

CITY COUNCIL  
Sunbury PA 17801  
December 22, 2008  
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Jesse C. Woodring, Mayor  
John K. Shipman, Director of Accounts and Finance  
Mark W. Walberg, Director of Public Safety  
Kevin E. Troup, Director of Public Works  
James R. Eister, Director of Parks/Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Lisa Persing, City Controller  
Stephen Mazzeo, Chief of Police  
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer  
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were eight (8) visitors present.

**NON-UNIFORM PERSONNEL POLICY/COMPENSATORY TIME**

Councilman Eister asked whether 2 or 4 hours should be selected to use compensatory time. Personal and vacation time have a limit of 4 hours. Councilman Troup said it would be better to lose an employee for 2 hours and not 4, if an employee has to have off for a short time, they would have to take ½ day off. Councilman Shipman moved to accept the compensatory time as stated with no less than 2 hours of compensatory time being used and 24 hours advance notice is required. Second Woodring. Unanimous vote.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING 2009 BUDGET ORDINANCE #1260**

Councilman Shipman moved to pass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading the Budget for 2009 (see attached). Total Revenues and Expenditures are \$4,155,120. Second Eister. Vote: No-Troup. Yes-Eister, Woodring, Shipman, Walberg. Motion carried.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING 2009 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #1261**

Councilman Shipman moved to pass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance with the following rates set for taxes:

General Revenue 23 mills  
Recreation 2 mills  
Library 1/4 of 1 mill  
Debt Reduction 2 mills

Second Eister. Vote Yes- Eister, Woodring, Shipman, Walberg. No-Troup. Motion carried.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING ARTICLE 106 LICENSED BUSINESS**

Councilman Shipman moved to pass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Article 106 (see attached) which increases the licensing fees on businesses that operate within the City but have no place of business here. The license fee will be \$100 and proof of payment must be given upon request of City Treasurer or other authorized agent. Second Troup. Vote: Yes-Shipman, Troup, Eister Woodring. No-Walberg. Motion carried.

**HOURLY RATE FOR SHRED ALL TO NORTH'D AND POINT TOWNSHIP**

Mr. Dale Henry, Recycling Coordinator for Northumberland County, explained that the City paid ½ of the 10% match for the shred all, Northumberland and Point Township both paid ¼ of the match amount. The rate to charge the two municipalities should be lower than others that will use it since they have contributed to the match. After general discussion, this subject was tabled until the next meeting.

**JANITORIAL SERVICES**

One bid was received from Sun Com Industries/CIES Program for the janitorial services at city hall and the police station:

City hall \$93.15  
DJ Office \$30.11  
Police Station \$70.28

Councilman Eister moved to accept the only bid received for janitorial services. Second Troup. Unanimous vote.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICY**

Michael Rhoads created an Emergency Response Policy (see attached). It is consistent with other municipality's policy. Councilman Walberg moved to adopt the Emergency Response Policy as written. Second Woodring. Unanimous vote.

### **HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AT ICE RINK**

Councilman Eister moved to hire Harold Fazzini as a part-time employee at the ice rink at \$8.00 per hour. Second Woodring. Unanimous vote.

### **2009 FIREWORKS CONTRACT**

Councilman Eister moved to authorize Mayor Woodring to sign the 2009 fireworks contract, to be held on July 11, 2009 as part of Sunbury Celebration. Second Troup. Unanimous vote.

### **DECEMBER EXPENDITURES**

Councilman Shipman moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$146,387.84. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

### **CDBG PROJECTS**

Councilman Shipman moved to award the design services contract to Stahl-Sheaffer Engineering with final cost to be negotiated at a fee of less than \$57,605 for design services at Cameron Park. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Shipman moved to redefine the Stroh Alley project, focusing on lighting and pavement improvements only, to be undertaken co-operatively with the adjacent property owners and the City Public Works Dept (to perform the work). Second Troup. Unanimous vote. The owners of the Market House would also like to participate with this project.

Councilman Shipman moved to instruct SEDA-COG to develop and advertise for proposals for funding a feasibility study and funding applications for the Riverfront Project to be funded by CDBG planning money. Second Eister. Unanimous vote. A meeting will be held with the Municipal Authority regarding this topic.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Mr. Ralph Young asked about parking ticket rates for street sweeping being raised. He suggested street cleaning every other week instead of every week to save money. He also commented that the mayor and council's salaries be cut in half. Mayor Woodring explained that he and the council members are not paid by the meeting and they are on city business for many hours a week and many meetings a week.

Mr. Dale Henry asked whether storage rental units are included in the new licensing fees. Councilman Eister answered that the Solicitor is checking into that. When the ordinance was created there weren't many storage units available but now there are.

Step 3 of the grievance regarding the corporal promotion was given to mayor and council.

Mr. Ralph Young also asked why the Municipal Authority and the government of the City are not the same. Mayor Woodring explained that city council appoints the Municipal Authority Board members but otherwise has nothing to say about their operations. The 2 entities do work in cooperation with each other. Councilman Shipman explained that the Authority has powers to do things, such as to borrow money and perform certain functions that are broader than the City has.

Mr. Dale Henry asked whether council thought about changing the Municipal Authority board members from time to time instead of reappointing the same people. Council has discussed this issue and does try to find new people to serve on boards. There are no term limits on the board.

Mr. Henry also stated that the verbal altercation between Councilman Walberg and Councilman Eister earlier in the meeting was embarrassing to him as an audience member. Councilman Walberg explained that everyone has their own opinion and can express it as such. Mayor Woodring stated that he thinks it is healthy for council members to state their opinion, especially when it differs from the others. The council members respect one another and listen to each other's opinion.

Councilman Eister asked council members to consider naming the alley behind Market St. as "Brown Street" in honor of retired District Magistrate Wade Brown.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht  
City Clerk