

City of Sunbury
Regular Council Minutes
October 18, 2023

Mayor Joe St. John opened the Sunbury City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., October 18, 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, John Grumney and Joseph St. John. Other staff in attendance were City Administrator Daryl Hennessy, Clerk of Council Amber Swain, Legal Counsel Vic Whitney, and City Engineer Dan Whited.

MINUTES

Motion by **Cooper** and seconded by **Grumney** to approve the October 4, 2023, meeting minutes. Upon roll, 7 yeas. Minutes passed.

VISITORS

Hali Burelson from the Delaware Public Health District spoke to the Council about the upcoming health levy that is on the ballot in the November election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gose updated the Council on the vote to keep the fire station command center in Sunbury. With a 3-1 vote, the fire chief and other command center personnel will retain their offices at the Sunbury station. Delaware County has expressed interest in sharing the space and some of the cost for the new station.

Mr. Cappel touched on the Service Committee agenda and the 2024 Street Program.

Mayor St. John touched on the Finance Committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. Topics included the 2024 budget, the ongoing facilities project, and proposed part and street improvements. He thanked all those involved in the planning of the 2024 Budget.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Chief Wade gave an update on the police department move. They are working on some technological challenges but believe they will be fully running within 24 hours. He went over some community engagements that took place and thanked Ofc. Newsome for her assistance in planning the engagements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hennessy updated the Council on the municipal office move and indicated social media will be used to assist residents in finding city personnel. He shared that additional signage for the Ohio to Erie Trail had been placed and two ADA accessible benches installed. He reported the 2023 street program is wrapping up with final improvements including street markings and streetlight enhancements. Mr. Hennessy ended his report with a brief recap of recent discussions with the OEPA about the proposed wastewater treatment plant expansion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Whited highlighted ongoing planning related to Reservoir Park improvements and JR Smith Park. He also discussed the status of the lift station at Sunbury Mills and the status of the WWTP design. Mr. Whited concluded with updates on several private developments.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.25

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 DELAWARE COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Motion was made by **St. John** to suspend the rules, seconded by **Grumney**, passed 7-0.
Motion was made by **St. John** and seconded by **Grumney** on the Resolution, passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2023.26

A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE SEDGEWICK AVENUE PARK AND RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO IRONSITE, INC. (first reading)

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2023.01.2 SECONDED AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS (first reading)

NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Brehm went over the Sunbury Real Estate Holdings LLC – First Addendum to Settlement Agreement regarding the Vernon Street parcel.

Motion by **St. John** to approve the Sunbury Real Estate Holdings LLC – First Addendum to Settlement Agreement, seconded by **Cappel**. Upon roll, 7 yeas.

Motion by **St. John** to approve Sanitary Sewer – Emergency Generator, seconded by **Cooper**. Upon rolls, 7 yeas.

Mr. Hennessy went over the Limited Industrial Zoning District Amendment information that was included in the packet as an informational item. There is a scheduled public hearing on the topic on Council's November 1, 2023 meeting agenda.

Mayor St. John reminded the community that Trick or Treat will take place Tuesday October 31st, from 6-8pm.

Mrs. Cooper shared her experience with Rock Solid Foundation, who works with communities to build playsets for children with cancer.

Mr. Martin shared his discovery of an issue in Sunbury where residents have the ability to vote for the Sunbury elections and their local township's election based on the way that the land was originally annexed to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Joseph St. John, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Swain, Clerk of Council