

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
July 27, 2015  
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  
John K. Shipman, Director of Accounts & 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  
Michael Apfelbaum, City Solicitor  
Brad Hare, Police Chief  
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer  
Kenny Long, Asst. Workforce Supervisor  
Cheryl Delsite, Administrative Assistant  
Lisa Martina, Controller

There were twenty (20) visitors present.

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

**TEEN WORK CAMP**

Mayor Persing praised the Teen Work Campers. He believes they repaired 50 homes of the 56 that were on the list. Chief Hare also mentioned he gave two of the campers Citizen Accommodations for helping to solve a hit and run accident.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Persing asked for comments on agenda items and there were none.

**CAO-NON-UNIFORM PENSION**

Councilman Shipman announced the city needed to appoint a chief administrative officer for the non uniform pension plan. He explained this was an administrative position. He made a motion to nominate Terry Specht or the current city clerk. Councilman Eister seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAVING BIDS**

Councilman Henry announced the city received four (4) bids for the paving project.

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| Meckley's      | \$104,001.40 |
| HRI Inc        | \$155,853.20 |
| New Enterprise | \$109,542.72 |
| G&R Charles    | \$137,000.12 |

Mayor Persing asked if this work was going to be done with 2015 money and if there is enough money in the account to honor what was pledged for the Chestnut Street project. City Treasurer Kevin Troup stated Barry Garverick from Penn DOT released \$233,000 for the Chestnut Street project as of today. Mr. Garverick did not designate which phase it was for. Councilman Henry said yes the money would be available for the paving project, Chestnut Street and the sweeper payment. He also stated his department will have to buy salt for next year as well.

There was discussion about the Keystone grant and whether or not the city was approved. Ms. Delsite will get Councilman Shipman a copy of the confirmation letter.

Councilman Reichner asked what streets will be paved. Councilman Henry informed the council this project will pave the alley from Line Street to Reagan Street; Washington Ave; Ridge Avenue; Pennsylvania Ave from Senior Action Center to 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Kremer Ave from Reagan St to past the Good Will's. City Solicitor Michael Apfelbaum reviewed the documents from Meckley's and found them to be complete and acceptable. Councilman Henry made a motion to accept the low bid of Meckley's at \$104,001.40. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reichner. Voting yes – Reichner, Henry, Eister and Persing. Abstaining – Shipman. Motion carried.

#### **PA ACT 44/PENSION PLAN COMPLIANCE RESOLUTION**

Councilman Shipman informed the council they were required by the state to upgrade the city's current procedures for requesting professional service for the pension plans. The professional services include investment advice, legal advice, actuarial advice and or any other consulting services that have been adopted to comply with Act 44. The resolution brings the city into compliance with the state's new requirement. Councilman Shipman made a motion to adopt the resolution (see attached) to bring the city into compliance with Act 44. Councilman Henry seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEY BY COLE'S HARDWARE**

City Solicitor Apfelbaum stated by passing this resolution the city will execute a quit claim deed and hold a closing with Cole's Hardware. Cole's Hardware is paying for all costs associated with this action. A survey with a map and deed description has been completed. Councilman Eister explained this is for the alley on the east side of the Cole's Hardware building. This alley is a dead end and Cole's owns everything around it. The project was started over 6 years ago. Councilman Eister made a motion to pass the resolution to vacate the alley alongside the Cole's building and give ownership of the alley to Cole's. Councilman Reichner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES**

Councilman Shipman moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$93,572.98 from the General Fund and \$944.49 from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Second – Councilman Henry. Unanimous vote.

#### **POINT OF CONTACT/RIVERFRONT EVENTS**

Councilman Eister noted there was some confusion about who was doing the scheduling at the River Front. Councilman Eister made a motion to appoint the City Clerk's office to handle the scheduling of events at the River. Councilman Henry seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Councilman Reichner thanked Mr. Greg Cole for his sponsorship of the National Night Out. Councilman Eister also thanked him for his patience with the Chestnut Street Project.

Mr. Greg Cole has a concern with the signage at the intersection of Chestnut St and Second St. He noted at the intersections it is signed road closed. He would like to see the signs changed to local traffic only and no trucks. Councilman Eister noted he is working with the contractor to get additional signs. He asked Councilman Henry if two temporary stop signs could be put at the intersections since traffic is running the traffic lights. Chief Hare said the department has made 10 arrests in this area of vehicles going through the road closed signs. He said the state police have also made some arrests. He said the people are flying through this area and the signs say road closed. Chief Hare said they are being arrested for going through the road closed signs. Mr. Cole is asking to have signs that say local traffic only with the stop signs so that people can get to his store. Councilman Eister will continue to work on this issue.

Regina Russell also commented a woman from her exercise class fell trying to cross Chestnut Street to get to her doctor's office. The woman is 76 years old and sustained a broken finger and a black eye. Ms. Russell said there is no signage or passageway for pedestrians.

Bob Werline mentioned the work beginning done at the Keller Street Playground. He said there are a few odds and ends that need to be completed. Councilman Eister said Bimbo Bakery donated \$5,000 that paid for the new equipment. They also sent a work crew to spread the mulch. Councilman Eister asked that a thank you be sent to Bimbo's for the donation and the work crew.

Chief Hare mentioned Car 6 has become disabled and he recommends selling it for what it is worth. Councilman Eister asked to have the ad placed as soon as possible.

Jim Snyder of Sunbury Supply thanked Councilman Reichner for his citation. He stated he is going to appeal it unless Councilman Reichner would like to withdraw it before it goes to court. He stated there are several businesses working for the City of Sunbury that do not have licenses. He stated Suncom and Frank Culp do not have one but Harry's Plumbing and Heating did get one. He got a new contractor's list this morning and he is not on the list even though he has a license. He questioned if the Code Office knows what it is doing. Councilman Reichner will ask why his business is not listed. Mayor Persing said he would look into it. He also noted there was a contractor in the ASA doing work that doesn't have a license. Mayor Persing asked what the contractor was doing because it could have been one of the volunteers doing other types of work like mopping the floors and which day. Mr. Snyder stated he didn't know what they were doing and it was on a Tuesday and insists a person needs a license to do service work. Mayor Persing said they do not need a permit to do volunteer work like sweeping.

When asked by Councilman Reichner if Mr. Snyder only does service work, he replied no, he also does contract work. To which Councilman Reichner said that is why he needs a license. Mr. Snyder asked when he needs to get the license. Councilman Reichner said when he does his first job in the city. Councilman Reichner reminded Mr. Snyder that he said if he wouldn't have been caught he would never get a permit to work in the city. Councilman Reichner warned him a year ago that if he got caught again he would be issued a citation. Councilman Reichner noted Harry's Plumbing put in an application for a permit but did not pay for it. He reminded Harry to pay for it and he did. There was a question about him pumping the job johnnies. There was discussion about the definition of commercial work and residential work. Councilman Reichner explained if he was just servicing an air conditioner, he would not be bothered. But if you are selling and installing the air conditioner, you do need a license. There was more discussion on what type of work Mr. Snyder does in the city. Councilman Reichner reminded him that he submitted a bid to the city to provide and install an air conditioning unit in the municipal building. Mr. Snyder admitted that sometimes he does do more than just service work. Councilman Reichner went on to explain that residential work is state licensing and overrides the local licensing. But once you get into the commercial, it is a different story. Mr. Snyder asked if Suncom needed a license. City Solicitor Apfelbaum asked Mike Rhoads from the Code Office if they needed one. Mr. Rhoads said it was a gray area. Mr. Apfelbaum said since Mr. Snyder was going to appeal his citation they would have to let the judge test it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Persing announced several Music in the Park Events – July 28<sup>th</sup> Timothy's Burden July 29<sup>th</sup> – Ann Kerstetter Band and July 31<sup>st</sup> – Counterfeit Dreams. He also mentioned National Night Out with Counterfeit Dreams on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl E. Delsite  
Adm. Asst.