

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
July 28, 2008
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor
John K. Shipman, Director of Accounts and Finance
Mark W. Walberg, Director of Public Safety
James R. Eister, Director of Parks/Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Steve Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Mike Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were twelve (12) visitors present.

2ND READING/OUTDOOR FURNACES

Councilman Walberg moved to pass Article 53-3(A) to disallow the use of outdoor wood burning furnaces in the City (see attached). Second-Eister. Unanimous vote.

STROH ALLEY CANOPY DEMOLITION

Mr. Bill Seigel explained that the bid received for this project was higher than anticipated so the project will be completed as a “force account” project which allows the use of “in-house” labor, hire personnel onto the work force if necessary and use any equipment rental and direct costs, to include worker’s compensation, unemployment compensation, insurance, etc. The scrap would be bid-out and sold to be reinvested into the program. Ms. Specht’s wages to keep accurate reports of the project can be reimbursed by the Admin. money from the CDBG program. Councilman Eister moved to complete this project in the manner explained by Mr. Seigel. Second-Walberg. Unanimous vote.

JULY EXPENDITURES

Councilman Shipman moved to pay the second AP expenditures in the amount of \$51,122.47 for July. Second-Eister. Unanimous vote.

HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Mr. Seigel stated that there is an old housing revolving loan fund established many years ago through the CDBG program which was a loan program and the pay-backs have been generated and placed into an account in the amount of \$177,000. The funds are considered federal program income and can be used only on eligible CDBG activities. Mr. Seigel recommended that he be given permission to contact DCED to develop a program income re-use plan to be submitted for DCED’s approval. The funds would then be assigned to an open CDBG year contract. He also suggested that this money be used to fund the Cameron Park project, which has \$25,000. already budgeted to it but council knew it was not enough to complete the work. In Mr. Seigel’s opinion, Cameron Park is not only a jewel in Sunbury but also in the region because there are no town-square parks in the region. Mr. Seigel was given permission to proceed with the paperwork to get this project moving.

Mayor Woodring asked Mr. Seigel for an update regarding the Edison Plaza project: Mr. Seigel said his understanding was that the Stroh Alley canopy demolition be completed first and then Mr. Bakowicz would install improvements to the entry way so a “parking machine” could be accommodated in that area.

Mr. Seigel recommended to council that approximately \$1000. which is left from the ball field fencing project and approximately \$4400. left from the sign material project, and approximately \$450. from the fire equipment fund be moved into the Edison Plaza project. Councilman Shipman moved to pass the transfer of the funds from the 3 projects into the Edison Plaza project. Second-Woodring. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Ms. Carmen Campbell asked council how much profit the \$10,000. parking machine would bring. Mayor Woodring stated that he does not know, but meter heads would cost \$30,000.

Mr. Joseph McGranaghan, Chairman of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber Commerce Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project Task Force, asked for council's help with the through-way project. Penn DOT recently put the project into "hibernation" which is not acceptable to the Task Force. Secretary of Transportation Biehler stated that this project is too expensive to build. This project will have a powerful economic impact on this area if not completed. Congressman Carney has been instrumental in helping the Task Force move some of the issues forward. Mr. McGranaghan asked council and the public at large to write letters to Secretary Biehler and Governor Rendell and include copies to Senator Specter, Senator Casey and Congressman Carney. Mayor Woodring assured him council would send a letter immediately.

Mr. Bob Miller asked for council's permission to build a planter in the island area at Race & 12th St. He gave council a picture of the box they would like to build in that area. Mayor and council gave them the go-ahead with the project and thanked him and the Hill Neighborhood for their efforts at beautifying the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk