

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
July 25, 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  
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  
Michael M. Apfelbaum, City Solicitor  
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police  
Cheryl Delsite, Adm. Asst.

There were ten (10) visitors present.

### **LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER**

Michael Apfelbaum informed the council that Danny Fetter is requesting the city's permission to transfer the liquor license from the Eat A Bite located in Upper Augusta Township to his new business located at the old Top Hat location at 202 Church Street. Mayor Persing put this in a form of a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Eister. The vote was unanimous.

### **ZONING CHANGES**

Mayor Persing would like to change the zoning on N 4<sup>th</sup> St from Market Street to Packer Street and Fifth Street to Third Street from its current designation (R2) to Neighborhood Business. He would also like to change the Runnerless Knit site to IP so the Redevelopment Authority can find another business to occupy that site.

Councilman Eister questioned what the zoning was north of Packer Street. He was informed that it is IP by Holsum and by the North 4<sup>th</sup> St Plaza is Highway Commercial which doesn't allow for residential.

Councilman Bartello suggested changing South Front Street to Neighborhood Business from R2. Mayor Persing asked Councilman Bartello to bring his suggested changes to the next council meeting.

Councilman Eister received a suggestion from Kristin McLaughlin, Hill Neighborhood Elm Street Manager about listing all the vacant properties on the city's website. Councilman Eister suggested charging a fee to have the properties listed on the City's site. The mayor said SRI had a vacant property binder from a couple of years ago that would need updated. .

Mayor Persing made the proposed North 4<sup>th</sup> Street zoning changes in the form of a motion which was seconded by Councilman Troup. The vote was unanimous.

### **VOUCHER'S PAYABLE REPORT**

Councilman Snyder moved to pay the invoices on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$75,641.97 as funds are available. Second- Eister. The vote was unanimous.

### **NATURAL GAS**

Mayor Persing would like to see the City of Sunbury have the first natural gas service station in Northumberland County. He noted there are currently 12 stations in PA. He believes more businesses will be converting to natural gas as a way to save money. He is in touch with Williamsport to see how they are handling this issue.

Councilman Eister has made some inquiries at Sunbury Motors about converting the chassis over to natural gas. He should be receiving the information for the next council meeting.

### **KEITHAN'S GARDEN**

Councilman Eister informed council that a new roof is needed for the cottage. Councilman Bartello asked if any other city employees would be involved with the project and if the city's insurance would cover him. Councilman Eister said he would send one of his guys if help is needed and since Mr. Trego would be hired under the force account, the city's insurance would cover it.

He made a motion to hire Vince Trego on the force account and to purchase the required materials to complete the project. This project is being funded by CDBG monies and private donations. Councilman Troup seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **JULIA STREET**

Councilman Eister informed the council that the city does not own the street by Celotex according to the information provided to council from City Engineer John Bakowicz. The City's right of way ends on the east side of N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The question was raised if people would be allowed to walk over there. Councilman Eister said it is private property and it would be no different than people walking through your yard. The company could choose to have violators arrested for trespassing.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Mrs. Connie Beegle reminded council and the audience that National Night Out would be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cameron Park from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mrs. Beegle has lined up several vendors and contests for everyone to enjoy. There will be three local celebrities in the dunk tank. The money they raise will be donated to charities. She also asked the city's residents to turn their porch lights on from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl E. Delsite