

COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2006

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Jamie Fleet, Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Marty Qually, Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson and Mayor William Troxell. Staff included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Garcia, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Director of Planning Powell, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Corson and Finance Director Overton.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Charles Schilinger of the *Evening Sun*.

Mr. Streeter adjourned the meeting and presented the gavel to Mayor Troxell who presided over the reorganization of Council.

Mayor Troxell administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilors to a four year term on Council: 1st Ward Mr. Qually, 2nd Ward Ms. Smith and 3rd Ward Mr. Peterson.

Mayor Troxell outlined the procedure for electing officers and asked for a motion to elect a President and Vice President.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Mr. Streeter as President of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint Mr. Fleet as Vice President of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

With the election of President and Vice President, Mayor Troxell relinquished the chair and gavel to Mr. Streeter, who proceeded with the re-organizational meeting of Council.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution approving various appointments as follows: Charles Sterner as Borough Manager-Treasurer; Sara Stull as Borough Secretary; Merry Bush as Assistant Secretary, Ramona Overton as Finance Director-Assistant Treasurer; William Little as Parking Manager; John Lawver as Highway Superintendent and Fire Marshall; Larry Weikert as Assistant Fire Marshall; Rolf Garcia as Chief of Police; Beatrice Savage as Code Enforcement Officer; Beth Corson as Rec Director; Dr. Walter Powell as Director of Planning, Historic Preservation Officer and Grants Manager; David Sanders as Emergency Management Director; Harold Eastman as Solicitor; the firm of Smith, Elliot and Kerns, CPA, as auditors for the Borough; Adams County National Bank as depository for all funds; the firm of C.S. Davidson Inc as Borough Engineer; Mayor Troxell as the voting delegate to the PSAB annual conference; Jamie Fleet as the voting delegate to the PLCM annual conference;

Edward Puhl as Chairman of the Vacancy Board and adopt Robert's Rules of Order for the conduct of meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt establishing the time and place of Council Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, prevailing time, in the Municipal Building and advertise same in the *Gettysburg Times*. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to approve all wages as provided for in the 2006 Budget retroactive to January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve paying certain bills when due such as utilities, insurance, and those offering a discount if paid early. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time no one asked to reopen the 2006 budget so Council proceeded with the regular monthly business meeting.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the minutes of December 12th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs Express, Buford Avenue, was here to express his concerns of no direct communication between him and Council but only through the media. He asked if Council would consider attending a meeting with a facilitator conducting the meeting at a neutral location to discuss issues such as the sign ordinance and abusive power by Dr. Powell.

Mr. Streeter responded that Council would take under advisement by the Borough Solicitor. Council members also noted that Council holds several committee meetings monthly and Mr. Golden could express his concerns at one of these meetings.

Gerry Michaels, Gettysburg Coalition Group, P.O. Box 127, Cashtown was here to express his concerns about the legality of the Director of Planning not living within the Borough and what appears to be selective enforcement by him.

Mr. Streeter responded that Council would take this under advisement by the Borough Solicitor.

Tanya and Lucien Qually and Robert and Beverly Karsteter, wife, son and parents of newly appointed Councilman Marty Qually were here to observe his first meeting of Council.

JR Crushong, Ed Jenkins and Darlene Brown representing the Adams County Housing Authority were here to observe the enactment of the Chapel Field Development Ordinance.

Mike Sponseller, Box 22, New Market, MD was here to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the New Year. He thanked everyone who helped in any way with the New Years Eve celebration. It was a nice evening for everyone to enjoy the festivities.

Mr. Streeter announced a workshop would be scheduled for Council and staff members on Tuesday, January 24th at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. A partial list of the agenda would include signs, securing the office building and Councilman Monahan is conducting a search for a professional to mainstream the workforce.

Mr. Streeter reported the Gettysburg Convention and Visitor Bureau would hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 AM at the Gettysburg Village Outlet community room.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the resignation of Ada Lewis as Borough Tax Collector. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman explained that if a qualified resident were not appointed as tax collector the Borough Treasurer would then collect them.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community meeting would be held on Monday, January 9th at 3:00 PM at the College.

Ms. Giles noted that when Council members are speaking they should note that it is their personal thoughts or that they are speaking as 1 of 9 Council members. Also noted that everything is public record and Borough Auditors review all records regularly.

Mr. Streeter asked that when the press is interviewing Council they speak for themselves unless otherwise stated that they are speaking for Council.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Smith to pay all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve a cost of living allowance (COLA) to retired police officer Dennis Wright in the amount of 3.46% effective November 1, 2005, to be paid directly from the Police Pension Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt a resolution setting various Planning Department fees as outlined in the 2006 budget and as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt the HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan, to enact an ordinance accepting dedication of a proposed alley in the Chapel Field Development as offered by deed of dedication from the Adams County Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution to reappoint Jamie Fleet to a five-year term on the board of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Fleet to accept the resignation from Carl Swinn on the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution to appoint Melvin Crouse to fill the unexpired term of Carl Swinn on the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board, term to expire in January 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked that a thank you be sent to Mr. Swinn for his time served on the GMA Board.

Solicitor Eastman announced that the TRAN settlement with Attorney Frank Leber has been scheduled for Thursday, January 5th at 11:30 AM. The Council President and Borough Secretary would need to be present to sign documents.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize road building materials and equipment rental bids in cooperation with neighboring townships (if feasible). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration reported as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

After a brief executive session, Mr. Eastman announced the purpose was to discuss real estate.

With no further business, moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary