

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
September 25, 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
Michael Kula, City Solicitor
John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Russ Wertz, Fire Chief
Cheryl Delsite, Admin. Assistant

Visitors: 21

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

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

CHESTNUT ST. PHASE 2 UPDATE

Councilman Eister explained the gas company came to put services in and take old services out. The Municipal Authority is finished on Fourth St. The gas company has held the project up many times during this project.

Councilman Eister moved to pay engineering fees and field inspector invoices in the amount of \$20,168.70. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister also moved to pay Pay Application #3 to G & R Charles in the amount of \$191,565.23. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

GREEN LIGHT GO SIGNATURE RESOLUTION

Mayor Persing stated this grant is for the intersection at 4th & Arch St. Applications will also be submitted for 4th & Packer Sts. and 4th & Reagan Sts. Mayor Persing moved to pass the Resolution (see attached). Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

SMERLICK SUB-DIVISION

Mr. John Bakowicz said the zoning officer received the application from the Smerlicks. The purpose is to put up storage units at the corner of S. 6th St and Greenough St. Mr. Bakowicz submitted a report dated September 15 on the sub-division plan and September 18 on the land development plan. Both plans were deficient and not in a form that would be approved. The Planning Commission was advised by Mr. Bakowicz to table this item until the Smerlicks could provide the needed information. There is a 90 day time-line. Mayor Persing moved to accept the recommendation of the city engineer to table this project and when the proper information is received it will be brought before city council again. Second- Reichner. Unanimous vote.

ABANDON AND IMPOUNDING VEHICLES

Councilman Reichner said this has been discussed quite a while for unlicensed and un-inspected vehicles. A place had to be found where the towed vehicles can be stored that is registered with the state, licensed and has the proper salvage credentials. Aurand's Auto Service will be providing that service to the city in the future.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$107,525.07 from the General Fund and \$303.99 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Kremer also asked council members to get their budget worksheets to the treasurer's office so a preliminary 2018 budget can be processed. Councilman Eister asked about Service Electric Cablevision and having an audit completed on it. Mayor Persing will send a letter to them requesting an audit. Councilman Eister also would like to know if internet and phone could become part of what can be collected. Mr. Troup said he would research that. Councilman Eister moved to allow the mayor to request an audit. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Chris Wilkinson, Sunbury Motors: Who has a salvage license in Sunbury because Sunbury Motors does not? Aurand is the only one that is compliant with the state. The vehicles will be towed to their Church St. facility and the vehicle owner will be responsible to pay the towing and storage fees.

Ruth Riehl: When will Chestnut St. be drivable? She is afraid of a fire or someone getting hurt to get a fire truck or ambulance in. Mayor Persing said the street will have base paving as soon as possible.

Joe Bartello: Will the 2018 budget be discussed behind closed doors? Mr. Troup said the budget was not discussed behind closed doors in 2017. It was done 1-on-1 with council members and the treasurer's office. Mr. Troup said he doesn't know if meetings will be needed this year until all the departmental budgets are entered.

Fire Chief Russ Wertz: The Good Will Hose Company is back in service as of September 11, 2017.

Regina Russell, Community Activist: Who is doing the field inspection for the Chestnut St. project? Councilman Eister answered CES Engineering has a field inspector doing the inspections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade – October 19

Boos and Brews – October 21

Pink at the Rink – October 29

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk