CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

October 23, 2023

6:15 p.m.

**There was an Executive meeting held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss real property and 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

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Michael Rhoads, Acting Code Supervisor

Sergeant Travis Bremigen, Acting Police Chief

Visitors present: 17

**Agenda Additions**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to add New Hire of Eugina Golder for Code Office Clerk and Story Walk from the Degenstein Library. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Litefest Update**

Victoria Rosencrans received a $2000.00 grant from Rosenbloom foundation for Santa’s gift of reading. Decoration of the city will begin November 13th through the 17th. She asked Councilman Eister is lights on gazebo are being purchase by Litefest or Parks & Rec. Councilman Eister stated they need to talk to Carl. She discussed the deer display. Santa Parade is Friday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. They are taking youth elf volunteers for the parade and Santa house. The tree lighting will happen on the 24th after the parade. The Santa hours this year will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 2nd is the Santa Paw’s at 8:00 a.m. Sensory Santa will be held the same day at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 7th will be Late Night Shoppers. Thursday, December 14th Santa will be giving out free books at the Degenstein Library. Saturday, December 16th will be Sunbury Santa Con, sponsored by Iron Vines Winery. Sunday, December 17th will be the Ugly Sweater event at the Ice Rink from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. December 22nd will be the last evening for the Santa House. All event flyers will be translated to Spanish.

**Purchase Approval Small Education Sign for 2023 SWEEP Stewardship Program**

Kurt gave an update on the SWEEP Project. 557 community service hours were completed this year and gained 141 volunteers, 79 adults and 60 students. Removed 15 45gal trash bags of trash and litter. Organizations that have participated this year are SWEEP, Sunbury Public works, Boy Scout Troop 333, Boy Scout Troop 610B, Girl Scout Troop 610G and Service Electric Cablevision Employees. Need an approval to purchase a small education sign, that references this year’s SWEEP Program, volunteers and grants from this year that will be paid for out of the remaining funds for this year. Also need approval to apply to the Charles and Betty Degenstein Foundation to fund the 2024 Program. Mayor Brosius made a motion to approval to purchase the educational sign and to apply to Charles and Betty Degenstein Grant. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Appointment of New Police Chief and Police Chief Contract**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to table the Appointment of New Police Chief and Police Chief Contract. Councilman Reichner seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Removal from Eminent Domain 750 Edison Ave**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to remove 750 Edison Avenue from the Eminent Domain List. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**2024 Sunbury Holiday Calendar**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the 2024 Sunbury Holiday Calendar. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sticker Fund Raiser**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept the drawing of the sticker for the DEI Office. Councilman Reichner seconded the motion; Reichner, Eister, Martina and Brosious were in favor, Barnhard abstained.

**Code Enforcement Clerk New Hire Eugina Golder**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to hire Eugina Golder as a part time Code Office Clerk, pending her background checks. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor. Councilman Barnhart announced, Nadiia Osvova and Robin Rebuck decided to go in a different direction.

**1214 Line Street Subdivision Extension Request**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the Extension Request for 1214 Line Street Subdivision. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Searching for a New Electrical Supplier (Current Co. Constellation)**

Councilman Eister announce they are in the process of searching for a new electrical supplier for the cheapest price. They are $ 16,000.00 higher than last year.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $111,245.95, LF $6,389.99, Private Grants $351,443.59, and Payroll $60,692.65.**

Councilman Reichner made a motion to pay the above bills. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Story Walk**

Mayor Brosious announced that Melissa from the Degenstein Library wants to put up a Story Walk along Front Street and at Fort Discovery, which is a post with a plague that tells a story, and you walk your way through it. She wants to help gain attraction to the library, put emphasis on reading and be active while doing it. Aimee Buehner added that the Story walk promotes basic health and literacy. The request is for man hours for maintenance and installation of the posts. Grant money has already been obtained. The cost is around $5000.00 per set. The request is approval of the installation and assistance with the installation with the materials provided.

**Summer Kick-Off/Economic Development Funds**

Mayor Brosious wanted to know if the funds are going to be available for the Kick-Off. Jerome Alex said the funds should be and advised him to make a motion at the next meeting to use some of the funds.

**Fingerprint Biometrics Time & Attendance System**

Councilman Eister wants to update the time and attendance procedure. Eister wants to upgrade to a modern age time clock.

**Sunbury Heritage Days**

Councilman Barnhart spoke with Jody Ocker and Slade Shrek about incorporating Sunbury Heritage Days with Riverfest, possibly changing the name. There will be a meeting on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the conference room.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Third One on One with the Sunbury Police Officer on Tuesday, October 24th from 5pm to 7pm

Goodwills/Hawkins Chevrolet Trunk or Treat October 26, 2023 Beiters Parking Lot 6:00 – 8:00pm

Hall of Treats in City Hall October 27, 2023 12:00-4:00pm

Dashing with Kindness Trunk or Treat, James Eister Skating Rink, October 27th 6:00-8:00pm

Sunbury Police Trunk or Treat, River Front Park, October 28th 6:00-8pm

Trick or Treat City of Sunbury October 31, 2023 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Santa Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony November 24, 2023 6:00pm and 6:30

**Next City Budget Meeting will be held at City Hall on November 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on November 13, 2023, at 6:15pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lilly Ann Reeder asked what the process is of hiring a Police Chief. Mayor Brosious explained the process.

Victoria Rosancrans asked what salary the new Code office clerk was hired at. Councilman Barnhart answered that she was getting $14.50 an hour and is working 32 hours a week. She then asked Councilman Barnhart why he abstained from the DEI vote. Councilman Barnhart answered by saying he doesn’t feel that DEI is needed. There was discussion on the matter.

Lindie Lloyd made the comment regarding Victoria Rosencrans opinion on the DEI Office. Lindie then asked what has the DEI Program done in the last year to help with Diversity, Equality and Inclusion. There was discussion on the matter.

Victoria Rosancrans stated that she will get the statistics of DEI not being in the city.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant