

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
June 27, 2011
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
Kevin E. Troup, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks/Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer
Stephen Mazzeo, Police Chief
Joseph Swope, Code Office Supervisor
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were fifteen (15) visitors present.

PCTI/APPROVE SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR WOLVERTON ST PROJECT

Ms. Kristen McLaughlin explained that the city council members voted to accept the Selection Committee recommendation for the top 3 firms that submitted letters of interest for the Wolverton St. project (Buchart Horn, URS, Larson Design Group). Each of those firms submitted proposals which the Selection Committee reviewed and ranked. Out of a possible 15 points, Larson Design Group received 11 points, URS 10 points and Buchart Horn 9 points. The Selection Committee requests that council accept and approve Larson Design Group for recommendation to Penn DOT for final review. Councilman Troup moved to accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee by recommending that Larson Design Group be approved and their information forwarded to PA DOT for final review. Councilman Eister said 10 years ago Larson Design Group was involved with the community pool/rink projects. There were problems and if there are mistakes made with the Wolverton St. project they will be held accountable. They did not compensate the City in the pool/rink job or make the mistakes right. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

HIRE SWIM LESSON/WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS AND AIDS

Councilman Eister moved to hire a list of lifeguards for swim lessons and water safety instructors and aids. Second – Troup. Unanimous vote.

HARB

Mayor Persing moved to approve the recommendation of the HARB board for 404 Chestnut St/62 S. 4th St to replace windows, awnings and build a fence. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE REPORT

Councilman Snyder asked if council members would be ok with making payments on payments due for utility bills and other regular monthly bills at other times than when council meets, because sometimes the bills are late due to paying bills twice a month. This would not apply to any bill that needs a purchase order. Council members agreed that would be alright. Any bills paid at other times will show up on the voucher's payable report at the next council meeting. Councilman Snyder moved to pay the vouchers payable in the amount of \$119,859.04 from the general fund as funds are available. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Brad Hare asked Councilman Eister when the lights on Front St. would be working properly. They are out all the time from Woodlawn to Race St. Mr. Eister did not know they weren't working so he will have the electricians check it out.

Mr. Ed Baker told council he would like to create a memorial to James Dalious who was from Sunbury and killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn. He would like to get a tombstone and put it in at Cameron Park. Councilman Eister asked if he had spoken to the American Legion Post 201 yet. Mr. Baker said he did speak to them. Councilman Eister said they should send council members a letter if it is ok with them to put another monument in the park. Mayor Persing said he thinks the Historical Society should

also be involved. Mr. Baker has spoken to them and they thought it should be put in Cameron Park or somewhere else. Mayor Persing asked what information should be on the stone and Mr. Baker said he would see that council members would get a copy with the information he found when he researched Mr. Dalious.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Eister explained that 32,000 eels the City paid for as part of the Riverfront and Army Corps of Engineers mitigation project were released in Little Buffalo Creek outside Lewisburg. The eels have a life expectancy of 15 years before they reproduce. They allow the larvae from stream mussels to attach to their gills and they will be deposited in different locations. This helps to clean the streams. The eel study is part of a mitigation project to reintroduce eels to local streams.

Mayor Persing announced that the Redevelopment Authority sponsored an auction to sell 18-20 Catawissa Ave. which was on the blight property list for many years. A representative from Alexander Pontiac was the only bidder and he received the property for \$2,000. They have 90 days to tear the house down and improve the property. There are several more properties that have gone through, or will be going through, the judicial system and Mayor Persing sees that as a positive step forward for the City to get rid of some of the blight properties. Councilman Snyder asked if there was adequate space on the City's website to list the names of the properties when they will be auctioned off.

Mayor Persing stated that the final weigh-in for Sunbury Challenge 4 Health is Thursday June 30th and there will be a pool party/picnic beginning at 7 pm for all participants.

The access to the 2nd floor will be limited to the rear of the building so audience members attending meetings may want to park in the Court St. lot behind city hall for ease of access to the council chambers.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk