

City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
June 21, 2023

Mayor Joseph St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., June 21, 2023, with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Those answering roll call: Cindi Cooper, Joseph St. John, Damin Cappel, Dave Martin, Tim Gose, and John Grumney. Murray Neff was absent. Other staff in attendance were City Administrator Daryl Hennessy, Clerk of Council Amber Swain, Director of Law David Brehm, and City Engineer Dan Whited.

MINUTES

Motion by **Martin** and seconded by **St. John** to approve the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Upon roll, 6 yeas. Minutes passed.

VISITOR

There were no visitors that wished to speak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose provided a brief update on the latest Finance Committee meeting, including the review of Ordinance 2023.15 which was scheduled for a first reading later in the evening. He also provided an update on the status of the current budget.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor St. John reported that two new police officers have been hired and sworn in. They will start employment with the City on July 3, 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy noted that Evening Street had been temporarily shut down for the Service Department to repair a break in the storm water line crossing the street. The repairs will be completed and road open before the end of the month. He also reported that improvements to Fairland Drive near Big Walnut Intermediate School had been delayed due to issues with the road base. The developer is working to stabilize the base and resume improvements within the next two weeks.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited updated the Council on the completion of the Fallen Heroes trail phases 3 and 4. He also updated Council on his work with ODNR to design an emergency draw down plan for the reservoirs. He reported the Walnut Street stabilization program is ready for a pre-project kick-off meeting with FEMA.

Mr. Whited reviewed the status of several private developments that are ready to begin construction. CT Consultants also received apartment plans from the Sunbury Commerce Park project and expects to receive other plans for a Huntington Bank project soon. Finally, he noted there had been 23 right-of-way permits submitted for review in recent weeks.

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RESOLUTIONS

Third Readings

RESOLUTION 2023.13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SUNBURY MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNBURY, OHIO.

Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Cappel** on the resolution, passed 6-0.

First Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF SUNBURY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AND PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR THE SUNBURY MILLS LIFT STATION AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Grumney** on the Suspension of the Rules, passed 6-0.

Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Grumney** on the Resolution, passed 6-0.

ORDINANCES

Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 139 OF SUNBURY CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

First Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.15

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES BY RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING THE SUNBURY MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND OTHER BUILDINGS, INCLUDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, ANY NECESSARY UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTING RELATED PARKING FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hennessy reviewed a draft City Council Strategic Planning consensus document with the Council and asked for any feedback before the next meeting. Mr. Hennessy will incorporate any additional comments and prepare the document for Council consideration at the next meeting.

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Mr. Hennessy reviewed plans for the City's upcoming 4th of July celebration. As in previous years, the Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber and Big Walnut Civic Association are the principal sponsors of this year's activities. The day will commence at 8 am with arts and crafts vendors, kids zone, food trucks, and other activities taking place on the Square. The parade will begin at 10 am and the evening will conclude with fireworks at the Big Walnut Middle School. Mrs. Cooper added that both organizations are looking for volunteers to assist with the set up and clean up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **Martin** and seconded by **Cappel**. Upon roll all yeas.

Joseph St. John, Mayor