

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: Mayor Bradley, Garth Hall, R. Craig Rhoades, George Rozinskie Jr., and Michael Snyder were all present.

*The Mayor called for an Executive Session to discuss legal matters.
The Council Meeting re-convened at 7:45 PM.*

VISITORS: Daniel Phelps, of 1005 N. Vine St., explained his concern about a property next to his on Bunker Hill. Mr. Phelps complained that he is getting cited for code violations all the time, while the building next to his has been condemned for twenty years. He stated that 1007 N. Vine St., owned by John Pickens, is unsafe and that he can't get insurance because of their property. Mr. Phelps declared that he is protesting the matter by not paying taxes and that he is filing a law suit against the city.

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve the minutes of previous council meetings
Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Director stated that he has nothing to report yet, but questioned a letter sent to him by former Public Safety Director Rhoades. Rhoades stated that he only just received the letter and forwarded it on to the new Public Safety Director.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: The December Treasurer's Report was read.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Director explained that there is not much activity going on right now, but expects that to pick-up come spring.

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: The Director explained that a pickup truck needs a transmission and that the loader needs repair.

PETITIONS: The City Clerk read a petition signed by forty-nine (49) individuals supporting the re-appointment of R. Craig Rhoades to the Housing Authority of the City of Shamokin.

COMMUNICATION: A letter from The Flower Tent requesting permission to erect a 30' x 60' tent at the community park to sell flowers March 12, 2008 through mid-June.

Councilman Rhoades questioned what the City charges The Flower Tent for a permit. It was stated that they pay the normal rate of \$50. Councilman Rhoades stated that other market permit holders on Independence St. have complained to him that their stall size is much smaller for the price they pay. Councilman Rhoades expressed that The Flower Tent should be charged more for the extra space they utilize. The Mayor asked what the fee should be? Councilman Rhoades proposed fifty dollars (\$50) per month or one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for the three months the stand will be erected. The Mayor called for a motion.

MOTION BY RHOADES to grant The Flower Tent to erect its tent at the time and place mentioned above for a fee of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150)
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

BIDS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Development Report: Ms. Dixon read the CDBG account balance and bill list.

MOTION BY SNDYER to advertise a Request for Proposal for engineering services through the CDBG program for 2008
Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to authorize Councilman Snyder to sign and execute the necessary documents consenting right of entry for the Office of Surface Mining to enter onto the premises of the former Kmart building to complete necessary testing and work

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to approve increasing the wages of Norman Lukoskie, Mallary Shingara, and Ashley Johns by twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to pay \$1,620 per the Agreement dated May 9th, 2005 between the City of Shamokin and Mr. Keefer for towing and storage

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to oversee the re-depositing of the Gilligbauer vehicles and upon any non-acceptance of their return to appraise and discard those vehicles according to the guidelines set forth by City Council and that all expenditures for this operation will not exceed \$1,500

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder

Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to authorize the completion of work at 716 N. Franklin St. in connection with the HOMES program, and in accordance with previous contractual agreements, and to charge all expenses to the Redevelopment Account

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to extend the City's managed vision care agreement with Vision Benefits of America for an additional two (2) years in which all rates will remain the same, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary forms

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY BRADLEY to appoint James Picarelli, 922 N. Orange St., Shamokin, PA, to the Housing Authority of the City of Shamokin

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, and Rozinskie...4
Nays: Snyder...1

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MOTION BY RHOADES to adopt RESOLUTION 08-01 (Releasing Treasurer of 2007 taxes)

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY BRADLEY to adopt RESOLUTION 08-02 (Appointing Treasurer as 2008 Tax Collector)

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY RHOADES to adopt RESOLUTION 08-03 (Fair Housing)

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY BRADLEY to adopt RESOLUTION 08-04 (Supporting PA HB 418)

Hall,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

MOTION BY SNYDER to adopt amended ORDINANCE 257 (1st Reading / Parking Meters late pay penalty)

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

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

Rozinskie,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rozinskie, and Snyder...4
Nays: Rhoades...1

MOTION BY ROZINSKIE to adjourn

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bradley, Hall, Rhoades, Rozinskie, Snyder
Nays: None

The City Clerk recorded the meeting as ending at approximately 8:10 PM.

Attest:

Dave Bohanick, City Clerk