CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

September 11, 2023

6:15 p.m.

**There was an Executive meeting held on August 31st and September 11th to discuss personnel.**

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:

John Barnhart III, Director of Public Safety

James R. Eister, Director of Parks & Recreation

Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Richard Reichner, Director of Finance

Other City officials in attendance:

Jeffrey Wojciechowski, City Clerk

Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief

Joel Wiest, City Solicitor

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Michael Rhoads, Acting Code Administration

Visitors present: 24

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

Allen Bubb asked if the MOU Shikellamy School District pertains to the $27,000.00 tax issue. Josh explained that was taken care of and it’s for a salt agreement with the school.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS: Minutes of August 14 and 28 2023 and Reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Controller, Code Office, Health Dept., and Planning Commission.**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes and reports. Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second Time Frame Extension Request McDonalds**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve time second time extension for McDonalds. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Time Frame Extension Drive Subdivision**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the time frame extension for the Drive Subdivision. Martina, Reichner, Barnhart and Brosious were in favor; Eister abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Police Hiring Eligibility List**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to update the Police Hiring Eligibility List. Councilman Reichner seconded the motions; all were in favor.

**Santa Parade Route**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to approve the Santa Parade Route. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**MOU Shikellamy School District**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to approve the MOU annual agreement with the Shikellamy School District and the salt for this coming winter. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $23,775.02, LF $803.25, Private Grants $6,816.20 and Payroll $62,386.10**

Councilman Reichner made a motion to pay the above-mentioned bills. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Riverfront Facilities Fees**

Mayor Brosious wanted to bring up the event’s rental fees for city facilities. There was a discussion on the matter.

**City Hall Upgrades Update**

Mayor Brosious asked if we heard back from the architect regarding the drawings of interior upgrades. Eister said he has a meeting with him next week to discuss the upgrades.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Employee Flu Clinic will be held on October 10, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the 1st Floor Conference Room. Contact Jeff for more information. Also open to the general public. Must be registered by September 30, 2023.

**Next City Budget Meeting will be held at City Hall on September 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on September 25, 2023, at 6:15pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeremy Cochran had questions regarding pole lights on Champ Avenue and brush clean-up.

Craig Fetterman brought up Conservatorship that is effect with blight properties and suggested looking into that.

David Whipple complemented the code department on handling grass issues and asked about the streetlights and posters on Front Street lights and asked how the city is making out with the street sweeper. Jeremy asked citizens still need to move vehicles, Mayor Brosious explained it is a no parking ordinance. Julie Brosius asked if the parking ordinance is enforced on everyone. Councilwoman Martina said that parts are in to fix the street sweeper and the future for the street sweeper.

Ron Walter voiced his concerns regarding the condition of 927 Reagan Street. There was a discussion on the property. Jeremy Cochran said that the property has not changed since 2005.

Melissa Rouse with the Degenstein Community Library wanted to make an announcement that there is a solar eclipse coming up on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The library got a grant and has 250 pairs of eyewear that they will be passing out and they will also be doing a program from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. before the eclipse which starts at 1:17 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Victoria Rosancrans asked Councilman Eister about if the light posts on Front Street that were tagged last year are fixed. She then asked Councilman Barnhart when the code office will have a supervisor and if there are any candidates. Councilman Barnhart told her he was working on it and will let her know when they decide. She then asked how many staff members are in the code office and why Derrick was doing the walk around with code.

Slade Shreck made an announcement that the Wine & Brew Festival is on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Julie Brosius was asked by citizens why/if the Sunbury Summer Kick Off will/will not proceed going forward and asked if council is objecting it. There was discussion on the matter.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

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