

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

An Executive Session was held and the Council reconvened at 7:45 PM

VISITORS: Robert Wolfe, 139 S. 6th St., Shamokin, PA, expressed his dire concerns about the current police bargaining unit contract. He explained that they met with the City on several occasions to no avail. He said that these decisions are critical as it will affect his life and family as he is set to retire shortly. He requested that a meeting to negotiate with more than one member of council. Solicitor Mattis explained that you would need to advertise for more than two councilmen to be present. Wolfe explained that he wants to plan his life. Councilman Rhoades stated that we can advertise as in the past and proceed.

Bill Zalinski, Shamokin PD, said the bargaining unit can meet next Thursday.

Nelson Echevarria, of 516 E. Dewart St., approached council to ask for help with what he called a neighbor who is making his life impossible. This is a dire problem and the neighbor called him a "spic". He said he can't afford any trouble or he could lose his locksmith license. Chief of Police Brown said he spoke with the neighbor and citations have been issued. Echevarria said that Officer Miner said if you don't like it here move. He also said that Officer Griffith's stated that we're tired of this. He explained that the police aren't helping him because he's Puerto Rican and she is white and he is afraid they'll blame him. Solicitor Mattis stated that the police should be called whenever there is a situation so they can monitor events.

Timothy Vincent, 655 BVA, Shamokin, PA, thanked the City for the Community Service Grant. He also explained that the City was correct in removing the trees near the Shamokin Creek Wall next to City Hall as it will be very expensive to replace the wall if it were to come down and that this preventive maintenance is important.

Albert Melone III, gave a brief background on himself and his firm in relation to providing accounting and information management services to the City. He explained that he could get the City set up on Quick Books and the network installation process to integrate the City's financial system and improve internal controls. They explained that they would help to compile the 2008 financial statements, 2009 budget, and help transition into the new year at a cost of \$25,000, but not to exceed \$27,000. Rhoades explained that a \$2,000 cushion from the overall budget was not a big one.

MOTION BY RHOADES to accept the Melone Proposal
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve the minutes of previous council meetings
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

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

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: The September 2008 Treasurer's Report was read.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Director stated that repairs are being made to City Bldgs. And the Claude Kehler Community Park has been winterized.

STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS: The Director stated the dept. is finishing up summer maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

PETITIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATION: EIP 2 approval letter

A letter from the Mountain Assembly of God requesting to hold a Light the Night event at the City Park on Sunbury St in late October from 6-9 PM

MOTION BY RHOADES to approve the request
Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie, Hall

A letter from FNB and the News Item requesting to hold the Shamokin
Halloween Parade on October 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

MOTION BY BRADLY to approve the request
Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie, Hall

A letter from the Friendship Fire Engine and Hose Co. requesting to hold the
annual Halloween celebration on October 25, 26 from 3 to 10 PM.

MOTION BY BRADLEY to approve the request
Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie, Hall

BIDS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Community Development Director read the CDBG report.

Mayor's Appointment: The Mayor appointed Charlie Verano to the City of
Shamokin Redevelopment Authority for a term ending May 12, 2013.

MOTION BY SNYDER to approve allowing Lynn Dixon to attend a CDBG
training seminar on October 14 & 15 in the amount of \$25 to be paid out of
the CDBG fund

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None
Absent: Rozinskie, Hall

MOTION BY SNDYER to approve Bill Strausser, Dave Kinder, and Brenda Scandle to attend an audit training seminar on November 14 in the amount of \$50 each to be paid out of the General Fund

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION BY RHOADES to have Trick or Treat Night in the City to be held on Thursday, October 30; however, if the Shamokin Halloween Parade is rescheduled to October 30 Trick or Treat Night will be rescheduled to Friday, October 31

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION BY SNYDER to authorize City Clerk/City Manager Dave Kinder, of Shamokin, PA to open, close, transfer, invest City funds and accounts within policy guidelines and in accordance with 3rd Class City Codes and as approved by City Council

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTIOB BY SNYDER to nominate Councilman Rhoades & Councilman Snyder and the City Manager to negotiate with Street Department's Collective Bargaining Agreement

Bradley,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION BY RHOADES to accept the resignation of William Garth Hall as a member of the Shamokin City Council

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie, Hall

MOTION BY BRADLEY to appoint William Strausser to Shamokin City Council to fill the unexpired term until the next general election on November 2009

The motion failed to carry for a lack of second.

MOTION BY SNDYER to nominate Councilman Rhoades as the Interim Director of Accounts and Finance until Council reorganizes

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder...2

Nays: Bradley...1

Absent: Rozinskie

The motion failed to carry as a lack of majority was not met.

MOTION BY RHOADES to nominate Councilman Snyder as the Interim Director of Accounts and Finance until Council reorganizes

Snyder,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MOTION BY SNYDER to adopt RESOLUTION 08-10 (Willow Creek Fuels)

Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie

MOTION BY SNYDER to adjourn
Rhoades,

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rhoades, Snyder, Bradley

Nays: None

Absent: Rozinskie

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

Attest:

Dave Kinder
City Clerk