

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
November 28, 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  
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were fifteen (15) visitors present.

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.

**SOLAR PANEL PROPOSALS**

Mayor Persing explained there has been a proposal received from one company and since then another one discussed this with him and will be submitting a proposal. There should be more information coming hopefully by the December meeting.

**RESOLUTION/PUBLIC NUISANCE**

Ms. Kula explained the property located at 439 Reagan St is involved with a foreclosure. There is a tree on the property that is in precarious condition. The code office put caution tape around the area. It was decided this property should be declared a public nuisance so the city can take care of the tree if needed. The home owner had 1 week to remove the tree but as of today it was not done. Councilman Reichner moved to pass the Resolution (see attached) declaring this property a public nuisance by the city council acting as the Board of Health. 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 \$104,315.38 from the General Fund and \$1,509.01 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote. Councilwoman Kremer said the funds are not in the general fund at this time to pay all the bills but they will be paid as the funds come in.

**TAX EXONERATION**

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pass the tax exoneration as requested by Statewide Tax Recovery. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Persing said there have been discussions about new parking meters that are on-going. The meters the city has now are hard to maintain and you can't read through the glass. There is a committee formed to look at this situation.

Mayor Persing said there have been several businesses discussing the maintenance of the city's cameras. A decision will soon be made as to who the city chooses to do that.

Mayor Persing said the 2017 Budget is very close to being balanced without a tax increase but there are still outstanding issues with the police contract still being in arbitration. The other council members did not have big increases in their budgets for next year and it is the police budget that drives the increases. Councilwoman Kremer said everyone has worked hard to keep their budgets in line. Mayor Persing does not know when the arbitrator will have this issue resolved.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Mr. Joe Bartello: How is the budget being close to being balanced without any budget meetings? Mr. Troup said he has worked closely with the individual council members. Mr. Troup said hopefully an updated budget will be available soon.

Ms. Carmen Campbell: Her husband is willing to pay higher taxes if it benefits the police department.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Persing said there are fewer volunteers each year to put the Christmas decorations up. He thanked the inmates at SCI Coal Township, the Public Works Dept., Kathaleen Persing, Cheryl Delsite and Terry Specht, Dawn Marie Benfer from SRI and the Park & Recreation Dept. Also, Tru-Bilt Lumber for donating the Christmas tree in Cameron Park, Kiwanis Club who pays Santa Claus, the Wine trolley for bringing Santa to town, the Sunbury City Band, the Shikellamy Marching Braves and Ann Varias for donating hot chocolate.

The Holiday Express Train tickets are available in the city clerk's office.

The Hill Neighborhood tree lighting is at 7 pm today at the hospital.

Late Nite Shoppers is December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm. Santa Claus will be in the Santa house from 6:30-8:30.

Ms. Regina Russell announced the SV Progressives meeting will be held at the Degenstein Library on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk