

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
October 25, 2010
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 R. Kremer, City Treasurer
Lisa J. Martina, City Controller
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Stephen A. Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were twelve (12) visitors present.

A moment of silence was held out of respect for Mrs. Nancy Neff, wife of Mr. Richard Neff, former councilman, who passed away.

RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Councilman Eister moved to pay request #4 in the amount of \$140,349.08 from the line of credit to HRI for Phase II of the project. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister explained that the stabilization phase of the project began today and the WPA wall is approximately 65% complete. They made the 1st pour for the amphitheater last week. The lights on Front St. have been installed but they have not all been lit yet.

Mr. Bill Roll presented his 2nd report (see attached) regarding the Riverfront Project. There is a list of all expenses associated with the project through September 30, 2010. The project began in 2003 with CDBG funds. The funding sources are identified as well. Ms. Delsite submitted the first application for the RACP funds for reimbursement for expenses and hopefully it will come in a short amount of time.

PAY CONTRACTOR/CITY HALL RENOVATIONS

Councilman Eister moved to pay HEPCO Construction in the amount of \$21,092.40 as a final payment for the contract for city hall renovations. There will be more expense to HEPCO for change orders. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

HYBRID MODEL/HIGHER EDUCATION/PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Persing announced that Bloomsburg University has announced that a partnership with other higher education providers is being discussed and will be located in Sunbury. This is a union with several different colleges that will offer classes on the internet and in classroom settings. At this time, nothing has been signed, however negotiations are progressing. This will not be a Bloomsburg University College campus. This will be the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and will be a huge economic boost for Sunbury. It is also not the Community College that has been discussed at length in recent years. Mayor Persing will keep the public informed of the progress of this exciting project. When McCann School of Business came to Sunbury the initial goal was to enroll 150 students and now they have over 600 students enrolled so there is a need for higher education in this area of Pennsylvania.

HARB APPROVAL

As requested by the Historic Architectural Review Board: Councilman Bartello moved to approve new shingles and repairing the trim at the front of 350-352 Market St. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote. Councilman Bartello moved to approve new replacement windows at 115-117 Arch St. that will match what is there now. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

OCTOBER OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Councilman Snyder moved to approve paying the bills listed on the Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$155,854.99; of which \$6,906.55 are liquid fuels bills. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Eister asked that when pension statements are received a copy is given to council members. Councilman Snyder answered that he would see that council members receive a copy.

Councilman Eister moved to allow Ms. Delsite to apply for the Direct Farm Sales grant in the amount of \$7,500 (maximum amount of grant) that would help to advertise the City's farmer's market and if received, would be used to advertise the curb market and seek more vendors. Second – Persing. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister announced that the historic water fountain has been successfully installed in Cameron Park and thanked The Daily Item for putting a video of the fountain on their website. The stone work for the foundation will be completed in the spring of 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick-or-treat in Sunbury will be Saturday October 31st from 6 p to 9 p.

Members of the Rotary Club, Dr. Dick Almond, Bob Rebeck and Bob's grandson Simeon, painted the exterior of the Santa House for the 2010 season. Sherwin Williams donated the paint. The Rotary Club will be raising funds to build a new Santa House for 2011.

Councilman Troup announced that street paving for 2010 is complete. The public works crew paved several alleys and since it was successful this year, they will do more in 2011. If anyone knows of a street or alley that needs to be paved, they should call the office and a list will be kept for 2011.

Downtown Christmas decorating will begin on November 13th at 9 am. Volunteers are welcome!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk