

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
April 26, 2021
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order by video/teleconference with the Honorable Mayor Karlovich, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Richard L. Reichner, Director of Accounts and Finance
Christopher Reis, Director of Public Safety
Joshua Brosious, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor
John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Mike Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Steve Welker, Public Works Supervisor
Jeffrey Wojciechowski, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Alexander Rissinger, Administrative Assistant
Keith Tamborelli, Police Officer
Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Visitors present: In Person (14) Zoom (13)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held prior to start of the council meeting on 4/26/2021 to discuss real property concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Karlovich asked for public comment on agenda items.

Victoria Rosancrans: Mrs. Rosancrans wanted to say that Troop 333 and the Sunbury Rotary Club teamed up to replace the flags on the bridges every six months. Mrs. Rosancrans also wanted to thank the Troop for what they do to help clean market street and the downtown district.

CARING AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Karlovich awarded Scout Troop 333 a Caring award due to their exceptional contribution to the community (See attached).

SEDA-COG

2018 and 2018C expend date extension request – approval to send to DCED

Councilman Eister made the motion to send the 2018 and 2018C extension request to DCED. Second Reis. Unanimous vote.

2020 budget modification – approval to post notice

Councilman Eister made the motion to give permission to post the public hearing notice and have the meeting on May 10th. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

2021 Scope of Service for Review

No vote was required.

2021 Application Preparation Schedule for approval

Councilman Reis made the motion to approve the application preparation schedule. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Amendment 2 to SRI Subrecipient Agreement for approval

Councilman Reichner made the motion to approve the amendment 2 for the SRI Subrecipient agreement. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

SWEEP Proposal

Council discussed the SWEEP proposal; no vote was required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill # 2021-02 Repeal and Replace Chapter 163-26 Parking Prohibited During

Councilman Brosious made the motion to pass Bill #2021-02. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

Police and Fire Department Regionalization/Consolidation DCED Study

Councilman Reis made the motion to have DCED look into the consolidation of the Police and Fire Department. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Peer Grant Proposal

Councilman Reis made the motion to go forward with the EDAS group. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Public attendance city meetings

No vote was taken.

New Enterprise Lime and Stone Company Bid Proposal Amendment

Councilman Eister made the motion to accept the bid proposal. Second Reis. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15th and Police Week May 9th – 16th

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the proclamation. Second Reis. Yes – Karlovich, Reichner, Reis, Eister. No – Brosious (see attached).

Proclamation Emergency Services Week May 16th – 22nd

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the proclamation. Second Reis. Yes – Karlovich, Reichner, Reis, Eister. No – Brosious (see attached).

Proclamation Public Works Week May 16th – 22nd

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the proclamation. Second Reis. Yes – Karlovich, Reichner, Reis, Eister. No – Brosious (see attached).

Oath of Office Patrolman Gary T. Bregensir III

Mayor Karlovich gave an Oath of Office. No vote was required. (see attached)

Full Time Police Officer Hire Harry Nugesser

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to hire Harry Nugesser as full-time police officer starting on June 21st contingent on him passing all remaining tests. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-08 Transfer of PLCB License #15858 from Shamokin, PA to 323 R Market St. Sunbury, PA

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-08. Second Eister. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Resolution 221-09 Eating Place Dispenser License E-20 from Point Township, PA to 201 N. 4th Street Sunbury, PA

No vote taken since request for consideration was withdrawn.

Hire of Full Time Code Officer

Councilman Reis made the motion to hire an internal candidate Samantha Mummey for Code Officer. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

1 Part-time Hire DPW

Councilman Reis made the motion to add 2 additional hires for the agenda tonight for a total of three hires. Second Brosious. Yes – Reichner, Reis, Brosious, Eister. No – Karlovich.

Councilman Reis made the motion to hire Scott Naugle, Mike Heffner, and Mark Williams if they pass all clearances. Second Brosious. Yes – Reichner, Reis, Brosious, Eister. No – Karlovich.

Police Department Weapons Purchase New and Sell Old

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept bid from Atlantic tactical for the purchase of 11 handguns with their accoutrements for a total purchase price of \$13,219.25. In addition to sell the current Glock 21 45 caliber pistols, 15 in total to the Sunbury Police Department Union for \$325 each. All of this would be dependent on the solicitor’s research to determine if it is legal to move forward with. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Agreement and Release Between the City and the County for the use of the Celotex Property

Councilman Brosious made the motion to accept the agreement and release between the city and the county for the use of the Celotex property. Second Reis. Unanimous vote.

SPD Drone Use

There was a discussion regarding the topic of SPD Drone Use among council and public officials.

Approval to Pay Invoices

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$120,838.80 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$0. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Drive Subdivision

Councilman Reis made the motion to approve the Drive Subdivision. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

There was discussion regarding the following topics between council and public officials.

- Final STMP Recommendation
- T-Mobile small town \$3,000,000 Techover contest
- SWEEP Update
- Street Sweeping Update
- Shade Tree Permit Fee
- New Business Flags
- Selling DPW Equipment
- Purchase of 4 new Cub Cadet mowers and monies resulting from sale of existing mowers via Municibid applied directly to loan for new mowers.
- Follow up to the Santa House Ramp

Announcements

Mayor Karlovich announced the following:

City of Sunbury Code Enforcement Officers Outreach Program will begin May 17th, for more information visit www.sunburypa.org.

Mr. Welker announced that the City will be giving away free mulch on May 8th at the Celotex Property.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Audience Comments

Zoom

Derrick Backer: Mr. Backer mentioned on May 1st there are three properties that are going to be sold by the Redevelopment Authority. The first one is at 537 Reagan Street starting time is 9:00 am, the second one is 539 Reagan Street starting at 9:30 am, and the last one is 630 Susquehanna Avenue starting at 10:00 am.

In Person

Andy Oaks: Mr. Oaks mentioned that council talked about revitalization earlier in the meeting. He mentioned that he is purchasing half of the Celotex property, and the other half would be sold sometime soon. He feels that council should look into Northumberland country trying to get a KIZ or a KOZ over that zone to help bring business back to the area. With the current economy this would be a great opportunity. Mr. Oaks thinks a KOZ will be beneficial to the City. Mr. Oaks mentioned that when the KOZ program opens they should get in contact with Gordner's office.

Francis Scarcella: Mr. Scarcella asked if there is a dump day this year? Councilman Eister responded no, the Municipal Authority is maxing out their tonnage per day, and they do not have the capacity.

The next city council meeting will be held on May 10th, 2021 at 6:15 pm Via Zoom/Facebook Live.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant