

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
November 23, 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
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
Stephen Mazzeo, Police Chief
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were eight (8) visitors present.

CDBG PROJECT REVISIONS

Ms. Shrawder proposed revisions to CDBG projects from 2006, 2007 and 2008 to include (see attached):

2006 \$1072.64 from City Admin to Stroh Alley/Edison Plaza Project
\$10,000 from program income to Stroh Alley/Edison Plaza Project
2007 \$18,943 from City Admin to Stroh Alley/Edison Plaza Project
2008 40,950 from DLP Rec Complex Improvements to Cameron Park Project (leaving \$4100 to keep the project open)

Councilman Troup moved to make the revisions as advised by SEDA-COG. Second - Eister. Unanimous vote.

2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Ms. Jamie Shrawder explained that there were over \$500,000 in requests (see attached) for 2010 CDBG projects and the estimate for funds is \$352,000 with \$63,360 for administration (\$54,400 for SEDA-COG). She recommended the following projects be funded for 2010:

Street clock repair/restoration	\$ 16,100
Riverfront Project	\$145,000
Rescue Tool	\$ 20,000
Keithan's Garden	\$ 10,000
Demo of condemned/vacant properties	\$ 73,340
Market St Improvements	\$ 22,100

The total for these projects is \$288,640. Councilman Eister moved to fund the above mentioned projects for 2010. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

FIBER OPTICS UPDATE

Mr. Mike Rhoads informed council the plans for the Fiber Optic Project are going well. They received approval by the Zoning Commission and approval from Planning with conditions set by Mr. Bakowicz, City Engineer.

2010 TAX ANTICIPATION LINE OF CREDIT

The following bids were opened for the 2010 \$250,000 tax anticipation line of credit:

First National Bank	2.60% fixed
M & T	variable rate
Northumberland Nat'l Bank	1.59% fixed
Susquehanna Bank	2.80% fixed

Mayor Woodring moved to accept the bid from the apparent low bidder, Northumberland National Bank, and after the solicitor's review allow him to sign all documents. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT/PENN DOT

Councilman Eister stated that it was agreed that the City could not fund the decorative traffic signals from the PA DOT Route 61 project. Ms. Lara Lapinski from PA DOT will be notified that they can bid the project using the standard traffic signal poles.

STREET SWEEPER LEASE

Councilman Troup moved to enter into a lease agreement with Real Lease for the street sweeper. The lease amount is \$183,885 for a period of 5 years with equal payments of \$36,777 to be paid from Liquid Fuel funds. At the end of the lease the City can purchase the street sweeper for \$1. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

2-HOUR FREE PARKING ON METERED STREETS

Mayor Woodring moved to pass 2-hour free parking on all metered streets from Friday November 27, 2009 to January 1, 2010. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

2010 BUDGET ORD. #1262

Mayor Woodring moved to pass the balanced 2010 budget on a first reading. Changes can still be made until the second reading which will be held on December 28, 2009 (see attached). Second – Eister. Unanimous vote. The 2010 Budget does not reflect a tax increase.

LEVY TAXES FOR 2010/ORD #1263

Mayor Woodring moved to pass Ord. 1263 Levy Taxes for 2010 on a first reading. There will be no increase in taxes for 2010. The only change will be with the Sinking Fund 2 mills – instead of debt reduction it will be for capital expense to include a new roof for Sunbury Youth and Community Center building. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

CODE OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Mike Rhoads explained that by PA statute, the code office must post a fee schedule by January 1st. He asked council to drop all fees, including the National Geomatica fee, and adopt a policy which would collect 30% of all permit fees instead of all the other fees. Mr. Rhoads explained that this would be more equitable to all concerned. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

HARB APPROVAL

Mayor Woodring moved to allow new windows at 249 Market St, as recommended by the HARB. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES

Mayor Woodring moved to authorize the expenditure of \$113,244.62 for the 2nd AP run in November as funds are available. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Tom Grbeneick, Community Resource Center Director at SEDA-COG summarized the Comprehensive/Strategic planning process. This should produce a better informed community and elected body. A Steering Committee will be comprised of key members of the community. The purposed of the plan is to help address the City's development challenges and opportunities in the coming decade. It will be a 5-10 year plan and cost \$80,000 – a grant was received from DCED to pay \$40,000 and the City must match \$40,000. Helping SEDA-COG is Thomas Comitta Associates (urban planning and design) and the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce (economic development).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Specht
City Clerk