

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
April 24, 2017
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable Mayor David L. Persing, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

David L. Persing, Mayor
Elizabeth R. Kremer, Director of Accounts and Finance
Richard L. Reichner, Director of Public Safety
Dale L. Henry, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Kevin Troup, City Treasurer
Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor
Stephen Bennick, Police Captain
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Cheryl Delsite, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: 19

A moment of silent reflection was held after the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Persing asked for comments on agenda items and there were none.

PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN

Mayor Persing moved to promote Officer Stephen Bennick to the newly created managerial position of Captain. He explained the position was added as it has been in the past with positions in the police department. The 3rd Class City Code changed and a test was required which was offered to anyone that fulfilled the qualifications. 2 people tested and the high score was Officer Bennick's score. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

GRANT OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

Councilman Henry explained PPL has to move a pole in Sunbury which is tied into the lines going into Northumberland as part of the street improvement project by Penn DOT. The pole on Shikellamy Ave. is in the Penn DOT right of way. It is located near the pump station. PPL is willing to pay \$1/foot for the easement rights which would be \$13,590. Councilman Henry moved to accept PPL's proposition. Councilman Eister asked where the money would be going. Councilwoman Kremer answered it would be in a separate line item for an emergency. Mr. Troup suggested the money be put in a private account to be used for lighting projects since the funds are coming from PPL. Councilman Eister said all the Cobra-head lights have been switched out to LED lights and the money could be used for changing the street lights from Front St. to 2nd St. He said in the long term it will be saving money in electric costs. Councilman Henry said it could be used for a match for a Green Light Go grant for 4th & Reagan and 5th & Market the city applied for which requires a 20% match. Penn DOT will do a time study at the light at 5th & Market. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$138,596.52 from the General Fund and \$3,305.02 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Persing received information regarding noise ordinances from an audience member at a previous meeting from other areas regarding daytime noise. He asked council members to please look at them so a discussion can be held whether changes to Sunbury's ordinance should be made.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Slade Schreck: Reminded everyone the prom walk will be held Saturday May 6th in Cameron Park to the Elks building beginning at 6 pm. Market St. will be closed to accommodate the prom walk.

David Whipple: Why isn't there an ordinance for parking when some properties have 6 vehicles and they never move? Mayor Persing said you cannot stop someone from parking on a public street as long as the vehicles have current tags and registration.

Laurie Johnson: Street sweeping is done on Monday night on Market St. so SRI board members have been going around to businesses and telling them to clean up their sidewalks Mondays and it is gone Tuesday. First Friday's will begin on May 5th in downtown and Cameron Park from 3 pm to 7 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City-wide clean-up is scheduled for the first week of May.

Mulch give-away is May 6th from 7:30 am to 12 noon or until gone.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk