

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
February 11, 2013
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
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
Lisa Martina, City Controller
John R. Bakowicz, City Engineer
Michael Apfelbaum, City Solicitor
Ken Long, Asst. Public Works Supervisor
Joseph Swope, Code Supervisor
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Dan Saxton, EMA Director
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were thirty-five (35) visitors present.

MINUTES AND REPORTS

The Minutes of 1/28/2013 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 – Troup. Unanimous vote. Minutes will be posted at cityofsunbury.com. Councilman Bartello said he thought a comment at the end of the minutes made by Mr. Ric Reichner was made at another council meeting. Ms. Specht said she takes the minutes from the recording.

SRI UPDATE

Ms. Jess Runkle announced the Hometown Banner program for this year is not going as well as anticipated. At this time there are only 10 new banners. The board decided that they will re-hang last year's banners at a cost of \$100 per banner. Honors will also be on the banners this year. Good news from DCED is that the Elm St. project has been amended to go through June 30, 2014 but no more funding will be received. The time period is extended to get projects finished that have been started. Hill Neighborhood has been informed that as long as Mr. Lou Colon receives a letter stating they have matching funds for the \$250,000 grant for the 1200 block streetscape project, he will continue to review the application. That project was put on hold while the Elm St. manager position was vacant. Councilman Eister asked what time frame they were looking at for the Market St project and Ms. Runkle answered construction would probably begin in 2014.

OATH OF OFFICE/NEW BATTALION CHIEF

Mayor Persing administered the oath of office to Mr. Paul Brown who was elected as the new Battalion Chief for the Sunbury Fire Department.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. Michael Apfelbaum informed everyone that the Redevelopment Authority Board is close to selling 202 Washington Ave. Councilman Eister said he is discussing scrapping the 121 Julie St. property out so they can begin the process of demolishing that building as well as the old Weis warehouse on Awl St. More acquisition papers are being sent to the county courthouse and with that the Redevelopment Authority will have acquired 25 properties to remove blight in the City. The original list had 68 properties on it when they started to acquire them, now there are about 10-12 on the list. The other property owners have started to fix up their properties rather than have them taken.

RIVERFRONT PHASE 3/REPLACE WPA WALL DAMAGED IN 2011 FLOOD

Councilman Eister explained that in 2011 during the flood areas the north end of the WPA wall blew out. It was last repaired in 1997 and during the time of the Riverfront Project it did not need repairs. The engineer reviewed the area and presented a proposal for repairs and the estimate for costs for repair. It is approximately \$245,179 before the complete evaluation (this is a rough estimate without additional costs included). FEMA has pledged \$30,000 and the Sunbury Municipal Authority (SMA) has pledged \$100,000 toward the project. Councilman Snyder explained that since this is an infrastructure issue relevant to stabilization of the river wall, there are 2 courses that can be taken toward the completion of the repairs. One is to utilize existing City funds in addition to the pledges from FEMA and SMA. The City has the debt service tax that could be used to help pay for the project. The other alternative would be to utilize a short term note which would allow local banks to bid the project and incorporate it into the CDBG program in coming years. The blow-outs occur because the bank behind the wall builds up so much pressure from the water between the wall and the current WPA wall. During periods of high water and excessive rains the pressure pushes the existing rock out and creates a blow-out. It has happened many times. Councilman Bartello asked if it is stabilized right now. Councilman Eister said there are some big holes in it right now. Pressure grout was put in there in prior years and that should not have been done because there is no drainage. If replaced by Redi-rock that would never happen again. This is the last section of the WPA wall that will need repairs. Councilman Snyder said it is historic construction stone and could be sold to help reduce some of the costs. Councilman Eister moved to allow the engineer to pursue design work including permitting if the current permits are not enough to continue the project and to go out for bids in the summer. The goal would be to have everything in place for the fall when the fabric dam is deflated for the final phase of the WPA wall. Second – Snyder. Unanimous vote.

RIVERFRONT PHASE 4/CONTINUE SIDEWALKS AND CURB NORTH

Councilman Eister further explained that Phase 4 would continue the sidewalks and curb north to the marina. He is meeting with Charlie Ross from the Chamber of Commerce and he will be looking for funding from PA DOT and other funding sources. Several officials that attended the grand opening of the Riverfront mentioned funding that could be used because this is considered a regional project and there are so many other projects going on it can be tied together.

CODE OFFICER TICKETING

Councilman Eister said the code officers can be sworn in by the District Magistrate and they will be able to ticket vehicles instead of contacting the police department to do it. Councilman Bartello said while talking about the code officer Ms. Heather Kelly handed in an application on January 25th and it is not in the packet. Ms. Specht said she would look into it. The closing date was February 1st but Ms. Kelly can bring her application in if it is not in the original folder since she said it was handed in already.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE BILLING PROCEDURES

Councilman Bartello said he didn't put this item on the agenda but he talked to Rep. Merle Phillips about 3 years ago and he said the department could not bill for something that is already taxed. A public awareness campaign can be run to get the property owners to turn the bill into the insurance company but the citizen cannot be billed. Hollidaysburg and West Chester both tried to bill and they had to pay the money back. If anyone knows anything different he is open to suggestions. Fire Chief Rhoads said he didn't know the City had a fire tax. Councilman Bartello answered no it is part of the general fund taxes and is part of the services the City provides. Fire Chief Rhoads said the citizens will not be billed, their insurance company will be. Councilman Bartello said the ordinance as proposed reads that the property owner would be billed and if that wording changes to billing the insurance company he doesn't have a problem with it. Mr. Dan Saxton said he put the ordinance together and he also saw Rep. Phillips and mentioned to him that tied the hands of the fire department to collect needed revenue. Rep. Phillips said it is a work in progress. Mr. Saxton said they are not intending to bill the property owner but they did want to bill the insurance company. He said he pulled sample ordinances and that is how he came up with the ordinance as proposed. It may need tweaking and that is why it was presented to council at this time. The content is consistent across the board. Several times a year the fire department receives solicitation to bill for them and Mr. Saxton said they don't have to do that and pay someone else, they can do it themselves. They have billed some insurance companies already with a copy to the property owner. Some would pay and others asked for a copy of the ordinance that allows for this to happen and would not pay without an ordinance. Mr. Saxton will change some of the wording and will present the proposed ordinance at another council meeting for a first reading. Mayor Persing asked if he knew of any other municipalities that bill now. Mr. Saxton said he thinks Shamokin Dam does and Fire Chief Rhoads said Selinsgrove and Hummels Wharf do also.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Snyder moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$76,740.19 from the General Fund and \$8,601.54 from Liquid Fuels. Councilman Bartello asked

how long the Village Profile ad ran and Ms. Specht answered for a year. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

TAX EXONERATION

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

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Ms. Specht said she will look into the comment in the minutes of 1/28/13 mentioned by Councilman Bartello because it may have been left from the 12/26/12 meeting and not erased.

Mr. Ric Reichner asked Councilman Eister about the sidewalks going north to the Marina and he wondered how far he was talking about. Councilman Eister said all the way up Front St. to the bridge. Councilman Troup said the underpass area is pretty nasty and that could cause a problem. Councilman Eister said at the area near the Tastee Freeze there would be a walkway under the bridge so no one would have to cross the road to the Marina. Mr. Reichner asked what the status is on the second round of camera orders. Councilman Snyder answered the final camera delivery will be February 18th and then all the equipment ordered will have arrived.

Ms. Julie Brosious asked Councilman Eister if the extension will be a walkway only or would it include a bike path. Councilman Eister said PA DOT requires 8' minimum to provide for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Some of the area is not 8'. The new sidewalks now say no bikes allowed but no one will enforce it because bikes should be allowed. He just wants to see the sidewalks utilized. There hasn't been a problem with bicycles and pedestrians so far. Mayor Persing said he wasn't sure how it would work crossing at the traffic light at the bridge. Ms. Brosious also asked if that project would include lighting and the answer is yes it would be a continuation of what has already been started.

Ms. Regina Russell commended Councilman Eister for making improvements at 406 Walnut St. She also said she is confused at the meeting agenda because it has "Code Officer Ticketing – Eister" on it. She said it makes it look like he is in charge of the code officers ticketing. Councilman Eister said he made a suggestion about code officer ticketing. Mayor Persing said there is no code officer ticketing now and Councilman Eister made a suggestion about how it could be done. He also explained anyone could put any topic on the agenda they want to. Ms. Russell said she wanted to discuss a meeting held on November 30, 2010 where Mayor Persing addressed items for improving the City and better housing. She said one of the solutions to advance rental participation was that owners and tenants should be accountable for their property. Mayor Persing recalled it was a comprehensive plan meeting. She said she has been complaining about different properties to the code office because she feels passionate about the mayor saying he wants Sunbury to look good and attract good people and build up the economy. She calls the code office and sends them letters about properties to be looked at asking it to be checked because it has furniture on the porch and has been there for a month. She doesn't call every day but every couple of weeks if the items aren't moved. Section 130 of the Sunbury code says "tenants are not permitted to keep trash, junk or interior furniture on porches or sidewalks." She feels if there is a truck parked on the sidewalk with trash in it, someone should be ticketing that property or the person that owns the truck parked on a sidewalk. She doesn't feel she needs to hear that you have 5' on the sidewalk for pedestrians to pass. Mayor Persing said he isn't sure why she is addressing him because he doesn't run the code office and Ms. Russell said she is telling council because she thinks these things need to be addressed by council if they want the City to look beautiful. Mayor Persing asked if she was addressing the complaint to the police dept or the code office? Ms. Russell said you can't get around anybody here because everybody went to school with each other, married to each other and some relationship going on. She said there is a club and she is not in the club. When she calls she gets excuses thrown at her and something doesn't get done. She is trying to bring it to the attention of the council and when they are brainstorming they can bring these things up and make an ordinance to address these things. Mayor Persing said he was mayor when they passed the ordinance that interior furniture cannot be on porches. She said when she calls she has problems getting things taken care of. Mayor Persing asked if her problem is that she doesn't like the way things are enforced or not enforced at all? Ms. Russell said she didn't say that. He asked when she calls the police department or the code office does someone show up? She said it took 3 years for Mr. Eister to clean up his property. She said she is being pushed to say those things while she is trying to be diplomatic but she is being pushed to start calling names and giving dates. Councilman Eister said she can mention his name anytime and Ms. Russell said she would take great pleasure to do that. Councilman Eister said where the truck sits, he owns. He asked Chief to go to that area and show Ms. Russell where the sidewalk is and where the property line is. The truck is parked on his property. She feels it must be some kind of a safety violation and trash, junk and interior furniture can't be on sidewalks. At the last meeting Councilman Eister felt he wanted to bring attention to everyone letting them know Ms. Russell wrote a letter to Councilman Bartello and mentioned Councilman Eister was purchasing property using inside information similar to inside trader. She wanted to take away the words inside trader and change them to front running. On the code office website under code complaints it says "your personal information

will be kept confidential. This form is one way for residents of Sunbury to help keep Sunbury beautiful.” She does not know how Councilman Eister got that letter and she wanted to ask Councilman Bartello how he got the letter she emailed directly to him. Councilman Bartello said he has no idea he did not send it to him. She asked if someone in the code office gave it to him. Councilman Troup asked what computer she sent it to. She said that doesn’t matter because she emailed it in confidence to the director of the code office. Councilman Bartello said it was a private yahoo email. Ms. Russell asked Councilman Eister how he got a copy of the letter and Councilman Eister asked her what the next question is. She said she isn’t getting an answer on this one and he said he knows she isn’t. She asked how the residents of the City can expect information to be confidential. She said the code office requests that each property owner removes old tires from their property and any unused item that holds water because it can lead to bugs, varmints and other health issues. Ms. Russell thanked council for listening to her. Mr. Swope said he has no problem with Ms. Russell calling the office. When she calls he goes to check the situation. He did explain to her that the furniture she was talking about was patio furniture, not upholstered furniture. There were also 3 or 4 strollers on the porch and that is not garbage or rubbish. There was a box of dirty diapers he told the tenant that could not be on the porch. The tenant said her diaper genie was not working and removed the diapers from the porch. Ms. Russell said she was not complaining about the code officers. She will complain if someone is stopping them from being effective at what they are supposed to be doing. Mr. Rhoads said they had a car ticketed in that area not too long ago. Ms. Russell said she commends Mike and Joe for doing their job, when they can do it, if nobody is threatening them. Councilman Troup asked Mr. Swope who on council is threatening them. Mr. Swope answered no one has ever threatened him. Mr. Rhoads explained there are 5 bosses and if another Councilman tells them to check something they do it. Mr. Swope said he has already sent the mayor a letter about snow removal at his home. Mr. Swope further explained that when they do inspections it doesn’t matter who owns the property, if there is a violation, it is written up.

Mr. Dale Henry said a municipal waste hauler has 24 hours to unload a truck after the last load is put in it per DEP. Mr. Henry said several months ago he brought the same thing up Ms. Russell did about confidentiality in the code office. He was in the office asking for information and Joe Bartello couldn’t get to the Hotel Edison fast enough to tell the guy. Mr. Henry said he feels Joe Bartello is the problem. Mayor Persing said “anonymous” should be taken off the tip-line on the website if that is the case.

Ms. Brittney Bartello said Joe is the department head for the code office so why is everyone else the boss of the code officers. Mr. Swope said he said they are all (council members) our bosses. Mr. Rhoads said all the councilmen ask them to do things. Mayor Persing explained if the police department sees something they just call the code office. Everybody works together. If the code officers see something that needs ticketed they will get in touch with the chief.

Ms. Carol Mazzeo asked why Councilman Troup asked what computer it was. Councilman Troup said a city computer is anyone’s business. Information on a city computer is public knowledge. Ms. Russell asked if as an employee could have access to anyone’s computer. Councilman Troup answered if a Right-to-Know request was put in anyone can access it. Mr. Henry explained that even if a public official sends an email from a private computer for a public reason, anyone can see the email. Councilman Bartello said Francis just looked at his computer.

Ms. Becky Enders said she serves on the board of Elijah’s Bowl soup kitchen at the 1st Presbyterian Church. She said their clients come in the alley on Center St. There was a major problem on Saturday because of the ice. She asked if they could have extra salt in the alley if there is a problem on a Friday night. They had to purchase 50 lb of salt because the alley was so slippery. The boxes of food were going down the alley on their own, it was that icy. Councilman Troup said the first priority is the main streets and alleys are secondary. He said they would make sure it was salted on a Friday night.

Ms. Russell said in the letter Councilman Eister read that she thought she was sending to the code office as a complaint, in closing on that letter she wrote that she is “in fear of retaliation because of my complaint about that property.” She said at that time she didn’t know it was owned by a council member. She is also on a list for rehab and she knows the list has to come through council for approval. She wanted to put that on record. Mayor Persing said the council does not vote on that list. Councilman Bartello said they are sent a list each month with names on it. Ms. Specht said the names are not on the list until the work begins on the house.

Ms. Kimberly Mull (Watson town) asked Mr. Henry if one of them were to email Mr. Bartello through his private email (yahoo) does the same rule apply to private email. Councilman Bartello said if it is used as city stuff it is considered Right-to-Know. Councilman Bartello said there was a Right-to Know request and he brought the laptop in and the newspaper looked through it but there was no Right-to-Know previous to that to have the machine checked.

SUSQUEHANNA LIBERTY ALLIANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Mayor Persing said he met with US Congressman Lou Barletta and he discussed this issue with him. Congressman Barletta was adamant in agreeing that most of the information in the Act (*could not understand tape*). Mayor Persing gave council members a copy of an Amendment written to support changes to the Act. He stated that everyone on council took the oath to support the Constitution. He feels Congressman Barletta is moving forward with changes and since he is at the national level he is one of the people that can change it. If he doesn't go far enough they can get in touch with him again. The process is in place to change the Act. Mr. John Beringer said Sunbury is not their first stop. The encroachment on rights has been going on for about 12 years. He said he has been to the state capital. He said the process could take years for anything to be done. Mr. Ed Quiggle said he has a statement from Dan Johnson the founder of PANDAA (People Against the NDAA). Mr. Quiggle said the amendment Congressman Barletta supported was known as the Gommert Amendment, introduced by Congressman Gommert from Texas. The description of the Amendment sounded great but the language that passed in the House last year, it limited the right to Habeas Corpus to 30 days. Normally there is no limit. The language did not address concerns about indefinite detention provisions of the 2012 NDAA. Mr. Quiggle said he was going to paraphrase Dan Johnson's letter: He saw a video from the last council meeting and the interview with Mayor Persing and the mayor said it sounded like something the council could support. He wants to commend them for honoring the oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the US and PA. He said it is refreshing to see a council that is willing to stand up for these inalienable rights. He wanted to clear up some confusion created regarding the Gommert Amendment. 2 of the most outspoken opponents of the NDAA indefinite detention provisions were Senator Rand Paul from Kentucky and Rep. Jeff Mosh from Michigan. Both opposed the Gommert Amendment and no civil liberties groups supported the Gommert Amendment. There was 1 Amendment in congress that would have repealed indefinite detention provisions and addressed PANDAA's concerns. That amendment was the Smith & Mosh Amendment (Adam Smith of Washington and Rep. Jeff Mosh of Michigan. Congressman Barletta voted against that Amendment that would have fixed the problem. Now there is a situation where it will have to wait another year for an Amendment to be passed to fix the problem. That means at the earliest a solution will come in December of 2013 or January of 2014. Mr. Quiggle asked if they are willing to allow someone in Sunbury to be indefinitely detained by the military between now and December or whenever the next NDAA is passed. The full letter has been emailed to council members. The PA Republican Liberty caucus released their legislative agenda and they are supporting legislation. Mr. Quiggle said asked what the council is going to do to make sure that no one in Sunbury is indefinitely detained without charge or trial. He said he believes Rep. Barletta had good intentions and he believes the Gommert Amendment addressed PANDAA's concerns. It just says if you get a trial in Article 3 court, then you have rights to Habeas Corpus and due process. What it doesn't say is that you are guaranteed that. Under NDAA you can still be tried under Article 1, a Military Tribunal. Council will have the power to protect them from indefinite detainment and the power to uphold the Constitution and he urges council to vote on the Liberty Preservation Ordinance as soon as possible because the people of Sunbury deserve the right to due process and the right to a trial by jury. Councilman Bartello said if this is signed it assures the people that council will not enforce any unconstitutional laws because of all the talk going on in Washington . People are not sure and they want to know council is on their side. Mr. Beringer said the NDAA says the executive branch can deem someone a belligerent and he asked if council would tell them they cannot just take someone from Sunbury away. Mr. Al Kaufman (South Williamsport) said he is at the meeting as a private citizen and he wants to say that in the issue with the NDAA, the Constitution does not grant rights, it re-enforces the fact that these are birth rights. It is wrong for government to give this power to the executive branch. Chris Hedges (Pulitzer Prize winning journalist) is pressing a case against the NDAA based on it is unconstitutional to give the power to the executive branch. The problem is not the Habeas Corpus issue but the fact that if the NDAA uses its power to take someone away – it puts all reporters at risk. He said as people we cannot trust the federal government to preserve our rights. He said the rights are ours by birth. Mr. Kaufman said they are asking council just to reaffirm that as their representatives and people who have sworn to uphold the Constitution, say yes we are going to do it. Ms. Mull addressed the Gommert Amendment – she said in regard to Section 1029, it is the wording that people are not paying attention to. It makes reference to use of military force in regards to the NDAA, people being arrested under the NDAA and who is otherwise entitled to the availability of such writ or such rights. The Gommert Amendment said if you get a trial in an Article 3 court, you won't be denied your constitutional rights in that court but there is no guarantee that if you get a trial, that is the problem. The Gommert Amendment only addresses if they have already decided that you can be tried under an Article 3 court. Who determines whether you get Article 1 or Article 3? That's where the danger is because it is not addressed. It is deceptive because Congress can pick and choose who gets constitutional rights. It does not recognize or protect the constitutional right to US citizens travelling abroad. Lawmakers have declared that America is a battlefield (battle for terrorism). You don't hear about terrorism overseas. Anyone detained under a 2001 authorization for use of military force (AUMF) which was strengthened by the 2012 NDAA will be subject to a military trial, not a trial in an Article 3 court. Also, anyone would be subject to laws of war. Ms. Mull said that should be terrifying. It applies based simply on the suspicion of being a terrorist by the president or anyone under his command. They would not get the Article 3 court but would be subject to an Article 1 court or come before a military tribunal or a court martial. In the 2009 Military Commission Act the statutory authority to choose whether or not they had jurisdiction – the military commission can decide themselves whether or not they will take jurisdiction

over cases involving the AUMF or NDAA covered persons. While the Gommert Amendment sounds good it does nothing to guarantee anyone a trial by court. You can still be indefinitely detained based on the white house saying you are a terrorist. Ms. Mull said if you do get a trial it may be a military trial not a civilian trial however, if you get into an Article 3 court, your rights would be honored unless otherwise entitled – this is the Gommert Amendment. Under the Bush and Obama administration if they deem you are a terrorist you have no right to a trial because in their words you are an enemy combatant. In reference to the NDAA, there is a video showing a senator saying “shut up you don’t get a lawyer” when a lawyer was asked for (YouTube). The senator later defended his statement also on YouTube. The easy response will be because it does not apply to me because they are talking about terrorists. She asked who gets to determine who is a terrorist. If your political views are a threat, they could say you are a new terrorist. There are many groups considered to be terrorists including Christians, Constitutionals, supporters of the Constitution and those that support the 2nd Amendment. Law enforcement and military are now being trained to focus on those that support constitutional rights, the 2nd amendment, etc. Ms. Mull asked Mayor Persing how feels about his oath that he swore to the constitution and how it fits in to protect the citizens and preserving the constitutional rights on the local level. Mr. Beringer said during the Clinton administration abortion protest groups were classified as terrorists. Mayor Persing said he is speaking for himself and he personally agrees with what has been said. He said there are 5 people at the council table voting for things that pertain to the City of Sunbury that addresses the City of Sunbury. While this does affect the City, the ordinance he was given is many pages. He said they have discussed many of the Sections and for him, he wants to know what the impact of the vote 1 or 5 years down the road and he has no clue what that is. He said he believes in his oath but he is not going to bring up a motion for the council to vote on an ordinance. Councilman Bartello said he thinks it would be a good thing to show the state and federal representatives how this council feels so when they are addressing it they know how the City feels about it. He said it is like the synthetic marijuana ordinance, the state was addressing that issue at the same time City council was. The more communities that pass something like this, the more they will get the feeling that they should do more too. Councilman Bartello said it only deals with the 3 sections not the entire military budget. Council would be making a statement that they are not going to enforce any unconstitutional laws because it is against their oath. Ms. Russell asked what the City Solicitor thinks. Mr. Apfelbaum said there have been many topics discussed. It is well researched by audience members. There is no question that everyone in the room believes strongly in the constitution. What the Mayor is saying is there are federal issues, state issues and local issues. Typically the city council vote is on the local issues. This is an important constitutional issue but council cannot impose its rules on congress or the executive branch. City council members must follow Roberts Rules of Order and vote as they’d like to. If someone makes a motion and a second a vote must be taken. The mayor has clearly said that if someone wants to make a motion they can. Councilman Snyder said ironically, Congressman Barletta rode into office on the coattails of a national issue – illegal immigration. He feels it is a local responsibility that whenever asked, they should at least reinforce the message to those above this council. He hears the importance of the message and everyone should do more every day to protect civil liberties. He said council is not educated on the complexity of the issue to put it into law. He thinks to reinforce the importance of the message a Resolution should be adopted. It would show that everyone is following what is going on and continues to be citizens of the US and protecting the Constitution and each other. He would like to consider a Resolution that summarizes the most important components of the document to protect the constitutional rights and securing local citizens liberties and giving local law enforcement agencies as much power as we can in dealing with the federal and/or state law enforcement officials to protect ourselves close to home.

Mr. Ric Reichner asked if any other local municipalities have passed something in regard to this subject. Unidentified person said he has taken it to the sheriff in Lycoming County. Mr. Reichner asked if it was taken to the council of S. Williamsport where the unidentified person is from. He said it is a process but it is before Lycoming County at this time. Mr. Reichner asked if it was brought before Watsonstown. Ms. Mull said it is in the process of addressing it in Watsonstown. He asked why Sunbury was chosen at this time. Ms. Mull said because all the people in the audience work together – they are from all different parts of the state. They support Ed (Quiggle) and his initiatives in Sunbury. Ed also supports them. Mr. Reichner asked how many municipalities have signed-on with what they are saying. Mr. Quiggle answered there are 2 counties in PA which are Elk and Fulton. There are others currently considering it. State Senator Mike Fulmer and State Rep. Rick _____ are considering introducing statewide legislation. Others are taking steps to protect rights. He said the reason he brought it to council is because he is a state constable in the 9th Ward. The NDAA goes against the oath he swore to support and defend the constitution. The best way he knew how to do that is to set the policy in his office that they would not cooperate in any way if they were ever asked to help with indefinite detention in the state of PA. Mr. Reichner said then Mr. Quiggle asked the audience members to come? He said no they decided to support him in addressing council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht City Clerk