

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
June 27th, 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
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Jerome Alex, City Controller
Kevin Troup, City Treasure
Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor

Visitors present: 16

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for the recent passing of Robert Snyder.

Executive Session

An executive session was held prior to the start of the council meeting to discuss personal issues.

Adjourn Meeting for 2022 CDBG First Public Hearing

Mayor Brosious adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm and Jamie Shrawder spoke about 2022 CDBG Program. Ms. Shrawder then explained the purpose of CDBG and what the funding is used for.

Reconvene Public Meeting

Mayor Brosious called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.

Agenda Additions

Litfest Update and Ordering Decorations, and Amending Chief of Police Overtime Clause

Mayor Brosious made the motion to add Litfest update and ordering decoration, and Amending Chief of Police overtime clause to the agenda. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

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

SEDA-COG

Approval of CDBG-CV Competitive Schedule for Phase 2 of Susquehanna Ave.

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the schedule for phase 2 of Susquehanna Ave. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Rejection of UTV Bids

There were no submitted bids for UTVs therefore no rejection was required.

Approval to Readvertise for Bids for UTVs

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve readvertising for Bids for UTVs. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

Litfest

Update

Victoria Rosancrans provided an update as to the research that she did on obtaining new decorations based on the suggestions made by citizens. Kristine and Victoria Rosancrans gave an update on the upcoming Litefest events.

Ordering Decoration

Mayor Brosious made the motion to give permission to the committee to order light strands for a total of \$5,097.00. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Reagan Street

Change Order #7

Councilman Eister made the motion to approve change order #7. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PLIGIT

Councilman Reichner made the motion to fill out the application to apply for PLIGIT in order to obtain the additional information needed before deciding on signing the agreement. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Ryan and Pam to the Planning Commission

Mayor Brosious made the motion to appoint Ryan McDonald and Pamela Schlegel to the planning commission. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

SWEEP Contract

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the SWEEP contract. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Drive Tax Exoneration

Mayor Brosious made the motion to follow the County's decision regarding tax exoneration for Drive regarding the former UMPC hospital. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Accept Resignation of Victoria Rosancrans from DEI Office

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the resignation of Victoria Rosancrans from the DEI Office. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

ZITO Pole Placement

Councilman Eister made the motion to allow ZITO to place a pole close to the PPL substation. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Non-Uniform Pension Service Agreement between City and Siegel

Councilman Reichner made the motion to accept the service agreement. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Allocate Benecon Surplus

Councilman Reichner made the motion to add Benecon surplus check to the agenda. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$117,885.56 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$6,079.03, which includes the Bencon Surplus check being paid towards the PD Building Loan. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Amending Chief of Police Overtime Clause

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the amendment to the chief of police overtime clause until the end of year. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

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

- Parking Meters
 - There was discussion regarding purchasing new parking meters for the city.
- Promotional Banner Program
 - Mayor Brosious mentioned that he spoke with a vendor regarding getting banners similar to the hometown heroes banners that will help to promote the businesses in Sunbury, and this program will be no cost to the city. Council then proceeded to discuss the topic.

Announcements

Mayor Brosious announced:

Accepting letters of interest for 1 voting member and 1 Alternate on the Shade Tree Commission.

Accepting letters of interest for 1 position on the civil service board.

Please submit letters of interest to the Mayor's Office, attention City Clerk or email

jbarner@sunburypa.org

The Sunbury 250th celebration will start on July 4th and end on July 9th with fireworks.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Comments.

In Person

Mayor Brosious asked for public comments.

Melissa Rowse: Ms. Rowse wanted to make a suggestion that for the banners that the Think Sunbury logo should be at the bottom, so they are all uniform.

Victoria Rosancrans: Ms. Rosancrans wanted to bring to council's attention that she received a message about having a protest in Cameron park. Ms. Rosancrans mentioned that she directed the person to City Hall to help them reserve the date. Ms. Rosancrans then asked what is the law and what does a group have to do to have a protest in the park. Chief Hare and Councilman Reichner responded that they would just have to get a permit through the code office.

Lindie Lloyd: Ms. Lloyd feels that since it is a public park that it should be allowed for people to hold a sign. Mayor Brosious responded that having a few people holding signs is one thing and having a couple hundred people is a different thing and the best route would be to go through the code office. Ms. Lloyd had another question for council that she thought of during an event she organized on Saturday at the riverfront park. She was wondering if the city thought about buying domes or fan sail to allow people to utilize the park during hot weather.

Victoria Rosancrans: Ms. Rosancrans was wondering if the City was utilizing and apart of the chamber of commerce in Milton. Mayor Brosious mentioned that the City is only apart of the chamber of commerce located in Shamokin Dam. Ms. Rosancrans mentioned that she would hope that the City would reconsider joining the commerce in Milton to help promote the businesses in the City.

The next city council meeting will be held on July 11th, 2022, at 6:15 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
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