

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 25, 2011, beginning at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Paul Kinney, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas and Superintendent of Public Works John Barton.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr updated Council on the parking permit area changes suggested by the parking advisory committee. In Zone A, East Street, the red permit spaces will be reduced by four (4) additional spots lowering the total to 10 permit spaces. He could not tell Ralph Knelly what four (4) were being changed when asked. In Zone H, Market Street, all red permit spaces south of Main Street would be eliminated which would leave only Market Street north of Main Street with red permitted spots. The committee decided to leave the lots as they are until the students return to see how many permits remain. The only lot completed sold out is the Library lot. They are working on solutions for all the empty spots over the months of June, July, August and December when the students are not here.

Bruce Bowman, Sneidman's Jewelers, questioned the need for 22 permitted spaces in the lot behind his business. There are now only seven (7) metered spaces for customers to access. He does not believe the new parking plan is consumer friendly and is debilitating to businesses. He noted that he has participated on the past parking authority and was refused when he asked to be member of the advisory committee. The Mayor has no problem appointing him to the committee. He will update Mr. Bowman and forward the dates for the committee meetings.

D. Levan said the committee is still working on this plan. Signs are coming for each lot which will explain the parking procedures. Five (5) hour meters are also going to be reinstalled in some areas. They are going to be suggesting some changes for Main Street as well.

Ralph Knelly, East Street, asked if town employees were paying for their parking spaces. It is an employee benefit and should be accounted for on a 1099 or their W-2's.

P. Kinney suggested putting back meters in a few spots and pushing the red permit spaces to the Hoppes Lot which is always underutilized. He was surprised that Downtown Manager Josh O'Brian has not objected to the plan.

Josh O'Brian, Downtown Manager, personally believes it needs time to work in the larger lots. The lot behind Mr. Bowman's store does need to be adjusted. Most of the complaints he has received are regarding that lot and East Street. He did field a complaint today from a patron of BTE who was attending the matinee and could not find a parking space. He said that Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. (DBI) has not taken a position on the parking plan.

Mayor Knorr thanked all those involved with the BMW Rally at the fairgrounds this past weekend. There was a lot of positive feedback and no incidents were recorded.

The resignation of Kathy Shepperson left a vacant seat on Council. Since it is an election year Mayor Knorr believes it would be best to fill the seat with someone not running in the fall election and has experience as a council member. He recommends the appointment of Claude Renninger, a former Mayor and Council Member. On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Claude Renninger to complete the term of Ms. Shepperson due to end December 31, 2011.

APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 11, 2011 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE PENSION AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,838.40 and \$1,701.80 from the Employees Pension Plan for actuarial and consulting services from June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY RATE INCREASE FOR LIFEGUARDS KIERSTIN HUGHES AND KAILYN MOTT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved an hourly rate increase to \$10.17 for lifeguards Kierstin Hughes and Kailyn Mott effective July 4, 2011.

APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for Charles Baker of B & C Foods for space #6 effective from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

APPROVAL OF RESURFACING THORNTON AVENUE BETWEEN EAST SEVENTH STREET AND SONES COAL YARD

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Thorton Avenue to be resurfaced between East Seventh Street and Sones Coal Yard with street excavation funds. J. Barton stated that his department will excavate and place a stone base and Sokol, Inc. will pave the roadway in the amount of \$4,350.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE PHASE V STREET LIGHTING PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$483.75 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF AVIATION GRANT FOR THE PHASE V BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a grant from the Bureau of Aviation in the amount of \$1,041,792.00 for the Phase V Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF AVIATION GRANT FOR THE PHASE VI BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a grant from the Bureau of Aviation in the amount of \$1,257,565.00 for the Phase VI Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 3 TO SOKOL, INC. FOR THE COMPOST SITE RELOCATION PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment no. 3 to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$87,869.85 for the Compost Site Relocation Project.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary