

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
August 14, 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
John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Timothy Miller, Chief of Police
Russ Wertz, Fire Chief
Mike Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Ken Long, Asst. Workforce Supervisor
Terry Specht, City Clerk

Visitors present: 42

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PROCLAMATION/SHIKELLAMY KEY CLUB

Mayor Persing read a proclamation (see attached) recognizing the Shikellamy High School Key Club for winning 1st place in the non-traditional scrapbook contest at the 2017 National Convention. The Key Club Advisors Ms. Tanya Reader and Ms. Marsha Kouf and several Key Club members spoke to the project. Representative Lynda Culver presented a House citation from the PA House of Representatives commemorating the Key Club and their community service and their win at the National Convention. She said it will be something they will never forget. Ms. Peggy Reichenbach presented a letter from U.S. Congressman Lou Barletta and said any Circle K Club in college would be happy to have these members in their organization, the Kiwanis Club would also be honored to have any of them as members. County Commissioners Rick Shoch and Sam Schiccatano presented a congratulatory proclamation that will be adopted at their meeting in September. Mayor Leonard Zboray also presented a proclamation from the Northumberland Borough and said that 51 years ago he was a member of the Key Club and had an article from the Reading Eagle in 1965 showing the officers of the Key Club at that time. He asked the members to please keep volunteering.

MINUTES AND REPORTS

The Minutes of 7/10/17 and 7/24/17 and available departmental reports of the Police Dept., Treasurer's Office, Controller, Health Dept. (quarterly), Fire Dept., City Engineer, Code Office, Park and Recreation Department, Park and Recreation Board, Public Works Dept., Planning Commission, Redevelopment Authority and Police Pension Board (quarterly) are in the City Clerk's office for review. Motion to accept was made by Councilman Eister. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote. Minutes will be posted at cityofsunbury.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Persing asked for public comment on agenda items and there none.

CDBG FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:35 pm Mayor Persing temporarily adjourned the city council meeting and asked Ms. Linda Sterling to conduct the final 2017 CDBG public hearing. Ms. Sterling said the total amount the City

will be receiving is \$269,615 which is \$1,500 less than last year. The Projects selected for funding include:

Chestnut St. Milling and Paving	\$189,985
Clearance/Demolition 2017	\$ 28,110
Sunbury Fire Department	\$ 3,000
Administration	\$ 48,520

Ms. Sterling reviewed the Resolution to be passed authorizing the submission of the 2017 CDBG application (see attached). At this time, Ms. Sterling asked for any final public comment regarding the 2017 CDBG projects or application. Ms. Regina Russell asked why a Resolution is necessary. Ms. Sterling answered it is a requirement of Act 179, which is the law that governs the CDBG program. It also is a Resolution that authorizes the mayor to sign all documents. Ms. Russell asked if there is a Resolution every time the city applies for the funding and Ms. Sterling answered yes. Hearing no further public comment, the 2017 CDBG Final Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Councilman Eister moved to pass the Resolution to authorize the submission of the 2017 CDBG application. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

CHESTNUT ST. PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Linda Sterling explained CES Engineering is requesting Amendment #1 (see attached) to the Chestnut St. Professional Engineering Services Agreement. They are asking council to consider adding a fee of \$25,000 to the original contract to hire inspection services which were not included in the original agreement. Ms. Russell asked why an amendment is necessary for inspections which should have been included in the original contract. Councilman Eister answered initially the inspections were going to be done in-house locally but they found it would be less expensive to contract that service through CES Engineering. Councilman Henry asked why it wasn't in the original bid even though it is less expensive. Ms. Sterling said other labor cannot be included in a bid for CDBG services so if it was going to be done in-house it could not be part of the CDBG bid. Ms. Sterling said it is common for amendments to be made to contracts because there are times when items change. Councilman Eister moved to accept Amendment #1 to the professional engineering contract for CES Engineering. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister also moved to pay Invoices #170118 \$6,000, Invoice #170230 \$5,000 and Invoice #170231 \$7,231.75 to CES Engineering. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister explained the last lateral was finished today. They will begin to clean things up to get ready for 4th St. to be open for the River Festival. They will also begin prepping from 4th St. to 7th St. for paving.

SRI REPORT

Ms. Laurie Johnson reported Valley's Got Talent will be Thursday night at 7 pm. Friday and Saturday is the River Festival and boat regatta. The After Hours is sponsored by Sunbury Motors and will be on the river side of the flood wall on Saturday night. There will also be fireworks after the music is over. The Wine and Brew Festival is September 16th. Ms. Johnson also mentioned the building SRI is in has been sold and they will be moving the office to the old Bob Newman building on Market St.

RESOLUTION/PURCHASE 2017 F-550 T-TAG/PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Henry moved to pass a Resolution (see attached) to purchase and finance a 2017 F-550 T-Tag to replace the one they have that can no longer be inspected. 3 bids were procured to lease the vehicle for 5 years and will be paid from the Liquid Fuels fund. The Resolution also authorizes Ms. Specht to sign all documents. Second- Kremer. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$92,147.26 from the General Fund and \$2,276.66 from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Second - Henry. Unanimous vote.

TAX EXONERATION

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pass the tax exoneration as requested by Statewide Tax Recovery. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Chris Reis said there is a grant through State Farm that the CSIU is applying for to help fund the Pinnacle House that is in Sunbury. It is a home for girls 18-21 that have no place to live and they either have children or are pregnant. The projects were narrowed down to 200 by State Farm. Voting begins soon and you can vote for the project up to 10 times each day. Mr. Reis will provide the web address to do the voting.

Lori Garman of the Shikellamy School Board said they proud of their teachers. They are also proud of the city police. She has one issue with large trucks parking on Market St. that stick out into the driving lane. She was wondering if there is anything that can be done because it backs traffic up. Also, trucks unload by BB&T and you can't see through the intersection.

Regina Russell, Community Activist asked Councilwoman Kremer how much the taxes that have been exonerated are. Ms. Kremer said she does not have that information but will have it at the next meeting. They are not added on the exoneration sheet.

David Whipple asked about the funding for the Good Will Hose Company. No city funding will be given to them until Chief Russ Wertz says they are ready. Chief Wertz said they have 8 guys that just joined the fire company. The next certification class is at the end of August. Once they are certified and Chief Wertz thinks they are ready, he will allow them to attend fires and also begin to collect their funding from the city.

Frank Hockenbrocht asked about the Norfolk Southern closure issue. He said people would either be locked in or locked out. Mayor Persing said when the proposal is ready it will be brought before council.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Persing announced that an environmental review will be made in the amount of \$800 on the land that SEDA-COG will be transferring to the City. His firm was involved many years ago so he has the background knowledge needed to do the review in an efficient way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in the Park at 7:00 pm:

August 15 Galactica Sound

August 22 86 Band

August 29 Fred Moyer & the 4 Bricks Stop

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk