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- Sunbury City Councilman Jim Eister opened the meeting at 6 PM and went around the table for introductions. Jim passed around a sign in sheet to all the residents to fill in their contact information.
- Jim explained the proposed project and the utilities being replaced this year and that the final paving, sidewalks, and lighting are scheduled for next year. Jim also explained how utility replacement needs to start at the Gut near Seventh Street and work towards Third Street and then from Seventh Street to Tenth Street. Jim opened the meeting to the public for comments and questions.
- A gentleman wants the slate sidewalk replaced in front of his blue house near Seventh Street. He was informed this was in the project scope.
- A gentleman living in a gray house at 514 Chestnut questioned about the stump being removed in front of his house and if his downspout would be tied into the storm system. He also commented that water pools on the sidewalk between his house and his neighbor's and asked about this being corrected when the sidewalks are replaced. He was informed this was in the project scope.
- A gentleman living at 504 Chestnut just had a new porch installed with a concrete slab around it and commented that he did not want it disturbed. He was informed if this was disturbed while replacing laterals that it would be fixed at no expense to him.
- A couple that owns 523 and 525 Chestnut asked if the slate sidewalk would be replaced. Also commented that their sewer hookup is in the back of the house and asked how that would work to be tied into the new sewer system. They were informed their sidewalk would be replaced. Jim explained the new sewer lateral would be installed at the front of the house up to the back of the sidewalk at the expense of the City. Homeowners will have the option to have the lateral run from here into the house by the contractor at the expense of the homeowner.
- Discussion started in regards to replacing water laterals. It was mentioned any water laterals found to be galvanized or lead will be replaced by the Sunbury Municipal Authority.
- Jim added that gas laterals are going to be updated by the gas company and anyone wanting gas service added to their home, needs to contact the gas company in the next few weeks. He added that after the street is paved, no new gas service connections will be permitted.
- A question was asked about new concrete sidewalks being disturbed. Jim advised the goal is to not disturb new sidewalks but if it cannot be avoided while replacing laterals that any damage will be corrected at no expense to the homeowner.
- Jim explained that the curbing on the south side of Chestnut Street will be stepped in approximately 2 feet between Awl Street and Seventh Street to be in line with the other curbs. This was requested by PennDOT if a grant for sidewalks and lighting was to be awarded.
- Dave Moyer of Moyer Furniture requested access for delivery trucks to turn onto Fifth Street and wanted to make sure no additional parking was being added along that street that would prevent the trucks from making the turn. He also expressed concerns with street closures interrupting deliveries. Jim expressed no more parking will be added along Fifth Street and that the City will work with him to allow trucks to make deliveries. Lee added that the curb radius from Chestnut to Fifth Street was being increased and with the curb being stepped back 2' in this location will improve truck turning.
- A couple that owns 445 Chestnut wants notified because they want to replace their sewer later and tie into the new system. They also want their downspouts ran under the sidewalk and asked

about moving their gas lateral. They were informed that the gas lateral would need to be addressed by UGI. The downspouts and new sewer lateral are part of the overall project.

- Tom McBryan of the Sunbury Municipal Authority proposed homeowners should move sewer laterals so that they are out from under porches while laterals are being replaced. He also expressed that they should tie into the new sewer now while the contractor has the trenches open, which will be cheaper than doing this later.
- It was stated the downspouts from Albright Church are causing flooding in the parking lot at the rear of the building. Lee Zeger, Project Engineer of CES Engineering said these downspouts are being tied into the new storm system.
- The homeowner of 422 Chestnut wants hooked into the new sewer system.
- Jim explained the project along Fourth Street will include replacing any slate curbs as well as milling the street and repaving between Walnut Street and Market Street. There are inlets to be replaced along Fourth Street that are alternates of the project if budget allows.
- Street closures were questioned and Jim expressed the goal of only closing one block at a time for the duration of a week.
- The homeowner of 346 Chestnut wants a second downspout tie in added and asked that his sidewalk only be a single wide when it is replaced. He was informed this would be updated on the plans.
- A representative from the First Baptist Church asked about tying in downspout and getting any sidewalk disturbance fixed. She was informed that this is in the project scope.
- A concern was brought up about the storm/sewer line going down Court Street backs up into the United Way building. Jim advised replacing this line is out of the scope of this project but several inlets that are part of this line will be taken off this line and added to the Chestnut Street storm system so the issue may be alleviated by the scope of this project.
- A question was asked about sewer laterals for homes on Walnut Street. She was advised this is not in of the scope of this project.
- A question was asked about the sidewalks in front of the rowhomes on the south side of Chestnut Street between Third Street and Fourth Street. Jim advised these sidewalks are in good shape but if any sections are noted as unlevel during routine inspections, the contractor will be informed to fix these individual sections.
- A gentleman asked if he could have the grass area between the sidewalk and the curb be concrete rather than grass. Jim advised this would be addressed on a case by case basis during the sidewalk replacement project next year.
- A lady requested her trees not be removed at the corner of Fourth Street and Church Street. She was informed they were not being removed.
- A question was asked if any decorative trees will be planted following the sidewalk project. Jim advised this will be evaluated in the future at the homeowner's consent.
- The homeowner of 514 Chestnut wants the steps removed from the front of his house during the sidewalk project. Jim advised this would be possible.
- A question was asked if parking lots were being repaved. Jim advised the lot around the City building and around the State building are alternates on the project if budget allows.
- A question was asked about painting a line down the center of Chestnut Street for safer travel. Lee advised this should be possible once the curb line is moved back the proposed 2 feet.
- The homeowner of 724 Chestnut wants his sewer lateral out from under his porch. He was advised this is in the project scope.
- Lee explained the corner being cut back to improve visibility at the corner of Chestnut Street and Tenth Street. Public was pleased with this proposal.
- Jim commented that there will be another public meeting to address any additional concerns.

- Greg Cole of Cole Hardware expressed that street closures need to be coordinated better than in the first phase of the Chestnut Street Project in 2015. Lee advised better planning and coordination with the contractor will be a primary goal of this project.
- The public requested speed bumps to slow down traffic on Chestnut Street. Jim explained speed bumps are not permitted on a truck route.
- A question was asked about project start and duration. Jim advised a start date of May and duration to the end of October.
- A question was asked about access for emergency vehicles during street closures. He was advised that the contractor will be limited how many linear feet of street closure will be permitted and that special accommodations will be made for emergency traffic.
- Jim explained the City will provide parking provisions during this construction.
- Lee explained that sections of Chestnut Street will temporarily be two-way traffic to allow access to homes and businesses.
- Jim discussed the best way to communicate with homeowners and businesses affected by this project. Cheryl Delsite of the City Clerk Office provided her email address as a point of contact. Cheryl also added that updates will be posted on the City's website.
- Gentleman who lives near Awl Street is handicapped and expressed concern with having to park far from his house. It was agreed that a spot would be provided for him in a lot at the rear of his home.
- A lady questioned how homeowners would be notified if a problem was found on their laterals or if they would be without service for a period of time. Jim advised the contractor will communicate with CES Engineering or with the City and homeowners will be given official notifications.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.