CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

June 10, 2024

6:15 p.m.

**An Executive Meeting was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss possible litigation.**

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

Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Other City officials in attendance:

Robyn Garinger, Administrative Assistant

Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Michael Rhoads, Public Safety Supervisor

Travis Bremigen, Police Chief

Visitors present: 28

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

**Approval of Minutes & Reports: Minutes of May 13th, April 27th, 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 Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Update – Community Blueprints Lt. Governor Proclamation/Conference**

Jody Ocker from SRI started working together in Harrisburg with the Blueprint Community Teams. Jody read a proclamation from Lt. Governor, Austin A. Davis for the Community Blueprints. Team is meeting once a month. Collected 100 surveys at the Summer Kickoff.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nuisance Abatement Ordinance #2024-Update 2nd Reading**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accept the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer Samantha Heffner**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer Samantha Heffer. Mayor Brosious Seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval to publicize/Hire New Code Enforcement Officer Pending Background Checks**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to publicize/hire a new Code Enforcement Officer Pending background checks. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval to Agreements and Plans (Land Development, NEIC, & Sidewalk) for McDonalds**

Eric Shock, an attorney for McDonalds, went over the plan for the new McDonalds that will be going in 4th Street Plaza. Michael Rhoads needed waivers approved before the approval of the agreements and plans. Waiver’s that need approval are (1) to permit the submission of preliminary plans without first submitted a reapplication plan, (2) to permit a combined a preliminary and final review process approval in lieu of separate preliminary and final plans, (3) waive the requirements for sidewalks along the right of way frontage, (4) to provide plans on 24”x36” sheet size in lieu of required drawing sheets size of 8 ½” x 11”, and (5) to permit street trees to be located elsewhere onsite due to infeasible planting areas along 4th Street. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept the approval of the waivers. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the agreements and plans for Land Development, NEIC, & Sidewalks for McDonalds. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve Waivers needed waived Brosious seconded. All in favor. Savidge all in favor. Atty Wiest has a proposed agreement from Upper Augusta Township and the City of Sunbury concerning the fact that this development will be within both municipalities. It is a cooperation agreement between the two municipalities, the only thing is that there is going to be a requested as a provisional approval tonight because we want to seek the payment of certain fees, or the sharing of fees for the City of Sunbury doing the work in this regard. Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the agreement with the provision mentioned above. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Agreement between TRA Electric and the City of Sunbury**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the agreement between TRA Electric and the City of Sunbury for the Reagan Street Traffic Signal. Martina Seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Cooperation Agreement with DRIVE**

Mayor Brosious Made a motion to approve the cooperation agreement between DRIVE and the City of Sunbury to move forward with the work being done at the Hospital. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Authorize $1,000.00 from city for Community Blueprints**

Mayor Made a motion to authorize $1,000.00 from the city for the Community Blueprints. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Notice to Award for Reagan Street Traffic Signal**

Brosious Made a motion to approve the agreement between TRA Electric and the City of Sunbury for the Reagan Street Traffic Signal. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Daniel Saxton for Maintenance Work**

Councilman Eister made a motion to Hire Daniel Saxton, an electrician, to do maintenance work for the City of Sunbury at $30.00 an hour. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**City Hall Elevator 2-way Communication Repair**

Councilman Eister explained that the phone in the elevator needs repaired. Councilman Eister made a motion to repair the elevator. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Selling of City Properties**

Councilman Eister explained that the city has a list of properties that they will be going through and creating a list that will be going up for auction, hopefully in the next two months. The objective is to have a full list of every property.

**Police Officer Candidates Academy Class (Ryan Hall, Krista Liotti, & Andrew Plank)**

Chief Bremigen explained that they have completed the process for hiring 3 full time officers..He introduced the candidates that have been selected to start the academy on July 8th at the Harrisburg Area Community College as well as coming on as end of December beginning of January as full time officers. Mayor Brosious made a motion approve the candidates to attend the Police Academy. Councilman Barnhart Seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of PT Police Officer Clarence Kelly**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to hire PT Police Officer Clarence Kelly. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of PT Police Officer Greg Hoffman**

Chief Bremigen gave a background of Officer Greg Hoffman. Mayor Brosious made a motion hire PT Police Officer Greg Hoffman. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Swearing in of all PT Police Officers**

Mayor Brosious swore in the following PT Police Officers:

Clarence Kelly

Greg Hoffman

Dara Kieski

Christopher Baker

**Resolution #2024-024/Adoption of South 2nd Street from the City to PA DOT**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-024 allowing PennDOT to adopt the end South 2nd Street from the City. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $93,722.67, LF $10,602.72, Private Grants $3,186.83, and Payroll $66,927.99.**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Boat Launch Lights Update**

Mayor Brosious stated that the boaters have been asking about the lights at the boat launch. Councilman Eister said that they are in line to be fixed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Accepting letters of Interest for 1 open spot on 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)

Television / Metal / Cans Recycling Event - Eister Skating Rink, June 29th 10am – 1pm. There will be a charge of $1 per pound for TV’s. Heavier TV’s will cost more. (No Dishwashers/wood/plastic/glass)

DEI Diversity Festival, Cameron Park, July 20, 2024

Christmas in July – Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 9am-4pm at Cameron Park

Latin Festival River Front Park August 10th, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Josh announced that it is Francis Scarcella’s 50th Birthday.

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on June 24, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julia Brosious asked how the Ink in the Rink went. Councilman Eister said it went excellent. Mayor Brosious said that Francis will be putting an article in the paper. People were very pleased with this event, and we plan to continue having more events in the city.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant