CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

April 28, 2025

6:15 pm

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:

John Barnhart III, Director of Public Safety

James R. Eister, Director of Parks & Recreation

Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works

Nathan Savidge, Director of Finance

Other City Officials in attendance:

Attorney Joel Wiest, City Solicitor

Robyn Garinger, Administrative Assistant

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Travis Bremigen, Police Chief

Cheryl Delsite, Code Supervisor

Visitors Present: 23

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Edward Greco did not have a comment on agenda items but wanted to say that he is running for Northumberland County Judge and part of his campaign is going to municipal meetings and introduce himself. He gave a brief description of his background and the issues around the area.

Maddison Mullen said that Blight could be fixed by adding a Local Climate Action Plan. She asked if it was being discussed since it was not on the agenda. Mayor Brosious explained that it will be on next meeting’s agenda for May 12th.

Sandy Heim, the last council meeting they were told the Local Climate Action Plan be voted on today. Mr. Eister got more information that Mr. Backer sent to council. She reminded them that the deadline to apply by May 30th.

**Update**

**River Front City Clean-up – BRONOWICZ**

Danielle Bronowicz wanted to share their 2025 River Cleanup. It was successful with over 200 volunteers. They hit 26 territories around Lake Augusta. She thanked the City of Sunbury, appreciate all they did for the event. Wendy, a journalist from Ithica, New York, came down and wanted to share the River Cleanup. They collected 13,860 pounds of rubbish, 1,500 pounds were metal metal, a lot of tires and trash and debris. She hopes the Local Climate Study is considered for the good of the community. If it’s free, try it and see what happens.

On behalf of the city, for all her hard work and effort, Danielle was awarded the Caring Award.

**Old Business**

**LATS Bus Schedule (2024 Bucknell University Project Update)**

Mayor Brosious went over the LATS Bus Schedule.

**Penn Cemetery (2025 Bucknell University Project Update)**

Mayor Brosious went over the cemetery project and all the Bucknell students have done for it.

**New Business**

**HEPCO City Renovation Change Order #3**

Mr. Backer explained the change order is for removing existing window fill in with drywall in the code office. Councilman Eister made the motion to accept the HEPCO City Renovation Change Order #3. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Public Works Building Renovation Advertise to Bid**

Councilwoman Martina made a motion to Advertise for the Bid of the Public Works Building Renovations. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Resolution #2025-014 - Joint Property Maintenance/Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals**

Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-014 for the Joint Property Maintenance/Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Fresh Roasted Coffee Cooperation Agreement Addendum**

Councilman Eister made a motion to accept the Fresh Roasted Coffee Cooperation Agreement Addendum. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Think Sunbury Sculpture Cameron Park Location**

Jody Ocker spoke representing SRI and Blueprint Communities Downtown Sunbury Team. They were awarded a Project Grant through the Blueprints Community Program in the amount of $5,000 dollars. They were tasked to find a project that would be highly visible to the community to give inspiration for community pride. They came up with a “Think Sunbury” sculpture and would like to have it installed at the west end of Cameron Park. The sign will be illuminated. She asked for approval of the design of the sign and the installation in the location. Councilman Savidge asked how bright it is going to be and if light pollution considered with the surrounded area. Jody believes it won’t be that bring put she try to get more information on the number of lumens. Councilman Eister made the motion to approve the design of the sculpture and the location of it. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Constellation 4-Year Electric Contract**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the 4-year electrical contract with Constellation. Councilwoman Martina seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Penny Bamford Retiring May 2nd, 2025**

Councilman Savidge wanted to recognize the retirement of Penny Bamford and thank her for her many years of service. Councilman Savidge made a motion to accept her retirement on May 2, 2025. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for GF $140,165.18, LF $32,300.58, Private Grants $40,268.48, and Payroll $76,357.66**

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

**Discussion**

**Cameron Park and Front Street Clean-up**

Mayor Brosious gave a brief update of last week’s Cameron Park and Front Street were cleaned up by the Shikellamy ROTC and Conservation Club. There were between 40 and 50 students who attended and helped clean up. For the first time in a long time, due to the number of volunteers, every tree was mulched from the south end of Front Street to the north end. We thank them for all their help.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Free Mulch Giveaway May 3rd Celotex lot 7a-12 or until supply is exhausted.

-SRI 1st Annual Beef & Brew Block Party in Cameron Park May 3rd 11am-9pm May 3rd

-Squeeze-In 80th Anniversary May 3rd 230-8p

-Central PA Raccoon Hunters Club Pulled Pork BBQ in Cameron Park May 10th from 10am-4pm

-Fire Police Chinese Auction, Sunbury Eagles, 33 S. 3rd St, May 10, 2025, 11am-4pm

-“Ink in the Rink II” May 16-18, City Ice Rink

-American Legion Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony on May 26th at 10am. Parade route will start on Raspberry Ave to S. 10th St, to Market, to S 4th and end at the Sunbury Cemetery where the Ceremony will take place.

PUBLIC COMMENT – WHEN RECOGNIZED, ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME

Ryan Castle extended a thank you Jody Ocker and Mark Walsh for allowing him to join them on Saturday at the Beef and Brew Block Party.

Sandy Heim thanked Mr. Savidge, Mrs. Martina and Mr. Backer who came to the Earth Day Celebration. They had 21 organizations set up tablets. It was very successful. They had an online petition for the Local Climate Action Plan, and it showed people who would like to have a Local Climate Action Plan. They got 139 signatures from all around, 34 being from Sunbury.

David Sickle stated that Danielle Bronowicz has been doing the Susquehanna River Cleanup for 10 years.

Julie Brosious wanted to make a correction that the Sunbury Cemetery is Penn Cemetery. Rumor has it on the 300 to 400 block of Sunbury there were 18 bags of leaves and garbage picked up. So everyone is on the same page, the Shade Tree Ordinances changes and adding the additional members will be on the next agenda.

Anne Marshall made a complaint about the property next to her, 440 N 8th Street, about their trash. She has made 3 founded complaints and would like to talk about it being a nuisance property. Why does she have to keep calling every week. Nothing was done. Councilman Barnhart explained that it would go to a blight prevention meeting. She also stated that the trees on 8th Street between Reagan & Line are not being maintained.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant