CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
August 28, 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
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Ken Long, Asst. Public Works Supervisor
Terry Specht, City Clerk

Visitors: 24

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

An executive session was held at 5:00 pm prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues regarding the police department. Mayor Persing announced that Officer Jamie Quinn's employment with the Sunbury Police Department was terminated today as a result of the internal investigation completed by Chief Miller. This action was taken separate and apart from the on-going criminal charges filed by the State Police. No further comment will be made on this personnel matter from the mayor or council members due to the on-going state police investigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

The mayor asked for public comment on agenda items and there were none.

CHESTNUT ST. PHASE 2 UPDATE

Councilman Eister said they will be grading this week from 4th St. to 7th St. prepping for paving. The Municipal Authority should finish their work this week and then work between 3rd & 4th Sts can be started.

Councilman Eister moved to pay Application #2 for G & R Charles in the amount of $95,226.69. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

2nd READING/CHAPTER 166 VEHICLES INOPERABLE AND CHAPTER 163 PARKING OF OVER-SIZE VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ms. Kula read the changes to Chapters 163 and 166 (see attached). In Chapter 166 changes were made to definitions and prohibiting parking of inoperable vehicles on public streets and municipal owned parking lots. Also, inoperable vehicles may not be parked on private property. This brings the ordinance in-line with the PA vehicle code. Councilman Reichner moved to pass the amendment to Chapter 166 as shown. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote. Chapter 163 changes include prohibiting class 4 or higher vehicles being parked on public streets, alleys or public ways in any district in the city with the exception of loading and unloading. Councilman Reichner moved to pass the amendment to Chapter 163 as shown. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote. The amendments will be effective in 10 days.

PENN DOT ROAD CLOSURE

Councilman Henry moved to pass the road closure request for the annual Fire Police Halloween Parade on Market St. and N. 4th St. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of $109,918.60 from the General Fund and $1,360.42 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

Ms. Kremer announced the total amount of tax exonerations for the year is $6,249.90 for 74 people.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

David Whipple: Is there anything that can be done about skunks coming from the former Celotex site? No one knew other than getting traps or contacting the county or the game commission.

Stephanie Sterner: Sent an anonymous complaint through the tip-line about the property at 1122 Chestnut St which is in deplorable condition. Mayor Persing said after the meeting she should talk to Councilman Reichner and the Redevelopment Authority will be notified since it is vacant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kevin Troup said both the 2018 police pension and the 2018 non-uniform pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) calculations have been made. They both went down this year.

Music in the Park: 7 pm Fred Moyer & the 4 Brick Stop

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk