

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
December 10, 2012
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
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer
Lisa Martina, City Controller
John R. Bakowicz, City Engineer
Michael Apfelbaum, City Solicitor
Ken Long, Asst. Public Works Supervisor
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were fifteen (15) visitors present.

MINUTES AND REPORTS

The Minutes of 11/12/12 and 11/26/12 and the available departmental reports of the Police Dept., Treasurer's Office, Controller, Health Dept., Fire Dept., City Engineer, Code Office, Park and Recreation Department, Park and Recreation Board, Public Works Dept., Planning Commission, Redevelopment Authority and Police Pension Board are in the City Clerk's office for review. Motion to accept was made by Councilman Eister. Second – Snyder. Unanimous vote. Minutes will be posted at cityofsunbury.com.

SRI UPDATE

Ms. Meghan Beck introduced Ms. Jess Runkle, the new Elm St. manager. SPARC is working on the Neighborhood Partnership program. SRI is beginning their membership drive and Ms. Beck has applications available at this meeting. The Hometown Veteran's banners will be returned to veterans and their families in Cameron Park at a ceremony on December 19th. The new Hometown Veteran's banner program has started and information is available through SRI. The New Year's Eve celebration plans are coming along and they expect it to be very well attended.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Open House for 202 Washington Ave. will be Friday December 14th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the auction will be held on Saturday at 10:00 am with a walk through at 9:00 am.

2013 TAX ANTICIPATION BIDS

Councilman Snyder opened the following bids for the 2013 tax anticipation note:

M & T Bank 3.02% floating (as of today) First National Bank 2.5% fixed
North'd National Bank 1.09% fixed Swineford Bank 1.636% floating

Councilman Snyder moved to award the bid to the apparent low bidder, Northumberland National Bank at a rate of 1.06% fixed, after review of all the bids by Mr. Apfelbaum and authorizing the mayor to sign all documents. Second – Eister. Yes- Snyder, Bartello, Eister. Abstain – Persing.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RESOLUTION

Councilman Bartello moved to pass the Resolution for the New Year's Eve celebration (see attached) waiving the noise ordinance until 1:00 am on January 1st and the open container ordinance for the evening. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

ELKS TO SELL BEER AT NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Councilman Eister moved to allow the alcohol waiver for the Elks to sell beer in the downtown area on December 31st for the New Year's Eve celebration. Councilman Snyder asked if this is an exclusive

agreement and Councilman Eister answered it is for this event but discussions must be held to allow the sale of wine and beer at Riverfront events. Second – Bartello. Unanimous vote. Chief Mazzeo said there will be patrolmen on duty and they hope there won't be a lot of problems. They will give as much leeway as they can. Councilman Eister asked Mr. Long to consider running the street cleaner on Monday.

HARB APPROVAL

Councilman Bartello moved to pass the recommendation by HARB to allow John & Beth Campbell to put a new steel carport on their property at 613 Market St. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES/VOUCHER PAYABLE REPORT

Councilman Snyder moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$88,000.09 from the General Fund and \$400.00 from Liquid Fuels as funds are available. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

TAX EXONERATION

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

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Ms. Laurie Johnson said Mr. Sinko is having a hearing at the Rescue Hose Co. on January 3rd.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Eister asked why there is a work session before the council meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. Mayor Persing said it was so a lot of the discussion could happen early and the meeting that begins at 7:00 pm does not last as long. Councilman Eister said for 2013 they should think about not having both meetings but have 1 that begins at 6:15 pm. Mayor Persing said when he first started on council they only met once a month and when he became mayor he started having the 2nd meeting of the month.

The next budget meeting will be held on December 17th at 6 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

The next council meeting has been rescheduled to December 26th at 8:00 am and the agenda will consist of passing the 2013 budget and the tax levy ordinance.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk