CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

October 9, 2023

6:15 p.m.

**There was an Executive meeting held prior to tonight’s meeting 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

Ric 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 Supervisor

Sergeant Travis Bremigen, Acting Police Chief

Visitors present: 18

**Agenda Additions**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to add the acceptance of retirement of Bradley P. Hare from the Sunbury Police Department. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Travis Bremigen went over reports, updates and upcoming events in the Police Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS: Minutes of September 11 and 25 2023 and Reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Controller, Code Office, Health Dept., Parks and Rec, and Planning Commission.**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the above minutes and reports. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Final Subdivision 1131 Reagan Street Habitat for Humanity**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the final subdivision for 1131 Reagan St for Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirement of Bradley P. Hare**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to except the retirement of Bradley P. Hare from the Sunbury Police Department as of October 9, 2023. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Attorney Pat Harvey for Police Contract Arbitration**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to hire Attorney Pat Harvey for Police Contract Arbitration. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**242 Church Street Demolition Change Order**

Derrick Baker said that this is to add siding to the conjoined home. In order to apply for reimbursement for the entire project, we had to do the siding with the contractor. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept the 242 Church Street Demolition Change Order. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $341,128.21, LF $10,693.95, Private Grants $0, and Payroll $63,318.15(9/15), and $65,892.98(9/29)**

Councilman Reichner made a motion to pay the above bills. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Addition of Exoneration of Taxes to the agenda**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to add the exoneration of taxes to the agenda. Councilman Reichner seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Exoneration of Taxes**

Councilman Reichner explained there are three individuals for the exoneration of taxes totaling $289086.00 and all three are deceased. Councilman Reichner made a motion to exonerate those taxes. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Solar Panels**

Mayor Brosious brought up a discussion on putting in solar panels to reduce the cost of electricity.

**City Hall Upgrades**

Councilman Eister is meeting with the engineer this week to go over the City Hall upgrades.

**Sunbury Police Department/Code Enforcement Consolidation 337 Arch Street**

There was discussion between council, Seargent Bremigen and acting Code Supervisor Michael Rhoads regarding moving the Code Office from City Hall to the Police Station at 337 Arch Street.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flu Shots at City Hall on October 10, 2023, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

New Years Eve Celebration Planning Meeting to be held October 11, 2023, 4:00p.m. at City Hall

Sunbury Halloween Parade October 19, 2023. 7:00pm. Parade Route is online.

Hall of Treats in City Hall October 27, 2023, 12:00-4:00pm, call Mayor’s office if interested.

Trick or Treat City of Sunbury October 31, 2023, 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Santa Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony November 24, 2023, 6:00p.m. Parade and 6:30p.m. Tree lighting Ceremony

**Next City Budget Meeting will be held at City Hall on October 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on October 9, 2023, at 6:15pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Meghan Beck said that she’s been out around the county and if anyone has any questions for her to reach out to her.

Slade Shreck announced that next Monday, October 16, 2023, is the Think Sunbury Business Brunch at 6:00 p.m. at the Albright Center.

Justin Strawser from the Daily Item asked questions regarding Brad Hare’s retirement.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant