CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

June 24, 2024

6:15 p.m.

**An Executive Meeting was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss personnel 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

Steve Welker, DPW Supervisor

Visitors present: 19

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

**New Business**

**ARLE Grant – Chestnut/Wolverton Intersection – BACKER**

Mr. Backer explained that he needs a vote to apply for the ARLE Grant which will put Pedestrian signals and work on the Chestnut/Wolverton intersection. Mayor Brosious made a motion for Mr. Backet to apply for the grant. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Infradapt Contract to add subscribers - BACKER**

Mr. Backer explained that we have to add an additional 2 subscribers because we ran out of users. They did go in and clean out those who are no longer employed with the city and we were able to utilize two, but we need to add two more. It’s an additional $51.00 a month for the new user. Mayor Brosious explained that we can only break the contract if there was a breach of contract. Mayor Brosious made a motion to add the subscribers to the Infradapt Contract. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Business Sandwich Board Requests – BARNHART**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the businesses surrounding the park to place sandwich boards around the park during business hours and have them removed should there be an event going on in the park. There was a discussion on the matter. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to table the Business Sandwich Board Request. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**City Health Inspector Mike Rhoads – BARNHART**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to make Michael Rhoads the City Health Inspector. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of a FT Code Enforcement Officer – BARNHART**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to hire a FT Code Enforcement Officer. There was a discussion on the matter. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Cheryl Delsite PT Code Department – BARNHART**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to hire Cheryl Delsite part time in the Code Department. Mayor Brosious Seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Robert Ortlip PT Class 2 Laborer DPW - MARTINA**

Councilwoman Martina stated that is no longer requires a vote because it fell through.

**Sale of 3 Cub Cadet Mowers and a Kioti UTV / Purchase of 3 new Cub Cadets and a UTV - MARTINA**

Steve stated that they are adding 3 Cub Cadet Mowers and the Kioti UTV to the sale list. Any proceeds will go back into buying 3 new Cub Cadets and a new UTV. Councilwoman Martina made a motion to sell 3 Cub Cadet Mowers and the Kioti UTV and purchase 3 new Cub Cadets and a UTV only if reserves are met. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $216,399.73, LF $47,766.36, Private Grants $7,835.70, Payroll $95,320.94**

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

**Discussion**

**Brush Pile**

Mayor Brosious stated that those who live outside of town are looking to a place to take their brush. He wanted to bring up looking into adding a fee to non-city residents to dump brush. Steve said that it needs to be taken into consideration the work after it being dropped off and the process of breaking it down. There needs to be a rate structure.

**Police Grants for Vests** – BROSIOUS

Mayor Brosious stated that Chief Bremigen and Mr. Backer will be looking for grants to purchase new vests. Some are expiring at the end of this year. Mr. Rhoads asked if they could add two additional vests for the code office will researching grants. Mr. Backer stated that he’s not sure if the Code Department will fall under that grant. Councilman Savidge asked if they could get a group rate with other municipalities. Mayor Brosious stated their expiration dates may be different and theirs expires at the end of this year. There was further discussion on the matter.

**Rental Permit Requirements**

Mayor Brosious wanted to discuss adding the requirement of a background check when renewing rental permits. It will be at the cost of the landlord. There was discussion on the matter.

**Police Department Fencing**

Mayor Brosious stated that in the original blueprints, there was a fence to be put up at the Police Station in the rear parking lot. There have been issues with nails and other debris being thrown in the parking lot. It would be a chain link fence with a gate barrier arm. There are funds in the budget for the project. There was further discussion on the matter.

**Upper Augusta Volunteer FC Request to reserve the Eister Skating Rink 5/3/25 for an Auction**

Councilman Eister stated that the Upper Augusta Volunteer Fire Company wants to reserve the rink for their Chinese Auction on 5/3/2025. They will be required to fill out the proper paperwork in order to be approved.

**Update On IWORq**

Mike Rhoads explained that the Code Office is looking into upgrading their IWORq package to the Enterprise Package. The upgrades include: ezpay, a planning/zoning module and a portal module. The current cost is $8000 per year. New Package is $11,018.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TV($1/lb) and all things metal recycling program, 6/29/24, 249 Memorial Drive 10am-1pm. The proceeds go to Keithans Gardens.

Next City Council Meeting July 8th, 2024, 6:15pm

Sunbury Celebration July 11th, 12th and 13th, 2024

Ta-Ta Trot – July 13th, 2024, 4th Street Complex

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

River Fest, August 16-17, Merle Phillips Park

NYE Celebration held at the rink and downtown on December 31st

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on July 8, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deb Betz – She has been making food on the weekends for the Police Department. Wants to know if anyone would like to start doing it as well. The Police appreciated the donations. If anyone in the community would like to make a meal for them, call the mayor’s office and we will forward it to Deb.

Tara Dunbar – Wants to know what’s going on with OPG. Councilman Eister stated that the parts have been ordered and he is hoping it will be up and running by the Sunbury Celebration, but he cannot commit a time frame. A complete overhaul of the water park is roughly between $600,000 to $800,000.00.

Joseph Stutzman – Asked if they can connect a yard sprinkler to a hose at the OPG for the kids to play in. Mayor Brosious stated that they do that sometimes.

David Whipple – Why have they not fixed Packer Street. It cost him money to fix his car because of the potholes last year and he hit one again recently. He has not seen the Street Sweeper run in 2 ½ weeks on Edison Avenue. Mr. Welker explained that he has had to take his guys off the street sweeper for other maintenance around the city.

Ed Noll – Interested in list of properties what will be going up for sale. Mayor Brosious explained that it was not discussed because we are still compiling a list and need to figure out where the funds of the properties need to go.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant