

City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
August 2, 2023

Mayor Joseph St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., August 2, 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, Tim Gose and David Martin. Murray Neff and John Grumney were absent. Other staff in attendance were City Administrator Daryl Hennessy, Director of Law David Brehm, Clerk of Council Amber Swain and City Engineer Dan Whited.

MINUTES

Motion by **Cooper** and seconded by **Cappel** to Table the July 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 5 yeas. Minutes tabled.

VISITORS

There were no visitors that wished to speak to Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose updated the Council on the conceptual plans for JR Smith park and reported the next steps are to investigate phasing the project, costs, and grant opportunities. He also briefly provided updates on Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds, the pocket park on Columbus St., Reservoir Park, and the status of bike racks purchased through the healthy living grant. He concluded his report with an update from the Fire Board meeting including the arrival of a new rescue truck later this year and possible the ongoing search for a new satellite facility.

Mr. Cappel updated the Council on topics discussed at the Services Committee meeting including the city's fiber feasibility study, ongoing erosion and sediment control issues, GIS mapping, and the replacement of a guard rail on route 36.

Mrs. Cooper updated the Council on the Events and Commemoration Committee. She touched on the Citizen Recognition Program, the application for Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds, power on the square and raising rental fees for nonresidents for the Town Hall. She also provided an update for the Planning and Zoning Commission, which included two minor lot splits, and a proposed zoning code amendment that will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Robert Howard went over his report with the Council. He went over the drone training with the Council advising that all four officers are on target to complete training on schedule. He noted the Silverado upfitting is progressing. Chief Howard ended with an update on a recent OVI check point, resulting in four citations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy went over the administrator's report with the Council. He touched on the zoning report, which was included in the Council packet, the annual impact fee report, and Delaware County Transit's plans to hold an in person and virtual meeting regarding the future of transit in Delaware County. Mr. Hennessy concluded his report by thanking the Grace Church of Sunbury and City North Church for their

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hard work cleaning up around the City. He also noted that this has been a busy time for the Cemetery, with an average of two burials a week for the last 6 weeks. To conclude his report, the Sunbury Brand video was previewed with Council.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited went over the engineer's report touching on the completion of Phases 3 and 4 of the Fallen Heroes Trail, Reservoir Park planning, the status of the Walnut Street mitigation project, and the status of the WWTP design. Mr. Whited concluded with updates on several private developments.

ORDINANCES

Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.01.01 First Amended

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Cappel** on the Ordinance, passed 5-0.

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

Third reading was completed. Motion was made by **Cooper** and seconded by **Cappel** to table the Ordinance, passed 5-0.

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

Motion was made by **Cappel** and seconded by **Cooper** on the Emergency, passed 5-0.

Motion was made by **Cappel** and seconded by **Cooper** on the Ordinance, passed 5-0.

Second Readings

First Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE 2021.49 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Gose** on the Suspension of the Rules, passed 5-0.

Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Gose** on the Emergency, passed 5-0.

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Motion was made by **Martin** and seconded by **Gose** on the Ordinance, passed 5-0.

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Cooper** to approve the expenditure of funds for the recodification of the Sunbury ordinances, passed 5-0.

Mr. Hennessy went over the application for the Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds event taking place August 19, 2023 from 11am-11pm. Mrs. Cooper added that the Big Walnut Civic Association is still looking for volunteers for the event.

Motion was made by **Cooper** and seconded by **Cappel** on the closure of Vernon Street, Granville Street, and Columbus Street near the Square for Sunbury Sound and Sizzles, passed 5-0.

Mayor St. John talked about forming a Sunbury Square Streetscape Working Group. At a minimum, the group should include city staff, Council, business owner, and resident representation. Council expressed support for the forming of the working group.

ADJOURNMENT

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