

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
October 12, 2009  
7:00 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:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer  
Michael Apfelbaum, City Solicitor  
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police  
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer

There were seventeen (17) visitors present.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 463 attended the city council meeting. They asked what activities will be happening in Sunbury and mentioned they will be in the Halloween Parade with a camping theme float.

### **MINUTES AND REPORTS**

Minutes of 6/8/09 and Reports of the Police Dept., Treasurer's Office, Fire Dept., City Engineer, Code Office, Park & Recreation, Public Works Dept, and Planning Commission were accepted on a motion by Mayor Woodring. Eister – second. Unanimous vote.

### **AWARD DEMOLITION BID/BLIGHT PROPERTIES**

Ms. Jamie Shrawder told council members that bids were received and opened for the demolition of the properties located at 146 South St and 810 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (see attached bid tabulation sheet). Mayor Woodring moved to award the bid to the low bidder, Ferdinand Diminick Contracting for a total of \$15,200. which will be paid from CDBG funds. Ms. Shrawder also asked for permission to negotiate with Mid Penn Engineering to start the engineering process for 3 more properties, as funds allow. Mayor Woodring added that to his motion. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

### **CDBG-R CERTIFICATION**

Ms. Shrawder also explained that she brought the Certifications along for council to review for vote at the next meeting for CDBG-R funds. The only changes are that they added Drug Free Workplace and Excessive Force to the Certification. City of Sunbury has a policy for both topics.

### **AWARD BID/IN-CAR COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

Bids were opened at the last council meeting for the purchase of 5 in-car computer systems for the police cruisers. Mayor Woodring moved to award the bid to MP3 Car who was the low bidder at \$1,399.95 each and the City will be purchasing 5 of them and also to give the Mayor authority to sign all documents. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

### **PPL INCREASES FOR 2010**

Councilman Shipman explained that PPL announced the business rate increases would be between 18.1 and 36.1% effective January 10th. That rate is more favorable than anticipated. The City purchased, through the Municipal Utility Alliance with PLCM, generation costs for 3 years.

### **2010 BUDGET**

Councilman Shipman asked council members to return their 2010 budget worksheets to the City Clerk's office no later than October 26<sup>th</sup>. If any council members want to meet with either Councilman Shipman or the city clerk, they should let them know. Councilman Troup invited the candidates for Mayor and City Council to the budget meetings when scheduled. Councilman Troup asked what rate the employee wage increases would be. Employee evaluations are due in October.

## **OCTOBER EXPENDITURES**

Councilman Shipman moved to authorize the expenditure of \$104,168.06 for the first accounts payable run of October. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

## **TAX EXONERATION**

Councilman Shipman moved to pass the tax exoneration as requested by Statewide Tax Recovery. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Councilman Walberg asked audience member Mr. Dave Persing about an email he received from another party, if he was elected Mayor, that he did not want the fountain in Cameron Park. Mr. Persing said his only comment was that it was always blocked up and overflowing when it was filled with leaves and hard to maintain. There is a different filtering system planned for the fountain that is more efficient than the prior one was.

Mr. Scott Johnson, owner of McGuigan's Public House, asked if council would approve a Resolution for the PLCB to allow him to put tables and chairs on the sidewalk for outdoor eating and drinking purposes. There is enough right-of-way room as required by City ordinance. PLCB has approved everything from their checklist to date. Mr. Rhoads from the code office said all the stipulations are met for code. Mr. Johnson will have to purchase a \$10.00 permit per month to put the tables and chairs on the sidewalk near his business. Councilman Walberg moved to approve the Resolution for McGuigan's to have outdoor seating and that all City and PLCB regulations are met. Nothing can be left outside before and after business hours. Second – Eister. Yes – Woodring, Troup, Eister, Walberg. No – Shipman. Motion passed.

Mr. Jim Smith asked who would be approving moving the memorials in Cameron Park as part of the improvement project. Councilman Eister answered that a company by the name of Aurand Memorials will be inspecting them as well as moving them. He will be providing all necessary paperwork before the project begins as required. Mr. Smith also asked whether a Highway Occupancy Permit has been received for the area at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Market Sts. Ms. Shrawder answered they are in the process of receiving the HOP at this time.

Councilman Eister explained that the Stroh Alley/Edison Plaza project is about 80% complete. The lighting and cameras are not installed yet. The meter machine has not arrived yet. Salt cannot be put on the brick in Stroh Alley for at least 1 year.

Councilman Shipman announced that the last payment on the loan for the demolition of the Newberry building is paid. At this time, the City is debt free.

## **CAMERON PARK PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING**

The groundbreaking for the Cameron Park Improvement Project will be held on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht  
City Clerk