

**City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
August 16, 2023**

President Pro Tempore Tim Gose 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, Damin Cappel, Tim Gose, David Martin, Murray Neff, and John Grumney. Joseph St. John 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 **Cappel** and seconded by **Cooper** to approve the July 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 4 yeas. Gose and Martin abstained. Minutes passed.

Motion by **Martin** and seconded by **Cappel** to approve the August 2, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 4 yeas. **Grumney and Neff** abstained. Minutes passed.

VISITORS

Barry Bennett addressed the Council about the new parking area/park. He asked that the city consider preserving the large trees in any new design if possible.

Hali Burluson from the Delaware Public Health District briefed Council on some upcoming activities throughout the community and the status of their new office building renovations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose went over key points from the Finance Committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. He summarized key items including the 2020-2021 audit findings and a pending credit card policy for city staff.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Chief Wade reviewed the police report with the Council, highlighting issues regarding the start of the new school year. The Sunbury police have increased police presence in the construction area near the intermediate school to help ensure the safety of the students. He also updated to Council on the status of the new police vehicles, a possible new provider for tasers, and the status of the officers working on their drone training.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy went over the administrator's report with the Council, updating them on the demolition of the building on Columbus St and plans to have the vacant lot ready for public parking for Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds. He reviewed event plans for Sizzle including the creation of new public parking map for residents and parking restrictions/road closures starting the afternoon of August 18.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited went over the engineer's report, highlighting ongoing planning related to the Reservoir and JR Smith parks, the status of the Walnut Street mitigation project, and the status of the WWTP design. Mr. Whited concluded with updates on several private developments.

RESOLUTIONS

First Readings

RESOLUTION 2023.19

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO SUBMIT
ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY AUDITOR**

Motion was made by **Martin** to suspend the rules, seconded by **Grumney**, passed 6-0.

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

ORDINANCES

Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.16 (tabled)

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

TO REMAIN TABLED.

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hennessy updated Council on the planned rating call with S&P Global scheduled for later in the month and connected to the city's impending request to finance improvements to the police and municipal buildings. He requested approval to fund the cost of securing a rating.

Motion was made by **Cooper** approving the expenditure of funds for securing a bond rating with S&P Global. The motion was seconded by **Cappel** and passed 6-0.

Motion was made by **Cooper** approving the US36 Guardrail Repair/Replacement invoice. The motion was seconded by **Martin** and passed 6-0.

Motion was made by **Martin** to cancel the August 30, 2023 Council meeting due to a lack of business. The motion was seconded by **Cooper** and passed 6-0.

Mr. Martin shared with Council the information he learned at a recent Delaware County Transit Authority community outreach event. The Authority is conducting a strategic planning effort and soliciting feedback from residents and customers. The Authority indicated a desire to provide more services in and around the Sunbury area.

Mrs. Cooper shared information learned at a recent Rotary meeting and has set up her own meeting with United Way to talk about how Sunbury can become more involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **Gose** and seconded by **Neff**. Upon roll all yeas.