

Budget Renovations	\$47,824
Midstate Roofing	\$55,258.50
TGW Co.	\$74,130
GSH Installations	\$83,430
Hutchison Construction	\$72,280
Rob's General Contractors	\$82,276
Wolfe Brothers	\$81,581

Councilman Eister moved to award the bid, after review by the City Administrator and City Solicitor, to the apparent low bidder Budget Roofing at \$47,824 and to authorize the mayor to sign all documents. If Budget Roofing would be rejected, the next apparent low bidder, Mid-State Roofing would be approved if all the bid specifications are met. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

CITY HALL RENOVATIONS

Councilman Eister moved to hire Randy Hay to help with the city hall renovation project at an hourly rate of \$7.25. His wages will be reimbursed by the grant. He has been working for community service with the project for several weeks. The 2 that were hired previously for this project are no longer working. Second – Troup. Yes – Persing, Troup, Snyder, Eister. No – Bartello. Motion carried.

APPROVE LEASE FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK

Councilman Troup purchased a new truck for the public works department and moved for approval by city council to enter into a 2 year lease to pay for the truck. The lease will be paid with Liquid Fuel funds. The first year payment will be \$17,169 and the 2nd year would be \$16,769. Second – Eister. No – Bartello. Yes – Snyder, Eister, Troup, Persing. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Joe Mull purchased a property at 1133-1135 through a county judicial sale. He discovered that the property has a condemnation lien against it by the City so he cannot get a clear deed. The City Solicitor was to bring the paperwork for the mayor to sign to the meeting but he was unable to attend. There is no money due to the City with this lien. Council assured Mr. Mull that as soon as the paperwork is delivered to the office it would be signed to remove the lien. Mr. Mull did state that if there is any money due to the City he would be happy to pay it.

Councilman Snyder said that Mr. Ed Mensch from Mensch recycling approached him to see what could be done with a tree in the alleyway near his property and the recycling business property. The alley has not been maintained by the City. The tree is in the middle of the alley. He is asking for council's permission to barricade the alleyway at the tree because residents that live further north are coming past the tree and cutting through his lot to get to Edison Ave. Councilman Eister said the area should be surveyed to see where the right-of-way is. He does not think the alley should be blocked because of the tree when it could be removed. Councilman Troup, as Director of Public Works, said there is no problem with Mr. Mensch's request. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Chad Stamm told council that since the new curbing has been added to Front St. there is no parking within 4 blocks for him to park during street sweeping. All the streets in that area are cleaned on the same night. Councilman Troup said he surveyed the area Friday and contacted Chief Mazzeo to discuss changing some of the streets to a different night. He is considering alternating the streets on different nights for street cleaning. He wants to discuss this with Mike Bordner the Public Works Supervisor before any decision is made. The changes, when approved, will be published in the newspaper.

Ms. Diane Petryk of *The Daily Item* asked about the "blue metal sculpture" in Cameron Park that appeared there with no prior council discussion. Councilman Eister said it was a private donation to the park. If others want to donate a piece of artwork for the park, it will be considered. This particular sculpture was made, donated and installed by Mr. Jeffrey Apfelbaum. Councilman Bartello asked if this particular piece was temporary and the answer is yes, until someone else wants to donate another piece. Ms. Petryk said she saw a child climbing on it and asked if it was safe and Councilman Eister answered yes it is safe.

Mr. Brad Hare said at the last meeting Mr. Bill Roll was hired to review spending for the Riverfront Project and he wanted to know why one more person is being hired for this project. Councilman Snyder said he was hired to review the financial side of the Riverfront Project to be sure the City is in compliance with all grants and reimbursements. This is a temporary hire for 20 hours. When he comes back with a recommendation, it will be decided by council whether he should stay on the project to its completion. Mr. Hare asked why we have a Controller, Treasurer, Administrator and Project Manager if they cannot do the same thing without hiring another person. Councilman Snyder answered that there are different levels of professional accreditations that relate to finance and having a CPA review

the documents is very important for audit purposes. No one involved with the project at this time has that level of professional certification. Mr. Hare said over the years a lot of money has been spent on consultants and projects and he thinks council should be careful. Councilman Snyder answered that Mr. Roll would be sure all issues are being covered concerning the Riverfront Project finances. Councilman Eister said most of the funds for the project are being reimbursed and if the audit trail is not correct, reimbursements will not be made.

HIRE POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Persing moved to hire Mr. Bradley Slack as a full-time police officer with the City of Sunbury police department at the 1st year police officer wages (not the probationary wages since he has worked part-time and is familiar with the City and the department). Mr. Slack has been working part-time with the department for quite some time. He is one of the 3 top scorers recommended for hire by the Civil Service Board. Councilman Eister asked if he would be living within the limits of the City and Mayor Persing answered that he lives just outside the City and is not far in the case of an emergency. The mayor can exclude new hires from having to move within City limits. Mr. Slack is taking a considerable pay-cut and owns his current home. Councilman Eister said there is nothing in the contract stating that new hires cannot move and it would be conceivable that any one could move further away and still work for the City. Councilman Snyder stated that as it relates to public safety personnel that while it can be requested to live within City limits, the requirement to live in a municipality is not being upheld by the courts. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

RIVERSTOCK TRIATHLON

Mr. Mark Cox, organizer of the 2nd Annual Riverstock Triathlon explained to council and the audience that this Olympic length triathlon with a .9 mile swim, 24.7 mile bike ride and 6.2 mile run has turned into a 3-day festival bringing thousands of people to the area, many of them from out of state. The date is August 29th. On Friday August 27th there will be a concert on the overlook at Shikellamy State Park. On Saturday August 28th there will be a fitness expo at the Shikellamy State Park Marina from 10 am to 6 pm. At 2:00 there will be a speaker. Mr. Cox would like to see a “walk club” started at the Marina, similar to the one at the Susquehanna Valley Mall which is an indoor venue. Mr. Cox presented a plaque to Chief Mazzeo for the police department’s help with last year’s triathlon. He also presented Mayor Persing with a plaque for the office help provided in 2009. The fire department received an award for aiding in the swim portion of the triathlon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Persing announced that the City of Sunbury is applying for a COPS hiring grant to hire 1 police officer and JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) to purchase equipment for the police department.

The public kick-off for the City’s Comprehensive Plan will be held on June 16th from 6 – 8 pm at the Kiwanis playground. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mayor Persing announced that 1200 girls came to the City to play in an ASA softball tournament which also brought their families and friends. Projects such as this help city businesses with the purchase of food, gas and other items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk