CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

December 23, 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

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Joyce Neidig, Code Officer

Visitors present: 15

**An executive session was held on December 18th to discuss possible litigation and personnel**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1st Reading SALDO Ordinance and Request Permission to Advertise a Special Meeting for 1/6/25**

Mr. Backer was looking for a vote for the 1st reading of Subdivision of Land Ordinance (SALDO) and request permission to advertise for the special meeting on 1/6/2025. This is a requirement of amending a zoning ordinance. Definitions were changed and updated processes in the ordinance for land development and subdivisions. Mayor Brosious made the motion for 1st Reading of the SALDO Ordinance and to advertise a special meeting on 1/6/2025. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**1st Reading for Principal Solar Ordinance and Permission to Advertise for Public Hearing for 1/6/25**

Mr. Backer was looking for approval for the 1st Reading for the Principal Solar Ordinance and permission to advertise for a Public Hearing on 1/6/2025. Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the Principal Solar Ordinance and permission to advertise for a public hearing on 1/6/25. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor except for Councilman Savidge who abstained.

**Permission to Advertise for Public Meeting for Central Business District Changes on 1/6/25**

Mr. Backer was looking for permission to advertise a public meeting for the Central Business Changes to amend the zoning ordinance on 1/6/2025. Councilman Eister made the motion to approve the advertisement for public meeting for the Central Business District changes on 1/6/2025. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Susquehanna Avenue Change Order # 7**

Mr. Backer was looking for the approval of Susquehanna Avenue Change Order #7. We put an extra manhole in and some work for unmarked sewer laterals, fittings and inlets. It is an increase of $16,652.27 to total $3,318,481.36 for the contract amount. There was discussion on the change order. Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept Susquehanna Avenue Change Order #7. Councilman Savidge seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Northumberland County SR 0-07L MPMS 121840 (2nd Street) Contribution Agreement**

Mr. Backer explained that PennDOT is doing work on South 2nd Street. They are working on inlets and the roadway up from where South Front Street and South 2nd Street start all the way to the exit of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge. They want to use the grant funds that were awarded to the city through PA ARPA Small Water/Sewer which is $241,791.00 toward that project. They will pay for any cost over $241,791.00. The funds were allocated for that project. The grant was written for South 2nd Street in conjunction with the Municipal Authority. Since then, the state has stepped in to add more than what the city was planning to do and they are working with the Municipal Authority. Councilman Eister made the motion to approve the Northumberland County SR 0-07L MPMS 121840 (2nd Street) Contribution Agreement. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hiring of Police Cadets (Andrew Plank 1/1/25 & Krista Liotti (1/2/25)**

Chief Bremigen explained that both cadets, Andrew Plank and Krista Liotti, completed their Act 120 training at the Harrisburg Area Community College. They went through their state certification. They graduated on December 21st. Mayor Brosious made the motion to hire Andrew Plank with a start date of January 1, 2025, and Krista Liotti with a start date of January 2, 2025, as full-time Probationary Officers. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor. Andrew Plank and Krista Liotti took their Oath of Office.

**Code Blue Resolution**

Attorney Joel Wiest was approached by members of the United Way and they want to partner with a non-profit in the city to provide shelter for those who don’t have shelter or for those who have defects in their heating systems during the extreme winter weather. We need to adopt a resolution agreeing to allow a certain non-profit to provide that shelter by and through the United Way before they are able to deal with the non-profit. The first resolution is to enable the city to move forward with the Code Blue Service by and through an un-named non-profit. The second resolution is for the city to partner with the Americus Hose Company in order to allow them to work with the United Way to provide the shelter for cold related exposure. The third is to approve an agreement between the City of Sunbury and the Americus Hose Company to allow this Code Blue to take effect. This is at no cost to the city; United Way covers the cost. Mayor Brosious made a motion to accept the Code Blue Resolutions and Agreement. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Motion to make S.W.E.E.P. Committee a 5-yr Term**

Mayor Brosious met with the S.W.E.E.P. Committee, and they wanted to go from a 1-year member term to a 5 year member term for their board. Mayor Brosious made a motion to make the S.W.E.E.P. Committee Board members a 5-year term.

**Approval of Abstracts/Vouchers for GF $82,007.59, LF $0.00, Private Grants $12,609.47 and Payroll $72,728.80**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Approval of design and purchase the 2024 S.W.E.E.P. Stewardship Educational Sign from AdOne**

On behalf of Kurt Karlovich, Mayor Brosious explained that the S.W.E.E.P. Committee would like approval of the design and purchase a Stewardship Educational Sign from AdOne. It’s basic information of all the things that have taken place and the environment effects of the S.W.E.E.P. Park. Kurt does not have a price yet but wants to know if the design printed is acceptable from council.

**S.W.E.E.P. end of year update**

On behalf of Kurt Karlovich, Mayor Brosious went over the 2024 end of year update of the S.W.E.E.P. Committee. 852 volunteer hours, 225 volunteers throughout the year, including the Boy Scout Troup 333, Boy scout Troup 610B, and Girl Scout Troup 610G.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Ugly Sweater Contest Party at the Ice Rink 12/29/24, 4PM

-New Years Eve Celebration at the Ice Rink 12pm-3:30pm & Cameron Park 8pm-Midnight - 12/31/24

-Public Meeting Jan 13th at 5pm for Public Amusement Fee

Christmas and New Years Office Closures (12/25/24 & 1/1/25)

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on January 13, 2024, at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jody Ocker introduced everyone to Mark Walsh. He is the new Downtown Ambassador. He’s been hired by SRI and his position is funding by a grant from the Blueprint Communities Program. This is the first step into making future Main Street Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant