

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
January 23, 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 E. Troup, City Treasurer
Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor
Timothy Miller, Chief of Police
Stephen Bennick, Police Captain
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were thirty (30) visitors present.

A moment of silent reflection was held after the Pledge of Allegiance. Please remember Mr. Robert Zimmerman in your prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

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

CARING AWARD

On behalf of the Shikellamy School District, Mayor Persing presented the City of Sunbury Caring Award to Lt. Col. Joseph Walsh and the JROTC (see attached). Mayor Persing said it is not a known fact what all the JROTC does in the community. Battalion Commander Colby Fritz accepted the award on behalf of the JROTC. The JROTC is focused on service and giving back to the community. The program was designed to “motivate young people to become better citizens.” Lt. Col. Walsh said the program is great because of the cadets being prepared to integrate into the community. The cadets come up with their own ideas for all their service projects.

HIRE FT POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Persing moved to hire Kevin Malukas as a full-time police officer with the Sunbury Police Department. He had the highest overall score of all the officer candidates. Mr. Malukas will start on February 21st. The other candidate is Colby Snook who is in the #2 position. Mr. Snook will start on February 22nd. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

PENN DOT ROAD CLOSURE

Councilman Henry moved to approve the road closure for April 15, 2017 for the Spreading Antlers Easter Egg Hunt in Cameron Park and on June 10, 2017 for their Loving & Caring Fair. Both closures are for Market St. Second – Kremer. Unanimous vote.

CHESTNUT ST PHASE 2 UTILITIES ENGINEERING BILL

Councilman Eister moved to pay an invoice for CES Engineering in the amount of \$2,705.32 for engineering services for the Chestnut St. Project Phase 2. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilwoman Kremer moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$184,447.83 from the General Fund and \$2,705.32 from the Liquid Fuels fund. Second – Henry. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Persing explained the Adopt-A-Block program would deal with clean-up in neighborhoods. The program is being used in Lancaster at this time. There may be areas that are not being cleaned up by property owners but the program would allow groups of people to pick up trash, etc. on the public way. If anyone is interested they should contact the mayor's office. Ms. Regina Russell asked if there is a grant attached to this and the answer is no.

Councilman Eister said the PPL LED Street Lighting project is a project where PPL will come to Sunbury and change out PPL owned street lights to LED lighting. There are 8 lights that will cost \$891 because they were installed in 2010-2012. There is a possibility this is incorrect but he is looking into it. AS soon as the \$891 is paid they will start the work within 60 days. Councilman Eister moved to cut a check for \$891 for this project. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote. There is a total of 592 lights in the project.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Kurt Karlovich: Asked about the tax breaks for volunteer firefighters included in the law passed by the PA legislature. At this time, it is being looked into. Councilman Reichner said Chief Wertz is looking into this and he will get back to council with information.

Joe Bartello: Is there an escrow payment needed for the rehabilitation of the former prison site? Councilman Reichner explained there is a \$1,000,000 bond required by the bidder that is awarded the project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht, City Clerk