

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
February 9, 2015
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
John Shipman, Director of Accounts and Finance by telephone
Richard Reichner, Director of Public Safety
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings
Dale Henry, Director of Public Works

Other City officials in attendance:

Ken Long, Public Works
Mike Rhoads, Code Office
Ken Kipple, Fire Chief
Brad Hare, Chief of Police
Steve Mazzeo, Police Officer
Cheryl Delsite, Adm. Asst.

There were fifteen (15) visitors.

REPORTS

Councilman Jim Eister made a motion to accept the reports that were presented. Council Dale Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SRI UPDATE

Meghan Beck read an update of the SRI committee. She informed council that the Keystone Community application was returned in order to have the measures of success updated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vacating Center Street

Councilman Henry said he was informed the vacating of Center Street for Cole Hardware has not been completed. This process was started back in 2008. Councilman Eister said he had to pull the minutes for the solicitor. He promised to get back on that so this task can be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Closure

Councilman Henry received a request from Spreading Antlers Children's Foundation to close Market Street around Cameron Park for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2015. He made a motion to close this section of Market Street for the safety of the children. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health

Councilman Ric Reichner made a motion to declare 1062 Miller Street a Public Nuisance due to unsanitary conditions found after a fire at the residence. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The property owner will be given a written notice that she has 30 days to abate the issues.

Approval to Pay Invoices/Voucher Payable

Councilman John Shipman made a motion to pay the invoices totaling \$50,790.20 from the general fund and \$2,913.46 from Liquid Fuel. Councilman Reichner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Exonerations

Councilman Shipman made a motion to accept the tax exonerations as presented. Councilman Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience Comments

SPOA representative Steven Mazzeo gave council a 3rd step grievance as required by the police contract.

Fire Chief Ken Kipple read an unsigned letter condemning him for his unpaid taxes. The letter also stated the city council wants to get rid of him because of his unsatisfactory job performance.

Councilman Henry remarked it was a gutless action to send an unsigned letter. He and the other council members assured Chief Kipple that they do not want to remove him. They also said they are pleased with his performance and have no plans to remove him.

Julie Broschious asked who the owner of the N 12th Street property where the drug bust was. She stated she saw where the deed was transferred from the owners name to a new person for \$1.00. She asked how that affects the rental permit.

After some discussion, she was told the rental permit follows the property and the property owner. The new owner will not be able to apply for a rental permit until the suspension is completed.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl E. Delsite