

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
June 13th, 2022
6:15 pm

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

Richard Reichner, Director of Accounts and Finance
John Barnhart, Director of Public Safety
Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Jeffrey Wojciechowski, Public Safety Supervisor
Mike Rhoads, Deputy Public Safety Supervisor
Brad Wertz, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor
Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Visitors present: 21

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for the victims and families of the Uvalde Elementary School Shooting that took place on 5/25/22 in Uvalde Texas.

Executive Session

Council held an executive session prior to the council meeting on June 13th to discuss possible litigation and real property.

Adding to the Agenda

Mayor Brosious made the motion to add to the agenda Market Street Sidewalk Repair Acceptance of Quote. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS

The Minutes of May 9th, and 23rd, 2022 and reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Code Office, Health Dept, and Planning Commission. Reports are in the City Clerk's office for review. Minutes will be posted at sunburypa.org. – Mayor Brosious motioned to approve the minutes and reports. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

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

Proclamation Pride Month

Mayor Brosious gave a proclamation declaring the month of June as pride month. (See attached)

Reagan Street

Update

City Administrator mentioned that Reagan Street is on schedule.

SWEEP

Update

City Administrator mentioned that the City has received a 50% match from the Degenstein Foundation towards the DCNR grant.

250th Celebration

Update

Jody Ocker mentioned the parade route has been updated and will be approved by PennDot (See attached). Jody Ocker mentioned that they have a draft schedule of events for the festival, and it is also located on the 250th website.

DEI

Update

Mr. Manresa brought to council attention that he plans to host a Puerto Rican event. Mr. Manresa then asked for council's approval of the event.

Approval of Puerto Rican Festival

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve the Puerto Rican Festival that is held on July 16th and is to be sponsored by the DEI office. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Approval of Pride Festival

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve the Pride Festival that is held on August 27th and is to be sponsored by the DEI office. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Ms. Rosancrans gave an update as to what classes that she is taking now and in the future. Ms. Rosancrans also thinks that the City should create a resource page on the website and a brochure to hand out to help the citizens.

DEI LOGO

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the DEI logo. Second Martina. Unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PLIGIT

Mayor Brosious made the motion to table PLIGIT. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

SEDA-COG

Approve Soliciting bid for UTVs

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve soliciting bids for UTVs. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

Award Engineering Contract For Traffic Signal

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept CES's proposal contingent upon the city receiving the signed documents for ownership of the property. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Approve Revised CDBG-CV Competitive App Prep Schedule

Mayor Brosious the motion to accept the revised CDBG-CV competitive app prep schedule. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Benecon Surplus Payment Refund

Mayor Brosious made the motion to table the Benecon surplus payment refund. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Civil Service Policy

Mayor Brosious made the motion to adopt the new civil service policy. Second Martina. Unanimous vote.

PD Eligibility List

Mayor Brosious made the motion to update the PD eligibility list. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-46 PennDot Request for Railroad Crossing Upgrades

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept Resolution 2022-46 for railroad crossing upgrades. Second Eister. Unanimous vote. (See Attached)

Accept recommendation of Harry Nungesser removal from Probation Period

Mayor Brosious made the motion to remove Harry Nungesser from probation period and move him to a full-time status. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-47 Additions to the Public Nuisance

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-47. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote. (See Attached)

Resolution 2022-48 Updated Public Nuisance List

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to accept resolution 2022-48. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote. (See Attached)

Code Printer Service Contract Updated

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to accept the code printer service contract with Marco for 5000 prints. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

1st Reading to Repeal and Replace Commercial Property Ordinance Chapter 132

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to accept the first reading to repeal and replace commercial property ordinance chapter 132. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Market Street Sidewalk Repair Acceptance of Quote

Councilwoman Martina made the motion to accept the quote from Big Rock for \$11,088 to repair sidewalks. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-49 Waiver of Alcohol at James R. Eister Community Center on June 17th

Councilman Eister made the motion to accept resolution 2022-49. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote. (See Attached)

Hire of PT Park and Public Property for Keithan's Gardens

Councilman Eister made the motion to hire Larry Leininger to work PT at the Keithan's Gardens. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Cooperation Agreement Between City and Drive

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the cooperation agreement between the City and Drive. Second Martina. Unanimous vote.

YMCA Grant Letter of Support

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the YMCA grant letter of support. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

Grant for Archival Records

Council discussed applying for a grant for the code printer. Mayor Brosious gave permission to the city administrator to apply for the grant.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$216,596.89 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$412.40. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

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

- Update City Hall Camera System
 - Mayor Brosious wanted to bring to council's attention that councilman Eister and himself are working on updating the camera system at city hall.
- City Hall Upgrades
 - Mayor Brosious wanted to bring to council's attention that councilman Eister and himself are looking into upgrading city hall to make it more efficient and safer for the employees.
- City Signage
 - Mayor Brosious wanted to bring to council's attention that Councilman Eister and himself are working on signage for when people are coming into town.
- Outdoor Seating Ordinance
 - Council discussed the rough draft of the outdoor seating ordinance that was created.
- Amending Open Burn Ordinance
 - Council had a discussion about amending the open burn ordinance.

Announcements

Mayor Brosious announced:

Accepting letters of interest for one seat on the Civil Service Board.
 Accepting letters of interest for two seats on the Planning Commission.
 Accepting letters of interest for one Seat for Alternate on the Shade Tree Commission.
 Please submit letters of interest to the Mayor's Office, attention City Clerk or email jbarner@sunburypa.org.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Comments.

In Person

Mayor Brosious asked for public comments.

Chief Hare: Chief Hare wanted to mention to council that he would like to have a discussion on narrowing down the time frame for when people are allowed to light fireworks since he has received a lot of calls regarding the subject.

Debra Betz: Ms. Betz stated that she feels that the DEI office is more exclusive instead of inclusive since they are having events for a specific heritage instead of having one big event for all heritages. Ms. Betz then stated that she hopes that the DEI office can have unity amongst each other before trying to bring unity within the whole community.

Victoria Rosancrans: Ms. Rosancrans asked council what role is the City of Sunbury is having with the two DEI events. Mayor Brosious explained that the City is approving the events to fall under the City which will allow it to use the City insurance, and if the committee would like the City to be more involved for a specific event they can bring that request to council. Ms. Rosancrans mentioned that the Rotary Club is 105 years old and was wondering if they could place signs somewhere in the city since their old signs were taken down by PennDot.

Lindie Lloyd: Ms. Lloyd knows that there is an information board inside the city hall, but was wondering if the City could look into a bulletin board that can be placed outside city hall.

Kristine Rosancrans: Ms. Rosancrans on behalf of the board for Pride of the Susquehanna Valley LLC would like to thank the City for the pride proclamation. Ms. Rosancrans also wanted to thank Mayor Brosious for reading the entire proclamation during the council meeting. Ms. Rosancrans wanted to clarify what else the city is looking for from Dashing with Kindness in regards to the Pride Event. Councilman Eister mentioned since they submitted an application to use the park that is all that is needed.

Allen Bubb: Mr. Bubb asked what upgrades is PennDot doing to the railroad crossing. Deputy Public Safety Supervisor explained what PennDot is doing to the railroad crossings.

Ann Marshall: Ms. Marshal mentioned that she has been calling the DPW for over a year and a half regarding painting the curb yellow at her house on the 400 block of N. 8th Street. Ms. Marshall mentioned that code enforcement should walk up Reagan Street because at the corner of Reagan St. and 8th street there is a property that doesn't maintain the grass and it makes it difficult to be able to walk on the sidewalk.

The next city council meeting will be held on June 27th, 2022, at 6:15 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant