

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
December 28, 2009
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor
John K. Shipman, Director of Accounts and Finance
Mark W. Walberg, 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
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were eight (8) visitors present.

2010 BUDGET/2ND READING/ORD. 1262

Councilman Shipman moved to adopt the 2010 Budget on a second reading. The budget remains a balanced budget of \$4,181,450. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote. Councilman Eister thanked Councilman Shipman for his work toward creating the balanced budget for 2010. The budget process was much easier than prior years.

2ND READING LEVY TAXES/ORD. 1263

Councilman Shipman moved to pass on a second reading the millage rate for 2010. The millage rate remains the same – General Revenue 23 mils, Recreation 2 mils, Library ½ mil, Capital 2 mils. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION

Councilman Shipman moved to pass the 2010 Fee Schedule Resolution (see attached). Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Councilman Eister moved to award the long term financing for the Riverfront Project for a \$1 million 10-year note to Northumberland National Bank. Northumberland National Bank is the only bid received with a fixed rate. The rate was 4.18%. Second - Woodring. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to award the long term financing for the Riverfront Project for a \$1.2 million line of credit for 2 years to Northumberland National Bank. The low rate is floating at 75% of the national prime rate plus a margin of .75% (equates to current rate of 3.19%). The interest rate shall not exceed 9% per annum at any time during the 10 year term of the line of credit. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote. Interest for the notes is reimbursable.

Councilman Eister moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the RDA300 and RDA301 forms for the RACP funds being used to reimburse the City for expenses incurred for the Riverfront Project. The line of credit is being used to match the RACP and other grants being used for the Riverfront Project. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the US Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the reintroduction of eels to the Susquehanna River. This is a joint project between the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP. Since the river is being disturbed, mitigation must be completed. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister moved to authorize the City Solicitor to draft a temporary construction easement with Upper Augusta Township of approximately 40' that will temporarily be affected by the Riverfront Project. The area will be put back to the original condition when construction is complete. None of the amenities of the Riverfront Project will be located in Upper Augusta Township. Second – Walberg. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister also announced that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Riverfront Project will be January 6, 2010 at 11:30 am. Representative Merle Phillips, Senator John Gordner and Representative Christopher Carney will be in attendance.

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL EVENT/RIVER FESTIVAL

PA DOT now requires the municipality to provide a notification of special event to them indemnifying PA DOT from any responsibilities for the closed street. Councilman Troup moved to approve the road closure for the Sunbury River Festival and forward all necessary paperwork to PA DOT. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

CDBG BUDGET CHANGE

Mayor Woodring moved to move \$55,000 from FFY 2006 façade improvement to the Riverfront Project. Second - Shipman. Unanimous vote.

STATE ROUTE 61 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/RETAINING WALL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Councilman Troup explained that as part of the Route 61 Improvement Project PA DOT is requesting permission from the City to put a retaining wall in on the southeast corner of Market St at 11th St. The area will be maintained by the City. This will allow for a larger turn radius. Councilman Troup moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with PA DOT. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME

Councilman Troup moved to make Michael Long a full-time employee effective January 4, 2010. Mike has worked with Public Works on a part-time basis for 5 years. He is a valued employee and is always more than willing to help whenever asked. The wages and benefits are reflected in the 2010 Budget. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

Mayor Woodring moved to make Paula Marie Mitchell a full-time employee. She is now the Meter Officer working 30 hours per week. One of the office staff will be retiring and making Paula Marie full-time will allow her to cross-train for that position. She has been highly recommended by Administrative Assistant Steve Brown and Chief Mazzeo. The wages and benefits are reflected in the 2010 Budget. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

DECEMBER EXPENDITURES

Councilman Shipman moved to authorize the expenditure of \$88,812.97, which includes the health insurance premium for January. All 2009 bills must be paid before any 2010 bills are paid. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Robert Snyder thanked council members for their dedication the past 4 years. Having been on council he knows that it is not always easy and is normally a thankless job.

Councilman Troup said it has been an honor and pleasure to serve with Mayor Woodring and Councilmen Shipman and Walberg.

Councilman Eister said a lot has been accomplished in the past 4 years and 2009 is ending with no debt to the City.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk