CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

March 11, 2024

6:15 p.m.

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:

James R. Eister, Director of Parks & Recreation

John Barnhart III, Director of Public Safety

Nathan Savidge, 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, Public Safety Supervisor

Travis Bremigen, Police Chief

Visitors present: 24

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

Harry Lewis from Northumberland, wanted to bring awareness to the City of Sunbury that there are new tax credit programs, grant programs and other things available for the Historic District Harry gave a handout to council for more information on National Historic District Funds.

**Approval of Minutes & Reports: Minutes of February 12th, February 26th, and reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Controller, Code Officer, Health Dept., Parks and Rec., and Planning Commission.**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the minutes and reports listed above. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Susquehanna Avenue Bid Award**

Mr. Backer explained there were six bidders with the low bid, which is our base bid alternate number one and alternate number two, which are sewer laterals and water system, is $3,352,287.00. Councilman Eister mentioned that they met with the Municipal Authority last Tuesday night and when over the contract and they signed off on it. Councilman Eister made a motion to award the contract to G & R Charles. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**City Hall Upgrade**

Mayor Brosious explained the proposal regarding the City Hall upgrades. He met with Rocky earlier today and if we vote to move forward tonight and decide next month that we choose to stop the project we will not get charged the $18,000.00. We would only be charged for what services he put in up to termination of the project. This will give a more accurate cost of the design. This is just to move forward, not to take out any loans, but to use money we already allocated from the rescue funds. Jamie Shrawder asked if the city went through the process to get quotes because, even though it is a professional service, it’s over the minimum cost. Mayor Brosious made a motion to table the vote due to the Procurement process with the ARPA Funds being over $10,000.00. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**90-day Extension Request McDonalds**

**Councilman Barnhart explained that McDonalds is requesting a 90-day extension on their land development project. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept McDonalds 90-day extension request. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Truist Grant**

Mr. Backer explained that the Truist Grant has opened up and would like permission to apply for the grant for the Learn to Swim program. We can apply for other programs at a later date but wanted to get the approval to get this one started. Councilman Eister made a motion to apply for the Truist Grant for the Learn to Swim program. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities Resolution #2024-014**

Mr. Backer stated we need to have a resolution for the Blueprint Communities as our next part of the potential granted process. Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-014 for the Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities. Councilman Savidge seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Braves Foundation Grant**

Mayor Brosious explained the Shikellamy Softball team has but in an application to the Degenstein to through the Braves Foundations. Brianna Apfelbaum Kula wanted an official vote from the City of Sunbury because the funds they are looking to get from the Degenstein are going to go towards upgrading the softball field that the city owns. Mayor Brosious made a motion to grant the Shikellamy Softball team to use those funds from the Degenstein, through the Braves Foundation to upgrade the softball field. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $103,995.68, LF $5,096.35, Private Grants, and Payroll $63,350.11**

Councilman Savidge made a motion to approve the about bills. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Old Police Department Building**

Mayor Brosious explained that the building is slowly getting cleaned out. There were building issues that needed to be reported to the insurance company to get some insurance money to fix up the building. Councilman Eister said there will be a contractor there next week to start on the roof repair. Anything that can be salvaged will be taken down to the city barn and other debris will be disposed of. By the end of the month the building should be cleaned out and can further discuss what to do with the building.

**Municipal Authority**

Mayor Brosious wanted to discuss options for the Municipal Authorities. There was a discussion on the matter between council, city officials, and visitors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Accepting letters of Interest for 1 open shot H.A.R.B. (Historical Architectural Review Board) – Must be a License Contractor

Accepting letters of interest for 7 open spots (5 active & 2 alternates) on the Nuisance Abatement Board of Appeals (1 City Executive, 1 City Councilperson, 1 Police Officer, 2 Business Owners and 2 Sunbury Citizens)

Street Sweeping “No Parking” to begin March 15th.

All Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Goodwill Hose Co. & Sunbury Police Dept. at David Persing Complex on March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Wide Clean-Up will take place on March 26th-March 28th at the Transfer Station from 1pm-7pm. City Residents Only. Will not except tv’s, freon-based items, paint, oil, chemicals, or tires.

Electronic Recycling Day April 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., City Skating Rink Parking Lot – No TV’s

Coffee with Corgis for Watson’s Wish Foundation, April 20, 2024, at the 3rd Street Train Station

Cameron Park & Front Street Cleanup (Shikellamy JROTC, Law Enforcement Club, and other student volunteers will be helping beautify our city) April 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in Cameron Park

Summer Kickoff will be held on Saturday, June 8th along River Front

Tattoo Convention “Ink in the Rink” will be held June 7th – 9th at the Ice Rink, Contact Chris Bucher at booking@bodysinkpa.com

Christmas in July – Saturday, July 27th, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cameron Park

Motorcycle Rally “Rally at the Rink” – August 17-18 at the Ice Rink, Contact the Bootleggerz Benefit Club on Facebook for more information.

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on March 25, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Allen Bubb asked if the City is looking at selling the water service or the whole authority. Mayor Brosious let him know that he is open to all ideas. Allen believed that only water service should be sold should it be an option.

Melissa Rouse from the Degenstein Library wanted to give an update regarding the story walk. She had the idea of having a ribbon cutting ceremony on the day of the Kickoff if it is installed in time.

Della Parsons wondered if the street sweeper was running. She was told it is running at this time.

Joseph Stutzman wanted to let the city know the street sweeper was by his house and was working fine.

Tyler Kerstetter wanted to know what is going on with the skate park because there is only one light that is functioning right now. Councilman Eister let him know there is a plan in place to get the lights fixed. Tyler is trying to get the non-profit together to start raising money for the skatepark.

Randy Buehner said that she talked with Jeremy and there was water getting in and shorting out the power.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant