

**City of Sunbury Regular Council
Minutes
September 20, 2023**

Mayor Joe St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 20, 2023, with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Those answering roll call: Cindi Cooper, Damin Cappel, Tim Gose, Murray Neff, John Grumney and Joseph St. John. David Martin 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 **Cooper** and seconded by **Cappel** to approve the September 6, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 6 yeas. Minutes passed.

VISITORS

Mayor St. John read a mayoral proclamation declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the city. He invited the Preston family to share their story about Jackson and to accept the proclamation on behalf of others working to overcome the disease. Mrs. Preston spoke of the effects that childhood cancer had on her son Jackson and his fight to beat it. She thanked the mayor and the city for their support to help find a cure. Mayor St. John asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jackson and the support of his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose reviewed the results of the finance committee meeting, which included an update on impact fee collections, review of the city's investment accounts, the status of RITA delinquencies, bond processing for the facilities project, and a first draft review of the 2024 budget. Mr. Gose also noted he attended the Fire Board meeting, and the rescue truck is almost ready to be delivered.

Mayor St. John went over the public hearing that is to take place on September 28, 2023 at the Planning and Zoning commission for a new zoning district.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Chief Wade went over the police report with the Council, highlighting the status of the drone program, the ongoing investigation of the swatting event, and the selection of Officer Whiteside as a BWLS soaring staff member.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy touched on the zoning permit report and the status of the 2023 street program.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited highlighted ongoing planning related to Reservoir improvements and JR Smith Park. He also discussed the status of the Walnut Street hazard mitigation project and the status of the WWTP design. Mr. Whited concluded with updates on several private developments.

RESOLUTIONS

Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.23

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SECOND AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023.24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion was made by **Gose** to suspend the rules, seconded by **Grumney**, passed 6-0.
Motion was made by **Gose** and seconded by **Grumney** on the Resolution, passed 6-0.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SUNBURY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by **St. John** on the Emergency, seconded by **Cooper**, passed 6-0.
Motion was made by **St. John** to suspend the rules and seconded by **Cooper**, passed 6-0
Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Cooper** on the Ordinance, passed 6-0

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Grumney expressed his pride in the community, Council, and staff for working hard to make Sunbury a great place to live.

Mrs. Cooper shared feedback from the community with city staff, letting them know the community appreciates all the information we are providing and keeping them informed. She also thanked our police officers on duty for their quick response earlier in the day to an accident.

Motion by **St. John** for a 5-minute recess, seconded by **Cappel**, passed 6-0. Following the recess, **Mayor St. John** moved to reconvene in public session. The motion was seconded by **Cooper** and passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Council, **Cappel** moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Grumney**. Upon roll all yeas.

Joseph St. John, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Swain, Clerk of Council