CITY COUNCIL

Sunbury PA 17801

July 28, 2025

6:15 p.m.

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

Nathan Savidge, Director of Finance

Other City Officials in attendance:

Jeffrey Wojciechowski, City Clerk

Atty. Joel Wiest, Solicitor

Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Jerome Alex, Controller

Travis Bremigen, Police Chief

Cheryl Delsite, Code Supervisor

Mike Thomas, Meck-Tech, Inc, City Engineer

Visitors Present: 36

**Announcement from the Solicitor**

At 435 this afternoon Judge Rosini entered an order relative to the open council seat. Solicitor Wiest read the order. The court deferred the decision in this matter until the conclusion of the next summary City Council Meeting and another attempt of the remaining council members to fill the vacancy by the court.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**Nation Night Out Proclamation**

Mayor Brosious read the National Night Out Proclamation.

Mayor Brosious also announced that we will have two Eagle Scout projects that will be taking place in the city if they get approved. Christian Booth and Wesley Rouse are going to be painting that hasn’t been done in the last 30 to 40 years should it be approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Hailstone Contract**

There were some issues with finding the funds. The funds are there; we just have to transfer the funds into another line item. Council must approve the transfer of funds. Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the line item to the proper one in a resolution that we will vote on now and be ratified at the next meeting. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Police Fencing**

The Chief has received bids from Stauffer Brothers Fence and Buffalo Valley Fencing. The bid for Stauffer Brothers Fence is $15,980.00 and the bid for Buffalo Valley Fencing is $17,650.00. It is a 6’ fence that would encompass the police department with razor wire across the top. At this time, it will not be feasible to install the gate for coming in and going out. He would like to look at putting that into the budget for next year. It will ensure the safety of the officers. There was further discussion on the matter. Mayor Brosious made a motion to award Stauffer Brothers Fence with a cost of $15,980.00 for the police fence. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Rescind Salary Votes from July 14, 2025, Council Meeting**

Councilman Savidge explained that at the last council meeting, we had voted on the tax collecting portion of employees in the Finance/Treasurer’s Office. There was a discrepancy on the agenda that needs to be rescinded because there was a mistake where it is actually split between the city, the county and the school district and it only stated two of the three entities. Councilman Savidge made a motion to rescind those votes. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approve the Following Salaries for the Tax Collector Treasurer’s Office, to be split between the City of Sunbury, Northumberland County and Shikellamy School District**

Councilman Savidge made a motion to approve the following salaries for the tax collector in the treasurer’s office and to be clear it’s being split between the City of Sunbury, Northumberland County and the Shikellamy School District and the salaries are as follows: Lisa Martina as treasurer at $51,288.81 effective June 30, 2025, Cathy Geiger at $35,642.23 effective May 5, 2025, and Rachel Strohecker at $18,000.00 effective June 16, 2025. Councilman Barnhart asked if that was complete pay or are they being paid on top of there somewhere else. Councilman Savidge explained that this is strictly for the tax collecting portion between the three entities. They do have that additional city salary paid to them on top of the tax collection portion. Councilman Barnhart also voiced his concern on the number of hours the treasurer will be in the office since the previous treasurer was only in the office 20 hours a week. Councilman Savidge couldn’t speak for Treasurer Martina’s hours because she is an elected official, but they need to look at the structure of the office. He wants to stand by this motion tonight. Mayor Brosious wants to table the motion and wait to vote on the salaries until we discuss this with all three entities in person in a public meeting. There was further discussion on the matter. Councilman Savidge stood with his original motion. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; Mayor Brosious was against; Councilman Savidge, Councilman Eister, and Councilman Barnhart were in favor. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #2025-016 South 2nd Street Multimodal Grant**

City council had discussed the South 2nd Street project at the last council meeting. Mayor Brosious made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-016 for South 2nd Street Multimodal Grant. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Notice of Award for Packer Street Project**

Mid-State Paving, LLC came in with the lowest bid for the Packer Street Project at $1,923,377.40. Mayor Brosious made a motion to award the bid to Mid-State Paving, LLC for the Packer Street Project. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Final Land Development Plan for 901 South Second Street**

Mike Thomas stated at the Planning Commission meet last Thursday regarding the Land Development Plan for 901 S Second Street. A slightly new version was re-explored at their office and had a few comments but all in all the Planning Commission recommended the approval of three additional waivers and conditional plan approval conditioned upon their letter dated July 23, 2025, and a minor note to be added to the plan. Unless anyone from council or the public has any questions regarding the plan they are looking for two separate motions: one for the waivers and then one for the conditional approval as recommended by the Planning Commission last Thursday. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the waivers. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor. Councilman Barnhart made a motion for the Conditional Plan Approval conditioned up the recommendations of the Planning Commission last Thursday. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Superior Spaces Apartment Building-Sewer Exemption Mailer**

This is going to be on Chestnut Street. It was submitted to the Sewer Authority. We have them the project overview and the flows. They recommended that the city sign off on the mailer. This is a precursor to the land development plan that we hope to submit sometime next week for that project. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve and sign off on the exemption mailer. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**McDonalds Release of Financial Security**

Meck-Tech did a final inspection of the McDonald’s facility. They recommend the formal release of Financial Security in the amount of $228,780.33. Councilman Barnhart made a motion to approve the release of Financial Security in the amount of $228,780.33. Councilman Eister seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Accept the Resignation of FT Officer Gary Bregensir**

Before accepting the resignation of Officer Gary Bregensir, Chief Bremigen went over the call volumes for the month of June. Chief Bregensir then explained that Officer Bregensir has accepted another position at another agency which is also giving him more money. He has asked to stay on the with the Sunbury Police as a part-time officer. Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the resignation of FT Officer Gary Bregensir effective July 28, 2025. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Hire Officer Gary Bregensir Part-Time Effective July 28,2025**

Mayor Brosious made a motion to hire Officer Gary Bregensir, part-time with a part-time salary effective July 28, 2025. Councilman Barnhart seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Officer Bregensir thanked the City of Sunbury for letting him operate and work as a police officer in the City of Sunbury. He thanked all council members for the training, work and knowledge that he received and can use further in his career.

**Promotion of Harry Nungesser to the rank of Corporal effective July 28, 2025**

Chief Bremigen explained that Officer Nungesser went through a Civil Service process which was through the PA Chiefs. A test was given along with an oral exam. Officer Nungesser and he placed the highest. Chief Bremigen asked that he be brought up and promoted to the rank of Corporal with a $1,500.00 raise, which comes along with that position which is contractual. Chief Bremigen gave a brief background story on Officer Nungesser and his dedication to the Sunbury Police Department. Mayor Brosious swore in Corporal Harry Nungesser.

**3-Year Port Elevator Contract**

Councilman Eister made a motion to approve the 3-year Port Elevator Contract contingent of Solicitor Wiest’s review of the contract. Mayor Brosious seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers of GF $127,785.28, LF $27,833.79, Private Grants $0.00, and Payroll $97,078.89**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**2026 Budget**

Mayor Brosious stated that we are going to have our first Budget Meeting during the work session before next council meeting. He asked all departments to get their number to treasurer so she can get a rough idea of the 2026 Budget. Lisa asked to start with the current budget to see where we are and look at what was spent in the past.

**Susquehanna Avenue Change Order**

Mayor Brosious asked if they came up with a conclusion with the Susquehanna Avenue Change Order. Councilman Eister said that they are not getting involved with Mr. Sulouff. He hasn’t come back, and he doesn’t have any direction where he should go further. The only thing he has is to take care of Mrs. Shambach.

**Tax Collection Salaries & Treasurer Salary**

Mayor Brosious said that there was no need to discuss these further since we talked about it in during the vote.

**Non-Uniform Handbook Update**

Mayor Brosious wanted to make sure everyone got the changes to the handbook to review. Solicitor Wiest explained that he made some additions and changes which are shown in red. He also spoke with Mr. Wojciechowski and Councilman Savidge about other handbooks out there that may help cover the city better than our current handbook. He has both handbooks and should council want to take a look at them. Mayor Brosious believes that council should see what Mr. Wojciechowski has and compare what we have and see how we can make it better.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Sunbury Revitalization’s Movies on the River, July 31st at 6pm at the Amphitheater, showing “Robots”

- Bethel Mennonite Church Hymn Singing on August 3rd at 7:00pm in Cameron Park

- National Night Out at the Ice Rink on August 5th from 5pm-8pm

- Rhoads to a New U Resource Block Party in Cameron Park on August 9th from 12pm-4pm

- DEI Back to School Block Party at the OPG Baseball Field on August 9th at 11am

- Synergy Worship Music Event at the Amphitheater on August 9th at 6pm

-Back to School Movie Night at Good Will Playground August 9th from 7pm to 10pm showing “Ferdinand”

-Tire Recycle Event August 9th 8am-1pm, 249 Memorial Drive, Sunbury (Sunbury Code Enforcement) $4.00 per tire.

**Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on August 11th at 6:15p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trevor Marshall asked if anyone on council knew the specifics on any of the announcements. He doesn’t see or hear about any accessibility support for individuals with disabilities. Mayor Brosious explained that these are not city sponsored events, they are held by other entities who ask us to announce the event to the public. He would have to contact the organization to get further details. He asked if any councilmember plans on attending the events. Mayor Brosious stated that they try to attend if they can fit it in their schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Garinger

Administrative Assistant