

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
December 27, 2010
6:15 pm

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

David L. Persing, Mayor
Todd E. Snyder, Director of Accounts and Finance
Joseph J. Bartello, III, 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:

Elizabeth Kremer, City Treasurer
Michael Rhoads, Property Maintenance Officer
Stephen A. Mazzeo, Chief of Police
Terry Specht, City Clerk

There were nine (9) visitors present.

Mayor Persing asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jim Lewis who was active with the Municipal Authority for many years and passed away recently.

2011 BUDGET ORD. #1265

Councilman Snyder explained that after the special budget meeting last week adjustments were made to the budget to balance it. Councilman Eister asked what the increase in the employee's pay raises cost across the board. Councilman Eister said in 2012 an extra \$60,000 will be needed for each of the 2 new patrolman in the budget. The pay increase is approximately \$1,000 per person on average for 20 non-uniform employees. The police personnel receive raises by contract in the amount of 3%. When asked what the point of the conversation about raises was, Councilman Eister answered there were cuts across the board for the 2011 and in 2012 there will be a need of \$100,000 extra in revenues to exist. Councilman Snyder moved to accept the 2nd reading of the budget for 2011. Second – Eister. Yes – Persing, Snyder, Troup Eister. No – Bartello. Motion carried.

2011 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ORD. #1266

Councilman Snyder moved to pass on the 2nd reading the Ordinance to levy taxes for 2011. There will be no City tax increases for 2011. Second – Eister. Yes – Snyder, Troup, Eister, Persing. No – Bartello. Motion carried.

FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION

Mayor Persing moved to pass the 2011 Fee Schedule by Resolution, increasing the Occupancy Permit Fee to \$50.00. Second – Eister. No – Bartello. Yes – Troup, Eister, Persing, Snyder. Motion carried.

2010 DEBT SERVICE TAX

Councilman Snyder moved to apply the Debt Service Tax funds collected in 2010 to the Riverfront Project Line of Credit. Second – Eister. Councilman Bartello asked if there were any reimbursements paid on the Line of Credit and the answer was there were several reimbursements from different sources however nothing from RACP yet. Unanimous vote.

OPEN BIDS/IT SERVICES

No mail has been received due to the holiday so this item was tabled.

DECEMBER OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Councilman Snyder moved to approve the Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$26,346.86. Second – Eister. Unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Mr. Bob Miller thanked council members for balancing the budget and not raising taxes, as well as adding 2 police officers to the department.

Ms. Cora Campbell asked council about wastewater being brought in to the old Knight Celotex site to be distributed from there. Mayor Persing answered that council does not know what they are doing for sure. No plan has been brought forth before the Planning Commission at this time. Ms. Campbell asked if anyone could find out what the use of the site will be before it is too late. Mr. Rhoads said he has had discussions with representatives of Moran Industries who said they will be bringing in waste landfill from the mine drillings to be collected on train cars and transported elsewhere. There will be no contaminated soil. The site will be a distribution site. They will be putting in a "breaker wrap" which will be used to contain the soil and fluid to keep it in place. Railcars will take the soil to Ohio for proper distribution. Councilman Troup said he is sure DEP will regulate the area. DEP has been in touch with the code office. They feel there are no concerns at this time as to what they will be doing with the soil. DEP has said it will be safer than when the Celotex plant was open and will potentially provide 200 more jobs in the area. The truck flow will come in Julia St. There won't be a decrease in truck traffic. Councilman Eister stated that the overall plan is that a new intersection will be built where the docks are at the Knight Celotex plant on Front St. near the underpass. All the Sara Lee traffic will also use this route which will eliminate truck traffic on Packer St. Ms. Campbell said she thinks there is an increase in cancer in people that live in that area, although it can't be proven that site is the cause.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Specht
City Clerk