another parking lot. Councilman Henry will handle this transition.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Ed Mensch: Has anyone considered closing the alley he has requested to be vacated? Mayor Persing said he would like to check the alley out himself. He said they would check it before the next council meeting. He would like to close the entire alley. Where the row homes are, he would like to put parking and move the yards up. He would like to put his cardboard and plastic in that area. Councilman Henry said there are no underground utilities. Mr. Mensch also said he has cameras there and since March 28th only 9 vehicles used the alley, 4 turned up to the storage units and 5 used the road.

Ms. Aimee Buehner: the Biz Pitch winner, The Holistic Center, is having an open house at 353 Market St. on Wednesday at 2 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk