

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
July 24, 2023  
6:15 p.m.

**There was an Executive meeting held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters and real property.**

There was a regular 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:

Ric Reichner, Director of Finance  
John Barnhart III, Director of Public Safety  
James R. Eister, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk  
Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief  
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police  
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor  
Jerome Alex, City Controller  
Jeff Wojciechowski, Public Safety Supervisor  
Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Visitors present:

**Agenda Additions**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to move The Forensic Audit from discussion to voting. Eister Seconded. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**East End Hose Company #1**

John Ferrari gave an update on the new fire apparatus build. It should be in service late October early November.

**Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer**

Andres gave an update on the Diversity Multi Cultural Food Truck & BBQ event coming up on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the John O. Long field along Memorial Drive. It will run from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Make Derrick Backer the ECMS Signatory and Administrator for PennDot Portal**

Lisa Martina made a motion to make Derrick Backer the ECMS Signatory Administrator for the PennDot Portal as of right now. Mayor Brosious Seconded. All in favor.

### **630 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street Dead Shade Tree Removal and Replace**

John Barnhart made a motion to remove the dead shade tree at 630 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Brosious Seconded. All in favor.

### **Hiring of City Clerk**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to promote Jeff Wojciechowski from the Public Safety Supervisor to the new City Clerk. Reichner Seconded. All in favor.

### **Resolution to remove 835-837 Susquehanna Ave**

John Barnhart made a motion to remove 835-837 Susquehanna Avenue from the nuisance list. Mayor Brosious Seconded. All in favor.

### **Resolution to update the Public Nuisance Property List reflecting that removal**

John Barnhart made a motion to update the Public Nuisance Property list reflecting that removal. Mayor Brosious Seconded. All in favor.

### **2023 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant (Susquehanna Avenue)**

Lisa made a motion for the 2023 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Susquehanna Avenue. Eister Seconded. All in favor.

### **Approval for Abstract/Vouchers for GF \$110,800.56 & LF \$922.99**

Ric Reichner made a motion to pay the General Fund & Liquid Fuels bills. Mayor Brosious Seconded. All in favor.

### **Forensic Audit**

Joel said due to the financial irregularities that have come up and for the sake of transparency and out of an abundance of caution I'm asking council to approve an audit by Klacik & Associates,

only of the overtime issues and to make sure the money is going where it's supposed to go. Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the audit. Barnhart Seconded. All in favor.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **City Hall Upgrades**

Mayor Brosious said we are getting the final documentation over to Jamie at SEDA COG, since we are using Rescue Funds, to get the blueprints and get the project moving.

### **Paving/Line Painting in Parking Lots**

Mayor Brosious wanted to know if we are paving this year. Steve Welker said probable not. Liquid Fuels fund continues to go down every year, which pays for salts, equipment, and everything else. A large portion is allocated for Packer Street. Currently, looking at releasing a package next year, maybe some minor paving later in the year secluded just to alleys. When he gets a few more guys hired they will start line painting. Mayor Brosious asked about the paving plan they got a couple years ago, and if we are still sticking to that. Steve Welker discussed projects in the city that is taking up a lot of the funds and the best thing to do is minor paving now and look at a bigger package next year.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

The Consultants recommended no more than 18 people on the committee. There was a final count of 24 on the list. There was a discussion on how many people should be on the committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Reichner wanted to know if they can sit in on the meetings as a non-voting individual. Derrick mentioned that there are meetings that will be open to the public, but the voting committee will be private meetings. Mayor Brosious said there will be discussion later where we can discuss things in further detail.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant 3-year term for the Board of Appeals and HARB, 1 position to fill vacancy of 3-year term for Civil Service. Please submit letters of interest to the City Clerk at [jwojciechowski@sunburypa.org](mailto:jwojciechowski@sunburypa.org).

Accepting Applications for Administrative Assistant until position is filled. Visit [sunburypa.org](http://sunburypa.org) for application and full job description.

John Barnhart told Jeff that he's going to be missed and wishes him the best of luck in the Clerk's Office.

Steve Welker announced that Front Street construction will be starting next Sunday, 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. They are starting up near the island and working their way down Front Street. They hope to get down to Court Street that week and the following week they will be going from

Court Street down to South Second Street. At some point in the middle of that they are going to start doing the ramp going on to the Veterans Bridge. When they do that, all bridge traffic and Front Street traffic will be detoured to South Second Street. All work will be done at night. Also, Christmas in July PennDot permit is approved.

Sargent Travis Bremigen announced the Sunbury Police will be starting a new Facebook page. They are looking to put different things they will be doing within the Police Department on the page. Discussed things they want to do to get the community involved.

Mayor Brosious announced that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the James R. Eister Community Center from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He announced what will be going on at the event.

### **Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on August 14, 2023, 6:15pm**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Metzger voiced his opinion on the number of rental properties and drugs in the city and how things have gotten worse in the city. There was a discussion on the matter.

Deborah Betz wanted to state that not all rental properties are drug infested and said it's happening all over. Mentioned developing a Landlords Association with City Council.

Bonnie Springer voiced her opinion regarding an ordinance on motorcycles and dirt bikes in the city.

Jeremy Cochran voiced his concern about a vacant building in his area and the plan for the property and would like a streetlight put up on his area. Voiced his concern on a speed limit sign on Reagan Street.

Victoria Rosancrans announced that Christmas in July is this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Cameron Park. Market Street will only be closed on one side of the street. Addressed comments made by City Council that shouldn't be and the lack of communication in the city. She also asked a question regarding the audit. Addressed Council Martina and her disappointment in her response on a parking issue. A discussion was made on the matter.

Julie Brosious wanted to clarify a letter that she wrote to council. The Shade Tree Committee wants the tree taken down in a timely manner and replaced. There was also a discussion about the committee making purchases.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Code Office Administrative Clerk