

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
October 10, 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  
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer  
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police  
John Bakowicz, City Engineer  
Kenny Long, Public Works  
Cheryl E. Delsite, Administrative Assistant

There were sixteen (16) visitors present.

### **MINUTES AND REPORTS**

The available departmental reports of the Police Dept., Treasurer's Office, Controller Health Dept., Fire Dept., City Engineer, Code Office, Park and Recreation Department, Public Buildings (Rink), Park and Recreation Board Public Works Dept, Planning Commission, Redevelopment Authority and Police Pension Board are in the City Clerk's office for review. Minutes will be posted at [cityofsunbury.com](http://cityofsunbury.com)

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilman Jim Eister made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Todd Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **SRI UPDATE**

SRI President Janet Yonkoskie informed the council a trip was planned to Lock Haven River Front. on October 27th and will be leaving at 8:00 am. They will be meeting with the person in charge of the event planning for their concert series.

There will be a Wolverton Street project meeting on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to review the project schedule.

The Hill Neighborhood group is in the process of updating their 5 year plan. They will prioritize projects and identify funding sources. They are looking at the Market Street Improvement Project and another façade program.

SRI has signed a contract with Mojo Active to update their website. Once it is updated, SRI will keep it updated to offer its members a place for their business information.

Tom Crissinger has accepted the chairman position for the Business and Economic Development committee.

The membership committee is working on developing a slate of candidates for the board.

The Cemetery Tours were postponed but will be rescheduled for October 22, 2011.

The Promotions Committee is working on a Fall business after hours event and Late Night Shoppers.

Litefest committee will be decorating the city on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas parade will be on November 25th. The Kiwanis and Rotary are assisting the Litefest committee with the parade and sprucing up the deer pen.

New red and white garland has been ordered for Front Street and white for Cameron Park.

## **RIVER FRONT PROJECT**

Councilman Eister informed the council the fabric dam is being deflated. Once it is done, the contractors will bring in more crews to complete the footers at Chestnut Street. The contractor is planning on working until it is too cold.

The electrical panel box will have a piece of conduit laid along the street side between the grass and both sides of sidewalk. Junction boxes will be installed along the path. Mr. Eister would like to have a few more receptacle boxes like were used for the River Festival and receiver with LED lights on them to provide additional lighting. Currently there is 400 amp service but there is a possibility of upgrading it to 600 amp service.

Councilman Eister made a motion to approve Buchart Horn invoices 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for the sum of \$51,968.01. Councilman Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Persing asked Mr. Eister if council should be meeting with Tom Deans to make sure everything is on track. Mr. Eister said Cheryl Delsite has been working with Scott Russell on the funding sources. They are working on closing out Phase 1 with Kinsley Construction. Penn DOT will also be conducting a closeout audit.

## **POLICE PENSION**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to accept a Resolution (see attached) concerning the amortization option according to Chapter 6 of Act 25. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **FREE PARKING FOR THE HOLIDAY**

Mayor Persing made a motion to allow free parking on all metered streets beginning November 25, 2011 until January 2, 2012. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PAYING INVOICES**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to pay the outstanding invoices totaling \$24,581.81. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **TAX EXONERATION**

Councilman Snyder made a motion to accept the tax exoneration as presented. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Front Street Paving**

Dale Henry questioned whether something could be done about the seam that was left from the pavers. The lines have not been painted yet and people are driving down the center of the road. Mr. Eister said the workers were not done yet but he would look in to it.

### **Keithan's Garden Roof**

Beth Kremer reported the roof work has been completed and looks great. She encourages everyone to go to Keithan's Garden and look at it.

### **Chestnut Street Parking**

Mayor Persing noted he received a letter from the residents from the 300 block of Chestnut Street about putting the meters back in that block and providing them with parking passes. These meters were removed to replace meters that were damaged. The cost to replace them on Chestnut Street could not be justified. Chief Mazzeo suggested making it a permit parking for that section of Chestnut Street and selling the permits. Solicitor Apfelbaum said this is done in the DC area. The mayor asked the members of council to think about how to address this issue.

### **Washington Avenue Property**

Councilman Eister announced the city will be acquiring 202 Washington Avenue in about 18 days. He noted the residents will be very happy to see something happen at this property.

Councilman Snyder questioned if a price per square foot has been established for the properties that are being sold. Mayor Persing answered this is the first property that has been acquired that could be built on. The other properties were not big enough to build on because of set back requirements. They were sold to neighbors who want to increase their lot size.

### New Years Eve Celebration

Councilman Eister is working on a New Years Eve celebration in the downtown. He has spoken to several people about working on this project. He would like to have the fiberglass light bulb that SRI has dropped from the Americus' ladder truck. He also talked about having the Elk's club getting a permit to sell beer on the street as well as having other vendors and possibly a band.

There is some concern about the weather. Mr. Eister said the committee would have to discuss all of these issues. Councilman Snyder suggested having the laser light show during this event. He would be willing to help with that.

Scott Johnson questioned if transportation could be provided to those who may be drinking. Mr. Eister will be looking into having the local cab company on stand-by for the evening.

### PLCB

Dr. Michael Phillips asked where the noise ordinance and the PLCB stood. While he is in favor of having an entertainment district, he is concerned about it getting out of hand. He had an ordeal with Maggie Malone's that took over a year and half to resolve.

Mayor Persing reassured him that no decisions have been made and the matter is still being reviewed. He noted the city is looking at what Harrisburg has accomplished with their Restaurant Row.

Councilman Snyder noted the bar near Dr. Phillip's home was an extreme. But as new businesses are recruited, there will be boundaries set to help them succeed.

Chief handed out a summary of calls for the bars for council review.

### Contractor

Gene Swanger commented he was having trouble finding a contractor to work on his roof because of the city's codes and insurance requirements. He was wondering if the city had a list of contractors. Mr. Swanger also mentioned Councilman Bartello told him as long as the contractor is licensed with the state they do not need the city's license. But according to the code, they do. Councilman Bartello told him to proceed with the work without the permit. Once the code office becomes involved then he could get the permit.

### Announcements

The Halloween Parade will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Trick or Treating will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Budget meetings begin October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl E. Delsite  
Administrative Assistant