

City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
July 5, 2023

Mayor Joseph St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., July 5, 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, Murray Neff, Dave Martin, Tim Gose, and John Grumney. 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 **Cooper** to approve the June 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 7 yeas. **Minutes passed.**

VISITORS

Mark Adams, a resident of Otis Street, addressed the Council about his concerns regarding an alley near his property. He asked the City to consider vacating the property but maintaining it for he and two neighbors. Mayor St. John advised staff will look at this and follow up for a solution.

Barry Bennett addressed the Council with concerns regarding the Square. He mentioned the issues of parking, lack of bike racks, high curbs on Granville Street, and dips in the road on E. Cherry St. He also reported that power upgrades on the Square have helped reduce the number of generators needed by food vendors for community festivals.

Jordan Kosinski from Sunbury Grace Church, a new resident and pastor for a plant church, introduced himself and thanked everyone for their effort on the 4th of July events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose reviewed items discussed at the recent Parks and Recreation committee meeting, primarily touching on recent updates to the JR Smith Park conceptual design and policy for accepting donations to support future park improvements. He also announced the ribbon cutting at the Ohio to Erie trail bridge over Big Walnut Creek scheduled for July 15.

Mr. Cappel briefed Council on the recent Services committee meeting including a grant application for a comprehensive traffic safety study, the status of the fiber feasibility study, next steps for Sunbury Estates trees, and a planned kick-off meeting for the Walnut Street stabilization project.

Mrs. Cooper updated Council on recent lot splits approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Chief Wade advised Council of some recent vehicle thefts and break-ins that have been taking place. He went over a recent theft in progress that two officers were able to interrupt and stressed the importance of residents locking their cars. Sunbury's police department has been working with surrounding jurisdictions to address the issue of vehicle thefts.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy announced the hiring of Alyssa Graziano as a city planner and reviewed changes to the Council packet since the preliminary packet was distributed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited updated Council on the status of the Fallen Heroes trail project and recent changes to the Reservoir Park dam improvements. Mr. Whited concluded his comments with an update on the status of several private developments.

RESOLUTIONS

First Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.18

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SUNBURY

Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Neff** on the Suspension of the Rules, passed 7-0.

Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Neff** on the Resolution, passed 7-0.

ORDINANCES

Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.12

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

Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Cooper** on the Ordinance, passed 7-0.

Second 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.

First Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.01.01 First Amended

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Ms. Steffan gave an overview of the reasons for the proposed changes and addressed any questions from Council.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023.16

A ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 84.97 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY AND OWNED BY WILLIAM R. ROGERS II, LORIE LYNN LOTZGESELLE, RICH ROGERS, TRUSTEE REPLACING WILLIAM ROGERS AND PATRICIA ROGERS, BOTH DECEASED AND FORMER TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM ROGERS AND PATRICIA ROGERS FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT UTA 7-3-06, MARY ROGERS TRUSLER, TRUSTEE U/A DATED THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009, AND JOHN A. ROGERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.17

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 84.932 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY AND OWNED BY AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Martin took a moment to thank Nancy Crawford for all her hard work with the 4th of July events on the Square. Mrs. Cooper also thanked event organizers for all their work and asked that the city evaluate how it might provide more assistance at future city-wide events.

Motion was made by **Cooper**, Seconded by **Cappel** to approve the City Council Strategic Planning – Consensus Document, passed 7-0.

Motion was made by **St. John**, Seconded by **Grumney**, to approve the 2023 Street Program – Construction Administration and Inspection Services proposal, passed 7-0.

Mr. Hennessy noted two upcoming meetings on Sunbury Parkway seeking feedback from residents on their vision for the parkway. The meetings are being conducted by ms consultants, which has been engaged by the city to develop a district plan for the area primarily adjacent to the future parkway.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **St. John** and seconded by **Cooper**. Upon roll all yeas.