

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor Bradley presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Mayor Bradley

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Betsy Richardson, R. Craig Rhoades, Michael Snyder, and Mayor Bradley were all present.

ABSENT : George Rozinskie

Council held an executive session for personnel issues at 7:35 and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:40pm.

VISITORS

Skip Raybuck addressed council with a proposal to hold a Shamokin – Coal township car cruise fundraiser on Sunday June 14th, 2009. The theme will be we CAN make a difference. Participants are asked to bring and donate canned goods for our local food banks.

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve the we CAN make a difference fund raiser.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Thomas Bell 51 S Seventh Street Shamokin, addressed council regarding the non-payment of taxes for houses located on Seventh Street in Shamokin. He indicated that residents are using the parking spaces located in front of the properties to store vehicles with expired registrations and plates.

Jerry Splane of Sunbury Street in Shamokin asked council to consider passing an ordinance regarding the use of restricted parking spaces and overnight use of parking spaces in the City of Shamokin.

Nelson Echevaria of 516 East Dewart Street in Shamokin, addressed council regarding the use of the crime-watch program in the City of Shamokin.

MOTION BY BRADLEY to approve the minutes of previous council meetings
Richardson,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: : The Director requested that Council invite the firm of Powell, Rogers & Speaks to the city to give a presentation on their collection procedures for delinquent personal taxes. The Director also proposed a series of five special financial meetings to be held to develop a plan for addressing the city's financial condition this year and in the near future.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: : The Director gave on the status of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act and it's implications for work that needs to be done at the Lawton Shroyer wading Pool for the 2009 season.

MOTION BY RHOADES to use money from the General Fund to cover wading pool improvements to be reimbursed by the CDBG fund when funds become available.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley.

Nays: Richardson

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to engage in a contract with Aquatic Facility Design consultants to prepare a package to use for bringing the large pool into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baler Safety Act.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley.

Nays: Richardson

Abstain: None

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: The Director indicated that Spring-cleaning was taking place by the Street Department, and that the city sweeper was used in the cleanup of the concrete spill on Sunbury Street in Shamokin.

PUBLIC SAFETY: : ABSENT

PETITIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATION:

The City Clerk read a letter from the Shamokin Rotary Club requesting Council to change the location of the placement of eight foot steel benches from the Claude Kehler Park to the first Market Street Plot north of the Market Street Bridge.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The City Clerk read a letter from the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities requesting permission for three projects. 1) planting of Forsythia along the wall behind City Hall and behind the Veterans Monument., 2) Use of the cement planters on Market Street to plant flowers and evergreens on a year long basis, and 3) replacement of the Christmas cards on Market Street sponsored by local businesses, clubs or individuals.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The City Clerk read a letter from the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities requesting the city to pass a motion insuring that no collections for fireworks by any organizations or corporations be permitted during the Anthracite Festival events on May 22nd and May 23rd, 2009 or any Arts Council Festivals in the future.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

SUBSIDIARY MOTION BY RHOADES to limit the ban on fireworks collections to specifically May 22nd and May 23rd, 2009.
Bradley

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: Richardson
Abstain: None

The City Clerk read a letter from the Coal Township Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 317 requesting permission to have members collect donations for poppies to help disabled veterans from 7:30am to 12:00 noon Saturday May 9th, 2009 at Eighth and Independence Streets.

MOTION BY BRADLEY to approve the request.
Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk read a letter from the Shamokin-Coal Township Little League requesting the use of the Claude Kehler Community Park for the delivery of Pizza for our fund raiser Thursday May 14th, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00pm.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk read a letter from the 1864 Club at Shamokin Area High School requesting permission to hold a Basketball tournament at the 5th street playground to benefit the cleanup and reclamation of the playground on April 18th, 2009.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk read a letter from the Independence Fire Association requesting permission to hold its annual block party on Arch St between Market and 6th streets on July 17th and 18^h , 2009, with a setup date of July 16th, 2009.

MOTION BY BRADLEY to approve the request.
Richardson,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk read a letter from the Rescue Fire Co Station 30 to block off portions of Lincoln and Liberty Streets to the intersection of Washington and Spurzheim Streets to hold its block party on August 7th and 8th, 2009. The Rescue would also ask permission to hold a bake sale Saturday May 9th at the Farmers Market in downtown Shamokin

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley
Nays: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk read a letter from the A letter from the West End Fire Company No. 5 requesting permission to close Pine Street from the west side of 6th to the east side of 5th and from the east side of 5th from the south side of Pine for their annual block party to be held June 12th and 13th, 2009.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the request.
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

BIDS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the contract negotiated between the
Shamokin Police Department and The City of Shamokin.

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve RESOLUTION 09-08 as read by the
city Solicitor approving an application for 2009 Pennsylvania Community
Development Block Grant Program Funds.

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson ,Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY RICHARDSON to approve the itemized bill list for the City,
Redevelopment, and CDBG program for payment
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to adjourn

Bradley

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Richardson, Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ended at 8:40 PM

Attest:

Dave Kinder
City Clerk