CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

July 8, 2024

6:15 p.m.

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

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, By Phone

Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Other City officials in attendance:

Jeffrey Wojciechowski, City Clerk

Atty Joel Weist, Solicitor

Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Michael Rhoads, Public Safety Supervisor

Visitors present: 15

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

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

**Update**

DEI is having two events this summer.

**Old Business**

**Ordinance #2024-01 Booting & Towing 2nd Reading**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2024-01 Booting & Towing. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**New Business**

**Main Street Matters**

Councilman Barnhart stated that in accordance with Governor Shapiro’s 2024-2025 budget proposal for a $25 million-dollar Main Street Matters Program which creates economic opportunities for small businesses and Main Streets. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to give Derrick Backer and Cheryl Delsite permission to send letters to State Legislators to express our support for this program and research and apply for any grants/funds for it. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Purchase of Laptop for DPW and Infradapt Installation of Software**

Councilman Martina made a motion approve the purchase of a Laptop for DPW and the purchase of Infradapt installation of Software. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Susquehanna Avenue Change Order #2**

Derrick Backer explained the second change order for the Susquehanna Avenue project is an increase of $12,844.36 to remove trees above lines that were performed by contractor instead of PPL. They moved everything below the lines per the original contract but above it wasn’t in the contract. There are remaining funds to cover the difference. Councilman Eister made a motion to approve the seconded change order for the Susquehanna Avenue Project. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund**

Derrick Backer explained that at the end of this month the DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant is due, it is a streetscape grant. There are a few projects we can apply for. We need a vote on which project council would like to see this grant go toward. We have Susquehanna Avenue and Packer Street are the biggest, we have Market Street, which PPL had stipulations and plans needed changed, which took out half the project funds. S 10th Street/Wolverton Street intersection. There was discussion on the matter. Councilwoman Martina made a motion apply for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant for the Packer Street Project. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; Martina, Eister, Barnhart and Savidge voted yes; Mayor Brosious voted no.

**Police Grant – CSIU Mental Health Worker**

Chief Bremigen explained the CSIU Mental Health Worker. The grant would be valid for one year and it would be re-evaluated. Mayor Brosious made a motion to apply for the CSIU Mental Health Worker Grant. Councilman Savidge seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval to Hire Corporal**

Chief Bremigen explained the process of hiring a Corporal. Mayor Brosious made a motion to start the process of hiring a Corporal. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2024-025 Northumberland National Bank Trust & Investment for Sunbury Celebration 2024**

Councilman Savidge made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-025 to use Northumberland National Bank Trust & Investment for Sunbury Celebration 2024. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $58,337.68, LF $0.00, Private Grants $46,288.67, Payroll $88,198.53**

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

**Discussion**

**Police Fence**

Chief Bremigen was in touch with multiple companies for quotes on installing a fence around the Police Station parking lot. He only received one quote, which was for $35,000.00.

**Police Grants**

Police need to apply for grants in the near future for at least 6 bullet proof vests, 3 for the new hires and 3 that will be expiring at the end of this year. There are more vests expiring next year. Also, they are looking to purchase new computers for the new software. Chief Bremigen also mentioned about a grant through CSIU to fund a police officer to patrol Beck Elementary and CSUI Five Star.

**Boat Lauch Lights**

Mayor Brosious and Councilman Eister spoke previously about how they are being looked into. They are getting the bucket truck down there with our new electrician, Dan Saxton, to get them up and running so it’s safer down there.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Accepting Letters of Interest for 1 open spot H.A.R.B. (Historical Architectural Review Board) – Must be a Licensed 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, & 2 Sunbury Citizens)**

**Sunbury Celebration July 13th, 2024, 4th Street Complex**

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

**DEI Diversity Festival - Saturday, July 20, 2024, Cameron Park**

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

**National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Joe Snedeker will be stopping in Cameron Park on Tuesday, July 23rd at Noon**

**Latin Festival River Front Park, Saturday, August 10th, 2024**

**River Fest, August 16-17, Merle Phillips Park**

**Arts & Curiosities Fest – Saturday, September 14th at Stroh Alley**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jody Ocker, executive director for Sunbury’s Revitalization and team leader for Blueprint Communities team Downtown Sunbury, wanted to thank council for supporting the state budget for the $25 Million Dollar Main Street Matters Program.

David Whipple stated that it did not make sense to paint the lines on a street that has not been swept.

Victoria Rosencrans was concerned about the sandwich boards. She asked about the business signs that the city was giving away, and Mayor Brosious explained that the business could come get them while supply lasts. Her concern is who is going to be responsible for telling the business owners when events are going on at Cameron Park. If council does approve it, it should be a uniform sign. She believes there is a better way for businesses to promote themselves.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant