CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

September 9, 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: 15

Robyn Garinger, Administrative Assistant

Atty Joel Weist, Solicitor

Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Joyce Neidig, Code Officer

Visitors present: 15

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

**Approval of Minutes & Reports: Minutes of August 12th, August 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 Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SWEEP Phase 2 Notice of Award**

James Eister made a motion to approve the SWEEP Phase 2 Notice of Award. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #2024-031 Fire Consolidation**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-031 Fire Consolidation. Council Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Public Relations Officer for the City of Sunbury (City Administrator)**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve Derrick Backer as the main contact as the Public Relations Officer. Council Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Add Additional Users to Infradapt**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve 3 additional users to be added to the Infradapt account. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $16,568.72, LF $0.00, Private Grants $455,648.94, Payroll $78,241.43**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Boat Lauch Lights**

Councilman Eister said they are making progress and are looking at them this week. They will be up by the end of the year.

**Cameras**

Mayor Brosious spoke with the Chief and believes we need to get cameras on Market Street. They received quotes from IT department was around $2000.00 for 4 cameras and recorder and connecting them to the police department. Use funds from property auctions to put into an IT budget while having to upgrade computers and software.

**Annual Fees**

Mayor Brosious suggested to the council to have all annual fees due at the same time. Jerome said that any increases of fees need to be put in the budget now.

**Skatepark**

Mayor Brosious wants to know what the city is doing. Eister said that Tyler Kerstetter is working with Shipe to come up with a business plan. Derrick Backer needs to know what the top priority is. DCED & DCNR are state grants that the city can apply to.

**Public Skate Cancelled 1/10/25, 7pm-9pm**

Councilman Eister announced that Public Skate at the Ice Rink is cancelled on January 10, 2025, from 7pm to 9pm due to Youth Hockey Tournament. (add to announcements for reminder)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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)**

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

**Tire & Metal Recycling Event at James R. Eister Youth and Community Center on September 14th from 9am – 12pm**

**CareerLink Job Fair, Cameron Park, September 18th 1pm-4pm**

**Lake Augusta Wine & Brew Festival at Merle Phillips Park on September 20th**

**Halloween Parade, October 17th starting at 7pm**

**City Hall Haunted Hall of Treats, October 25th from 12pm-3pm, kids have a half day at school**

**Sunbury Property Auction October 28th prior to Council Meeting**

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on September 23, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Francis Scarcella asked Councilman Eister when they are going to start making ice for the rink. Councilman Eister stated that they are starting to make ice next week and will open the 1st of October.

Brian Suloff wanted to talk about the sidewalks and how the decision was made. He expressed his concern and dissatisfaction regarding the fact that they are no longer getting their sidewalks replaced. Why is he on the hook when the city replaced the sidewalks on Reagan Street and not Susquehanna Avenue. He was also told the street would be expanded by 6 feet, 3 feet on each side. The contractor then said they were only doing 5 feet instead. He was told there is no money to complete the project. How is there no money when he can get it done cheaper through another contractor. The answers he got were not satisfactory. Councilman Eister said that they were not going to replace every sidewalk. He said with federal funding they can only fix sidewalks that were dangerous, not esthetically dis-pleasing. Mayor Brosious asked how many homes are not getting new sidewalks and how much money are we short to do that. Councilman Eister said he will get the cost of the sidewalk.

Allen Bubb stated that sidewalks that were replaced when he lived on Susquehanna Avenue will outlive the new sidewalks because they were replaced with rebar. Also, the 5th Street Traffic Light is extremely long. You can wait between 8 and 10 min before the light changes.

Jerome Alex stated that the S 2nd and Chestnut St traffic light timer is messed up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant