CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

October 14, 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

Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Other City officials in attendance:

Jeff Wojciechowski, City Clerk

Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief

Jerome Alex, City Controller

Travis Bremigen, Police Chief

Steve Welker, Public Works Supervisor

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Joyce Neidig, Code Officer

Visitors present: 21

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

Councilman Barnhart went over last months code report and wanted to let the public know that the code officers will be walking around looking for discrepancies. They want people to

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2nd Reading Amend Ordinance Numbers 132-13, 134-2 & 134-17**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the 2nd reading to amend Ordinance Numbers 134-13, 134-2 and 134-17. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LSA Grant Resolution #2024-037**

Mayor Brosious stated that projects he would like the LSA Grant to go toward are the city hall remodel and the skatepark. Councilwoman Martina would like to see it go toward paving projects, specifically, Memorial Drive. Steve Welker stated that the Liquid Fuels money will not be enough to pave the streets. Derrick Backer gave a historic background on where the funds when in previous years. There was further discussion on the matter. Councilman Eister made a motion to use the LSA Grant money toward Memorial Drive in the amount of $100,000.00. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion. Councilman Savidge, Councilman Eister and Councilwoman Martina were in favor. Mayor Brosious and Councilman Barnhart were not in favor.

**1st Reading Amend Ordinance #175-91 & 175-92**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the 1st Reading to amend ordinancenumbers 175-91 and 175-92. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**IWORQ Service Agreement & Upgrade Agreement**

Councilman Barnhart explained that the service agreement to upgrade the IWORQ would improve the efficiency in the Code Office. It would be in effect in 2025.Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the IWORQ Service Agreement and Upgrade Agreement. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Accept Resignation of Jennifer Daddario from the Planning Commission**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Daddario from the Planning Commission. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Accept Resignation of Joesph Stutzman from Code Office**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Stutzman from the Code Office. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor except for Mayor Brosious who abstained due to the fact that he is a Shikellamy School Teacher and Joseph Stutzman is on the Shikellamy School Board.

**2025 Meetings Schedule**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept the 2025 Meeting Schedule. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**2025 Holiday Schedule**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Letter of Interest for Upcoming Appointment to the Civil Service Board (Kurt Karlovich)**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept the letter of interest from Kurt Karlovich to remain on the Civil Service Board. Councilman Savidge seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Geisinger Parking Agreement 10-Year Lease 2024-2034**

Jeff Wojciechowski drew up a 10 Year Lease Agreement with a 3% raise each year. There was a discussion on the matter. Jeff will submit a counteroffer of $200.00 per parking space a year with a 3% increase every year for the next 10 years. Councilman Eister made a motion to table the Geisinger Parking Agreement until next meeting. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Brock Perles Parks & Rec as Needed Part-Time $16.00/hr**

Councilman Eister made a motion to hire Brock Perles to the Parks and Rec department as a Parttime as needed employee at $16.00 and hour. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2024-036 Winter Maintenance Service Agreement**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-036 for the annual Winter Maintenance Service Agreement. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstracts/Vouchers for GF $319,934.48, LF $50,940.48, Private Grants $21,123.91 and Payroll $69,330.24**

Councilman Savidge made a motion to approve the Abstracts and Vouchers. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Boat Launch Lights**

Mayor Brosious thanked Councilman Eister for getting the boat launch lights up and working.

**City Hall Remodel**

Mayor Brosious and Councilman Eister looked at bids that came in for the City Hall Remodel. The bids ranged from $450,000.00 to $650,000.00. Councilman Eister suggested sitting down with the architect as see what the options are. There was further discussion on the matter.

**Parking Ordinance**

Mayor Brosious wanted to update everyone that the No Parking Ordinance is suspended after November 15th. Steve Welker wanted to add that leaf collection will follow the same schedule as the No Parking Ordinance.

**Additional Revenue for Sunbury – Electric Vehicle Car Chargers in Parking Areas**

Mayor Brosious explained that a company reached out wanted to place Electric Car Chargers in city owned parking lots. He stated that he is in favor of it because it will bring in extra revenue to the city. Mayor Brosious further explained what the company will provide. There was further discussion on the matter.

**City Parking Lots**

Mayor Brosious has received some concerns about the lines in the city parking lots, especially in the Skating Rink Parking Lot. They are that faded that you cannot see them at night. Mayor Brosious is wondering if we can get some lines painted in there. Steve Welker said that he and Councilman Eister will go up and evaluate it.

**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)

-Accepting letters of interest for 2 open spots on the Planning Commission (1 Active (Remaining Term Dec 25) and 1 Alternate (4 Year Term))

-Halloween Parade, October 17th at 7pm

-City Hall Haunted Hall of Treats, October 25th from 12pm-3pm (Kids have a half day)

-Turn in unused medication October 26th at the Sunbury Police Station. Please check DEA takeback.com for locations and times.

-Sunbury Property Auction, October 28th at 4:30. Registration is at 4pm

-City Budget Meeting will be October 28th at 5pm in the Council Chambers.

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on October 28, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Allen Bubb stated that Northumberland County has a Security Officer in all of their buildings who checks your pockets when you enter. He stated that Mr. Backers door should have a full-length glass so he can see who is standing outside before he lets them in. He then asked why the city can’t get some students from the vocational schools to build a counter in his office.

Rick Shemory was asked by the fire company to let the city know that the land the city owns by the fire school grounds is having an issue with groundhogs. They are worried that someone is going to fall in one of the holes. Steve Welker stated he will go down tomorrow to look into it.

Egan Shimel is the President of Shikellamy Middle School Student Council. This December the Middle School and High School are having their 1st Battle of the Lights. They would like permission to hold this in Sunbury. It’s a competition that Sunbury City Residents and Northumberland Residents can participate in and show off their Christmas decorations. There will be 5 winners for each city.

Brian Suloff handed out pictures to council of the Susquehanna Avenue sidewalks. The old sidewalks were better than the new ones that were put in. There are multiple issues the whole way down the street. His sidewalks were replaced and there is a big dip where water will puddle, and the sidewalk is slanted towards the porch. We wanted to bring it to council’s attention that the work that was done is questionable. Steve stated that they have not had their final inspection of the project yet. Everything is being built to the PennDOT Specifications. There was further discussion on the matter.

Allen Bubb stated that an old neighbor of his replaced his sidewalk and it was in great shape. He will be taking a walk up there to see if it has been disturbed. If it’s not as good as it was, the contractor should be responsible to tearing it out and fixing it to the way it was.

Joseph Stutzman asked what building specifications they are going off of. Is it City code of PennDOT code? Steve Welker stated that this falls under construction and they fall under the PennDOT Standards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

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