CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

November 27, 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: 14

**Tyler Tegge Eagle Scout Proclamation**

Mayor Brosious read the proclamation for Tyler Tegge, which will be given to him on December 12, 2023.

**Code Enforcement Update**

Councilman Barnhart got together with the police department, and they are trying to work out something in the lines of the code office being extension of the police. The code could be handling more ordinance offenses.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Waiving of Haven Ministry City Portion of Permit Fees**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to waive the city portion of the Haven Ministries permit fees. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Police Vehicle Sale**

Mayor Brosious wanted to let everyone know that we are still working on selling the Tahoe. We are waiting for another municipality’s approval from their council.

**Bike & Pedestrian Audit Draft**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the Bike & Pedestrian Audit Draft. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Sidewalk Grant Update**

Derrick Backer announced that Selinsgrove used CDBG funds for their sidewalk repairs. He wanted to let everyone know we do obtain these funds and we do use them for sidewalk repairs in the city.

**Rescind the Vote For LSA Walnut and Memorial Drive**

It was decided based off the cost and what awarded funds we would receive; it would not be enough to do an appropriate amount reconstruction on those roadways. Both projects combined would be $1,000,000.00. Mayor Brosious made a motion to rescind the vote for the LSA Grant for Walnut Street and Memorial Drive. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**LSA Vote for DPW Building**

There was discussion regarding the funds and what they are going to be used for in the DPW building. Councilwoman Martina made a motion to approve the LSA Grant for the DPW Building. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SRI Letter of Support**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to draw up a letter for support for SRI for their community blueprint. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Blueprint Community’s City Representative**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to appoint Administrator Derrick Backer as the Blueprint Community’s City Representative. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-33 to remove 111-113 S 3rd Street**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 111-113 S 3rd Street from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-34 to remove 149-151-155 Race Street**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 149-151 Race Street from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-35 to remove 419 S 2nd Street**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 419 S 2nd Street from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-36 to remove 737-739 Market Street**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 737-739 Market Street from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-37 to remove 750 Edison Avenue**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 750 Edison Avenue from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-38 to remove 1106 Susquehanna Avenue**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 1106 Susquehanna Avenue from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-39 to remove 1148-1150 E Chestnut Street**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to remove 1148-1150 E Chestnut Street from the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2023-40 to Update the Public Nuisance List**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to update the Public Nuisance list. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $60,065.78, LF $945.35, Private Grants $33,943.14, and Payroll $71,026.41**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Sunbury Heritage Days**

Councilman Barnhart said there was a meeting and thinks more needs to be discussed. There will be another meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the first-floor conference room.

**Public Notification System**

Mayor Brosious and City Clerk, Jeffrey Wojciechowski have been looking into a public notification system for the citizens of Sunbury for emergencies, alerts, meetings etc. They were in contact with two different companies. They are waiting for quotes from one of the companies. There was a discussion on the matter.

**Dollar General**

Dollar General is looking to put in a store in a new location in Sunbury. There was a discussion on moving the skate park next to the tennis courts and have the new Dollar General at the current skate park. Unfortunately, Market Street is not a feasible location for the Dollar General.

**Fee Schedule**

There was a discussion on updating the fee scheduled for 2024.

**2022 Audit**

There was a discussion regarding the 2022 Audit. The paperwork that was to be sent in back in May has been sent to be reviewed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Holiday Express Train Rides – December 2nd & 3rd. Tickets available online and in the Mayor’s Office

New Years Eve Celebration, Skating Rink (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Downtown (8:00 p.m. to Midnight)

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on December 11, 2023, at 6:15pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Brown made a comment regarding the skate park and the Dollar General.

Julie Brosius made a comment that the Shade Tree T-Shirts have been designed and have order forms. They have ordered a sample to be hung in the City Clerk’s office. She also asked what we planned on doing with the trees that were to be planted at the detention pond. She also asked if there was any thought of putting at the sewer plant.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant