

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
June 28th, 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
Joshua Brosious, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Derrick Backer, City Administrator
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Jerome Alex, City Controller
Harry Nungesser, Police Officer
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor
Kevin Troup, City Treasurer

Visitors present: In Person (19) Zoom (7)

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for the recent passing of Aaron Beyers who played a large part in the community by coaching and being an active member in many youth sports.

Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Karlovich adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm for the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Karlovich called the meeting to order at 6:26pm.

Agenda Addition

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to add to the agenda resolution 2021-15 Road Closures and Open Container under New Business. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Karlovich asked for public comment on agenda items. There were no public comments.

Regan Street Project

Engineering Amendment

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to approve the engineering amendment. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Police Building Construction Project

The Police Dept. building is on schedule, and the estimated completion date is Sept. 3rd. They will be working out of the station in October. The city wanted to thank Weis Markets for their \$10,000 donation to help with the building. Beiter's Furniture also made a donation to help with the breakroom. Councilman Eister mentioned that by next meeting he should have a price for signs, and landscaping. As of right now the project is \$11,428.28 over the original bid.

SWEEP

Maintenance of Property

DPW will continue to maintain the property.

Deed Clean Up

Joel is working on cleaning up the deed.

Removal of Structure

Councilman Eister is looking to get funding to tear down the building.

Funding

In addition to the city's involvement, it is suggested for the S.W.E.E.P project to create a 501C in order to accept money for that property specifically. The mayor will be the Chair of that board.

Project Manager

Mayor Karlovich mentioned that he only has 8 meetings left, and he made the motion to appoint Councilman Eister be the project manager of S.W.E.E.P. to keep this project going. Second Reichner. Yes – Karlovich, Reichner, Brosious. Abstain – Eister. Councilman Eister accepted the appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mowers for DPW

Councilman Brosious made the motion to purchase the 60-inch mower at the price of \$10,399.00. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-15 Sale List of City Property on Municibid

Councilman Brosious made the motion to accept resolution 2021-15. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

CDBG FFY 2020 Funding

Councilman Eister made the motion to move the CDBG FFY 2020 to Regan Street. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Withdraw DCED/GTRP Grant

Councilman Reichner made the motion to withdraw the DCED/GTRP grant. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-14 Road Closure/Alcohol Waiver Americas Hose Company Annual Member Clam Bake

Councilman Brosious made the motion to accept resolution 2021-14. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Professional Service Administration and Technical Service Amendment Between the City and SEDA-COG/Housing Rehabilitation Program

Councilman Eister made the motion to increase the cost of electrical inspection cost from \$250 to \$350. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Eister motioned to amend the motion to state we will seek reimbursement, if possible, for the funds back to April 1st, and if not possible under this grant to move forward. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Oath of Office Full Time Police Officer Harry Nungesser

Mayor Karlovich gave the oath of office to Harry Nungesser. (See attached)

2nd Reading Bill #2021-03 Current Minimum Habitable Square Footage 900 to 400 in Central Business District Rentals

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the second reading of Bill 2021-03. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

2nd Reading Bill #2021-05 Amendment Amend Ordinance Chapter 89 Fireworks Dates and Times

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the 2nd reading of Bill #2021-05. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

2nd Reading Bill #2021-06 Emergency Management Director

Councilman Reichner made the motion to accept the 2nd reading of Bill #2021-06. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Accept resignation of Part-Time Code Officer Donald Young Effective June 20, 2021

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the resignation. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$131,339.87 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$44.00. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

Tax Exoneration

Councilman Reichner moved to accept the tax exoneration of \$2429.10. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

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

- Cameron Park Gazebo Handicap Ramp
- Federal/State Surplus Member
- Diversity Liaison
- Persing Complex Fees
- Presentation from Fleet Management (Combined Topics: DPW Purchase Vehicles Discussion and Fleet Management Discussion).
- STMP Recommendations

Announcements

Mayor Karlovich had no announcements.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Comments

Zoom

There were no comments via Zoom.

In Person

Mike Moore: Mr. Moore first wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their dedication and service. The goal of Council should be to effectively communicate between the city and residents, and to ensure smooth and effective operations. Mr. Moore brought up his concern about how back in May the City Council and Mayor issued a Pride Month Proclamation, and Mr. Moore doesn't understand how this proclamation was necessary and fulfills the goal of a smooth and effective operations. Mr. Moore also doesn't understand how this reflects the population of the City of Sunbury, especially without taking the opinion of the population. Mr. Moore feels that this was out of the council and Mayor's responsibilities by issuing this proclamation. Mayor Karlovich responded that the law allows any Mayor to issue proclamations on behalf of the community. The reason council votes on the matter is many residents requested council to vote on them, so the residents know where each councilman stands on the matter and if they are representing everyone in the community. The proclamations brought up to council are not from any individual councilman, but rather they are recommended by the members of the public. So, if you wanted a proclamation that will benefit the community or for a special cause you can request it by calling city hall. Mr. Moore than asked can members of the public ask how council voted on the proclamation. Councilman Eister responded that Councilman Brosious abstained, and the rest voted yes. Mayor Karlovich made the point that bringing awareness to the LGBTQ community will help the high number of residents in Sunbury and in the school district who identify as LGBTQ feel welcomed and help them in bringing awareness to what they go through. Mr. Moore said that

council doesn't do that for other groups. Mayor Karlovich responded that he did not turn down any proclamation that was brought to city hall.

Victoria Rosancrans: Mrs. Rosancrans made the comment that as a member of the LGBTQ community she wants to thank council for doing that proclamation and letting the citizens know that they are safe. Mrs. Rosancrans really appreciates the vote from council to support the proclamation.

Don Rouse: Wanted to say thank you to all of Council for their continuous support of the S.W.E.E.P. project. The troops enjoy getting out and helping the community with this project.

Chief Hare: Made an announcement that National Night Out (NNO) is going to be at the James R. Eister Youth and Community Center this year on Aug. 3rd from 6pm to 9pm.

The next city council meeting will be held on July 12th, 2021 at 6:15 pm in person only.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant



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RESOLUTION

2021-15

1. Old hose reel
2. Used Tires
3. Oil Safety Pans
4. Old Shelving units
5. Retired traffic signal boxes, lights and equipment
6. Floor jack
7. Tote of various obsolete tools and other obsolete items
8. 3 obsolete wheel horse lawn tractors
9. Various obsolete mower parts
10. Hustler mower
11. Retired vibraplate
12. Obsolete dog kennel
13. Old floor buffer
14. Obsolete hoe bucket
15. U shaped desk
16. Plastic and metal chairs
17. Obsolete snow blower
18. Tire dolly
19. Obsolete tar buggy
20. Old lockers
21. Old fridge
22. Skid of old glue and paint
23. iPad vehicle mounts
24. 2 ea retired push mowers
25. Retired walk behind weed wacker
26. Skid of obsolete tools and materials
27. Retired fog machine
28. Retired drill press
29. Obsolete tire chains
30. Old mini fridge
31. Cox of old chainsaw chains
32. Retired brush torch
33. Retired bottle jack
34. Retired uninsulated drills
35. Floor transmission jack
36. Obsolete light bulbs
37. Sweeper brushes from old sweeper
38. 2 ea retired grease jockeys



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2021-14

Whereas Americas Hose Company is sponsoring an event titled Annual Member Clam Bake.

Americus Hose Company Annual Members Clambake on Sunday August 08, 2021, from 8:00am to 10:00pm using the public facility described below:

Road Closure of Linden St., from Front St. to South River Avenue

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved

The Open Container Ordinance requirements as set forth in Chapter 121 of The Code of the City of Sunbury shall be effective as a special exception allowing open containers at the event on August 08, 2021, from 8:00am to 10:00pm sponsored by The Americus Hose Company.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Kurt Karlovich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk



City of Sunbury Police Department

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OATH OF OFFICE

I Harry Nungesser, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and I will enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances and laws of the City of Sunbury, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. I do further swear (or affirm) that I will uphold, obey and enforce the law without consideration to a person's race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap, or disability.

Signature of Officer:

Date: 6/21/21

Signature of Official:

Date: 06/21/2021

Jeff,

I am writing you with a heavy heart by handing in my resignation effective 6/20/2021. The reason is I've been sick the last week and a half and my wife is going to be going through two knee surgeries and will be needed my help at home in the evening. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with each and everyone of you.

Thank you

Donald Young

6-20-21

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Recd 6/21/21 gaw