

City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
July 19, 2023

Mayor Joseph St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., July 19, 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, and John Grumney. Tim Gose and David Martin were absent. Other staff in attendance were City Administrator Daryl Hennessy, Director of Law David Brehm, and City Engineer Dan Whited.

MINUTES

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

VISITORS

There were no visitors that wished to speak to Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Grumney thanked Director of Finance Dana Steffan for her presentation at the finance committee meeting earlier in the evening. In particular, he appreciated her efforts to update projected revenues and expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT

In the police chief's absence, Mayor St. John provided brief updates on drone training and the status of outfitting new police trucks. Mr. Grumney asked Deputy Chief Wade if it was possible to add mental health awareness to the list of calls reported to Council, which Mr. Wade agreed to provide.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy informed Council that an advertisement for bids for the facilities renovation project was released on July 15 and that a new bid opening has been scheduled for August 18. He also briefly reviewed two public meetings on the Sunbury Parkway District Level Plan where feedback was received on proposed uses and design standards. He concluded by announcing two upcoming public meetings to receive feedback from residents of Sunbury Estates Subdivision on options for replacing maple street trees to minimize future damage to public infrastructure. The meetings are scheduled for July 25 and August 3.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited provided the engineer's report and briefly touched on a pre-construction conference with Strawser Paving and DLZ about the 2023 street improvements program. Mr. Whited also provided updates on various projects including the Fallen Heroes trail, Walnut Street stabilization, and Reservoir Park draw down. Mr. Whited concluded his comments with an update on the status of several private developments.

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ORDINANCES

Third 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.

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

Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.01.01 First Amended

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS (second reading only)

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 (second reading only)

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 (second reading only)

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Purchase Order for Electric made **by St. John** and seconded by **Cooper**. Passed 5-0

Mayor St. John asked Mr. Brehm for clarification on the Sunbury Ordinances – recodifications. Mayor St. John asked if zoning ordinances would be included, Mr. Brehm advised he has reached out for clarification and will let Council know his findings. No action was taken on this item pending additional information regarding the zoning ordinance.

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Mayor St. John touched on the facts and fiction about property revaluation and taxes with the Council and advised that information from the County Auditor's office was included in their packets tonight.

Mrs. Cooper updated the Council about the new Ohio-to-Erie trail bridge located off Walnut Street that was built by Preservation Parks and designed by CT Consultants. She advised that it is worth viewing if others hadn't seen it yet. She also highlighted the upcoming fishing derby at Reservoir Park.

Mr. Grumney went over some concerns from the July 4th parade that he received from residents, including parking on the Square during the parade. Mr. Hennessy advised that the City and event organizers will be working together to help find a better solution.

Economic Development Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(8): To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. The executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Motion was made by **St. John** to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(8) and seconded by **Neff**. Passed 5-0.

Motion was made by **St. John** to exit Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(8) and seconded by **Cooper**. Passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph St. John, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Swain, Clerk of Council