

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
September 22, 2014
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:

John K. Shipman, Director of Accounts & Finance
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:

Brad Hare, Chief of Police
Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor
Joseph Swope, Code Officer
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Ken Long, Assistant Public Works Supervisor
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were fifteen (15) visitors present.

AUDIENCE COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilman Shipman asked for comments on agenda items and there were none.

CDBG UPDATE

Ms. Jamie Shrawder announced that she has again applied for the PA DOT Multi-modal Transportation Fund grant for the Chestnut St. project Phase 2 in the amount of \$856,391. It is similar to the prior grant that was applied for but was not successful. Phase 1 will move forward with the funding in hand from Front St. to 3rd St. There is almost \$1 million available now and the CDBG Competitive Grant is still open. Bids should be ready by the first meeting in October and at that time depending on the bid amount, the grant manager at DCED could be contacted and asked to fund the competitive grant. That way they know the funding is in place for some of the project. Phase 2 will be 3rd St. to 10th St. The construction loan will be used as the match for Phase 2 and can be replaced by other funding as it becomes available. Councilman Eister moved to pass the Resolution (see attached) to apply for the Multimodal Transportation fund Grant in the amount of \$856,391 from PA DOT to be used for Phase 2 of the Chestnut St. project. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote. Ms. Shrawder also said 139-141 Church St. will be demolished Tuesday and the funding used is the North'd County Housing Authority matching funds. The Redevelopment Authority met to discuss other buildings to be demolished and that list will be available soon.

SRI UPDATE

Ms. Meghan Beck said Lowe's helped with the renovation of the building the Hill Neighborhood will be using as office space. They are also getting ready for their haunted house. The Wine and Brew Fest over the last weekend was a very successful, safe and fun event. There is a pending donation to assist with Litefest for 2014. The New Year's Eve committee is preparing for their event and the Cemetery Tours will be coming up in October. The Albright Center is moving forward and a lease is in the process of negotiations with their first partner.

SUB-DIVISION 701-705 N. 7TH ST

Mr. Mike Rhoads informed council the two properties listed above are on one deed and the financial institution asked that the properties be sub-divided before the sale. County Planning, Sunbury Municipal Authority and the City Engineer all reviewed this sub-division. Mr. Bakowicz had minor revisions to the plans including – the house numbers were not on the plan and the waiver for storm water was voted on at the last council meeting. The City Planning Commission approved the project

on September 18th and it is now before council for final approval. Councilman Reichner moved to approve the sub-division as presented. Second- Henry. Unanimous vote.

ROAD CLOSURE/HALLOWEEN PARADE

Councilman Henry moved to approve the road closure permit for the Sunbury Fire Police to have a Halloween Parade on October 16th at 7 pm. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote. All information will be sent to PA DOT for approval.

CHANGE NAME S. 5TH ST.

Councilman Shipman explained there is some confusion finding the North'd County Admin. Center and the city was approached to change the name of S. 5th St. from Church St. to Spruce St. to Stadium Drive. The county, the school district, the post office and the 911 Center have all agreed that the name can be changed from S. 5th St. to Stadium Drive. The effective date would be January 1, 2015 and will be posted as Stadium Drive & S. 5th St. for 1 year at which time the S. 5th St. would be removed from the sign. Councilman Reichner moved to make that street name change. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

RESOLTUION/PUBLIC NUISANCE

Councilman Reichner moved to declare 116 S. 10th St. a public nuisance by the Board of Health (see attached). The inside and outside are in deplorable shape. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Shipman moved to pay the invoices on the vouchers payable report totaling \$110,734.13 from the general fund and \$10,087.54 from the liquid fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

No audience comment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slade Schreck announced there will be a bonfire and flag football games between the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. Local businesses are donating toward this event. It is a night of community spirit. The winning team members of the football game will each receive a bag of goodies donated by local businesses and clubs. The public is invited to attend.

Stump grinding will take place in early October.

The Planning Commission meeting on October 16th will have a time change from 7 pm to 4 pm due to the Halloween Parade.

The Fireman's Memorial Parade will begin at 1:00 pm on October 12th and the Memorial service will be held at 2 pm in front of the Fireman's Memorial.

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Thursday October 16th at 7 pm.

Halloween trick or treat will be October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk