

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
October 12, 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:

Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, City Solicitor
Brad Hare, Police Chief
Michael Bordner, Public Works Supervisor
Michael Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were eighteen (18) visitors present.

MINUTES AND REPORTS

The minutes of 9/14/15 and 9/28/15 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 – Henry. Unanimous vote. Minutes will be posted at cityofsunbury.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

SRI UPDATE

Ms. Meghan Beck reported that the elevator project is moving along at the Albright Center. Promotion for the Biz Pitch competition has begun and the competition will be held at the Elks on November 14th. "Boos and Brews" will be October 24th at the Armory property and is hosted by the Hill Neighborhood. Late Nite Shopper's and Litefest are gearing up for the season. SPARC has many projects they are working on. Ms. Beck said new staff has been hired and invited everyone to stop by the office to meet them. Councilman Shipman asked who is reviewing the plans for the bike path. Councilman Henry said he was but he hasn't seen the new path yet. The plans are in his mailbox and he will look at them right away. General discussion was held on the bike path.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE

Ms. Kula announced an auction was held on October 10th of 5 properties that saw \$38,800 in proceeds that will go to the Redevelopment Authority, as well as Keystone Communities funding for demolition.

CHESTNUT ST. PROJECT UPDATE

Councilman Eister said Chestnut St. is now open to Cole's Hardware. They should finish Wednesday and Thursday and the goal is to open the entire length by the weekend. There will be stop signs on all four corners until the traffic light hardware arrives.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Shipman moved to pay the invoices reported on the voucher's payable report in the amount of \$68,496.69 from the General Fund and \$516.02 from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Second - Henry. Unanimous vote.

TAX EXONERATION

Councilman Shipman moved to pass the tax exoneration as requested by Statewide Tax Recovery. Second – Reichner. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

DISCUSSION

Councilman Shipman passed out budget worksheets to council members and asked to have them back to Ms. Geiger with preliminary budget figures by Friday October 24th. He will meet with Councilman Troup, Ms. Geiger and Ms. Specht to go over revenues. If there are any major deviations to the budget, an explanation is necessary. The health insurance will be increasing by 7.3% which translates to \$58,000.

Councilman Shipman said the fire department is once again ringing the fire sirens at 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm. They are coming from 2 fire halls and the times will have to be coordinated. They asked if they could hook up at the city barn and everyone agreed they could. Mr. Bruce Whipple said there is no need for wiring, it is only to announce time and not to announce fires.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Planning Commission meeting will be at 4:00 pm on October 15th, not the normal 7:00 pm time due to the Halloween Parade.

The Halloween Parade is Thursday October 15th and steps off at 7:00 pm. Donations to the fire police for the parade are greatly appreciated.

Trick-or-Treat will be October 31st from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk