

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
November 22, 2010
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
Kevin E. Troup, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks/Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Stephen A. Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were seventeen (17) visitors present.

Mayor Persing acknowledged the win over the Selinsgrove Seals in football district playoffs for the Shikellamy Braves and thanked Coach Sam Stroh – the Mayor won a friendly bet, the losing Mayor has to wear a jersey of the winning team at the next council meeting.

2011 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Councilman Snyder opened the bids for the 2011 Tax Anticipation line of credit:

1 st National Bank	2.05% fixed
M & T Bank	variable rate not to exceed 2.89%
North'd Nat'l Bank	1.59% fixed
Susquehanna Bank	2.19% fixed

Councilman Snyder moved to accept the apparent low bid of Northumberland National Bank, after review by the City Solicitor, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. Second – Bartello. Yes – Troup, Eister, Snyder, Bartello. Abstain – Persing. Motion carried.

ELM ST. RESOLUTION

Mayor Persing moved to adopt the Resolution extending the Elm St. project for years 4 and 5 (see attached). Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

HARB APPROVAL

As requested by the Historic Architectural Review Board: Councilman Bartello moved to approve the following:

34-36 S. 4th St. David Simington windows 2nd Eister Unanimous vote.
618 Market St. John Gold replacement window 2nd Eister Unanimous vote.
347 Chestnut St. Brenda Bingaman windows 2nd Eister Unanimous vote.

BOARD VACANCIES

Mayor Persing announced the board vacancies are published on the agenda. Boards should be seated in December since there will not be a change in council members in 2011. Terry will contact the board members whose terms are expiring to see if they want to be reappointed.

NOVEMBER OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Councilman Snyder moved to approve paying the bills listed on the Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$29,222.66. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Persing stated that the 1st meeting of the Sunbury's Better Housing Committee was very successful with 16 people attending. There were many good ideas and a report of the committee will be made public after the 3rd meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30th at 6 pm and the public is welcome to attend. Councilman Eister said there was a comment printed in the paper from Chief Mazzeo that was not printed in the context it was meant. Chief Mazzeo said he called Mrs. Musto at Shikellamy School District and talked to her to clarify what was written in The Daily Item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Friday November 26th at 6:30 pm. Please bring canned goods to be delivered to Haven Ministries and Elijah's Bowl.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Dale Henry said a few months ago council discussed an issue regarding Councilman Bartello's residency. Mr. Henry wanted to lodge a complaint to have this issue investigated and if Mr. Bartello does not live in the City he should be remove himself from office. Councilman Troup asked Councilman Bartello if he lives in the City and Councilman Bartello answered no. Councilman Troup asked how long he has lived out of the City and the answer was 2 months and before that for 3 months. Mayor Persing said the complaint is noted.

Mrs. Cora Campbell said her son received 2 letters in the mail that are apparently scams. They included checks in large amounts. Some people might cash the checks and be on the hook to pay them back. Chief Mazzeo said the Attorney General's office should be contacted in such an instance. Mrs. Connie Beegle said they received one too. Mayor Persing said they might want to notify the news media and perhaps they would want to do a story on it. Cpl. Bradley Hare said he recommends that if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Mr. Brad Niemic asked if any plans were being made for New Year's Eve in downtown Sunbury. The answer was no one at city hall is planning anything. At this time it is too late to get Penn DOT approval for road closures. Perhaps something could be planned for 2011.

2011 BUDGET ORD. #1265

Councilman Snyder began a discussion regarding the 2011 Budget. After general discussion, Mayor Persing moved to adopt the proposed budget with a $\frac{3}{4}$ mil increase in taxes. Second – Eister. Yes – Persing, Snyder, Bartello. No – Troup, Eister. Motion carried. A second reading to the budget will be held at the December 27th council meeting.

2011 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ORD. #1266

Mayor Persing moved to adopt the 2011 tax ordinance with one change to the millage for real estate taxes in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ mil. All other taxes will remain the same. Second – Snyder. Yes – Snyder, Bartello, Persing. No – Troup, Eister. Motion carried. A second reading to the proposed tax levy ordinance will be held at the December 27th meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk