

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
July 25, 2016  
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 E. Troup, City Treasurer  
Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor  
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer  
Russ Wertz, Fire Chief  
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were thirty-five (35) visitors present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Joe Bartello: Was there an announcement that bids would be taken on the Crown Victoria? No it was duly advertised.

**RESOLUTION/MULTI-MODAL**

Councilman Eister moved to pass a Resolution (see attached) giving the mayor the authorization to execute all documents concerning the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

**SALE OF 2008 CROWN VICTORIA**

Bids for the sale of a 2008 Crown Victoria without a transmission were opened: S. Spigelmeyer \$501. Stadium Dirt Designs \$650. and Butch Showers \$200. Councilwoman Kremer moved to accept the apparent high bid of \$650. from John Savitski, Stadium Dirt Designs. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

**FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE**

Mr. Mike Rhoads explained this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the floodplain ordinance as required by FEMA due to the new flood maps. It allows Sunbury's residents to receive discounts on flood insurance. FEMA has approved the wording of the ordinance (see attached). Councilman Reichner moved to accept this ordinance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES**

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$168,289.81 from the General Fund and \$529.84 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Julie Broschius: What is the definition for Multimodal Transportation grant? It is a federal grant that comes through the state for any type of transportation funding.

Becky Enders: She has provided police with information on drug houses throughout the city – is anything being done about them? They don't seem to be closed down. Mayor Persing said the police provide that information to the proper places and they need proof and that it takes time.

David Whipple: When will the property at Race St. & Catawissa Ave. be torn down? Councilman Reichner answered there was a delay in closing of that property to a new owner and then it will be torn down. Mr. Rhoads said the new owner hopes to have it down by the end of August.

Regina Russell, Community Activist: Previously asked a question about neighborhood business and was told an ad was in the newspaper and wanted that confirmed. Mr. Rhoads said he placed the ad for the Zoning Board. She also asked about parking for a neighborhood business. Mr. Rhoads told her businesses must have parking according to the type of business – a bike business needs 1 parking space for up to 200 sq. ft. of floor space. He has a space behind his property. Ms. Russell said there is a fence there and if you look through the slats it looks like a junk yard. Mr. Rhoads said he was told the fence was down so he will check that out. Ms. Russell asked why Councilman Eister's tenants can still park class 4 vehicles on the sidewalk. He parks the truck with trash in it every weekend. At this time a heated discussion was held that did not affect the outcome of the meeting.

Gordon Lamb: Was listening to the scanner while the police were trying to catch guys involved in the gun incident. They were in yards trying to find armed and dangerous people in the dark. They were looking for a dog to help and none were available. Where was the city's K-9? Mayor Persing answered there is no K-9 program any more.

Stephanie Sterner: There are 4 suspects at large from crimes committed in the city, is there anything being done? Is there manpower? Mayor Persing said the police personnel are working on both investigations.

Julie Broschious: Did Mr. Miller sign the contract yet and when? Mayor Persing said it was signed after the meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. She also asked if the crime that happened near Purdy Insurance was solved. The camera in the park is pointing in that direction was it used? Mayor Persing said he does not know the status of every crime. Ms. Broschious said the mayor said he would check the incident report to see if the cameras were used. He said he did not do that. She said there is never old business on the agenda to bring the public up to speed on questions they ask.

Laurie Johnson: Invited everyone to SRI's Movies on the River on Tuesday. She hopes everyone in the meeting room joins her and her grandchildren there. It is free.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Music in the Park – July 26 Floyde Wilder

Aug. 2 – National Night Out with Timothy's Burden

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk