

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2006

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Jamie Fleet, Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor Troxell. Ms. Holly Giles was absent. Staff present included Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Rolf Garcia, Highway Superintendent John Lawver, Historic Preservation Officer Walt Powell, Parking Manager Bill Little, Finance Director Ramona Overton, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage and Merry Bush, Planning Department. Manager Charlie Sterner was out sick and Rec Director Mrs. Beth Corson is on maternity leave.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Ms. Smith seconded Mr. Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the minutes of March 13th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the public hearing minutes of March 15th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the special meeting minutes of March 29th and April 3rd in reference to the proposed casino. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

John Wega, US Christian Committee, Michael Sponseller, Creek Side Apartment, Matt Callery, Gettysburg Action Coalition and Gene and Debi Golden were all here to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter announced the Emergency Training Center would be hosting another training session on May 1st from 1-4 if any members of Council were interested.

Mr. Streeter informed everyone he would be out of town over Easter and the weekend of History Meets the Arts.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community met on April 3rd and discussed the Density Ordinance.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve a 3.60 per cent COLA to retired officer Fritz to be paid from the Police Pension Fund effective March 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy seconded Mr. Peterson to approve all bills and payrolls as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported 1 million dollars should be released very soon by Governor Rendell's office for the REDDI project.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt the 2006 – 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported there is a snag with the colors of paint to be used on the interior of the Train Station. A former member of the Train Station Committee doesn't agree with John Milner Architects decision on the color.

Mr. Streeter announced a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th at 11:00 to discuss this issue further to resolve the paint color.

Mr. Monahan asked why this issue wasn't brought before Council before. The Borough hired experts to renovate the Train Station. Mr. Streeter noted this would be the second meeting to work out the paint issue. The former member of the committee was invited to attend the meeting.

Dr. Powell pointed out the members of the project team worked very hard over the past 5 years. The former member, Bill Aldridge is a professional train analyst and his expertise is highly respected.

Mr. Streeter noted Dick Peterson would moderate the up coming meeting.

Mr. Fleet noted Council has made their decision and is meeting with Mr. Aldridge as a courtesy to him. Council would like to move this project forward.

Mr. Monahan stated Mr. Aldridge is a good person but John Milner Architect is the Borough's contractor.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve letter be sent to the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Associates (GARMA) to inform them of the Borough's position on the antique market. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Smith to appoint Ms. Gail M. Pavlovich, Organization Doctors, to perform a borough wide management evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually asked if this was budgeted and what the cost would be. Mr. Monahan responded \$20,000 was budgeted but Ms. Pavlovich asked for a donation of \$750 to the LEAD program.

Mr. Streeter noted Ms. Pavlovich would like to meet with all employees for approximately 3 hours, date to be announced.

Mr. Peterson seconded Mr. Miller to approve Paul Kendlehart to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board for a five-year term expiring in April 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve with conditions the application of Glenn E. Simpson & Son, Inc. for a planned residential development under Chapter 18, Flexible Residential Development Option of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance for the construction of two (2) semi-detached housing units (townhouses) on certain real property located on the west side of North Fifth Street and to adopt written decision with supporting findings of fact and conclusions of law as prepared by the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced a Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 17th at 4:30 to discuss another residential development plan.

Mr. Qually announced a steering committee would be formed to study the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Monahan asked if a professional should be hired to review the plan. The ordinance will need reviewed to see what amendments should be made.

Mr. Fleet asked Solicitor Eastman for an update on items 8 & 9 of his report. Solicitor Eastman reported these items would be discussed at the executive session following the meeting.

Ms. Stull opened the bid from Valley Quarries for asphalt and equipment rental bid from C.E. Williams. This was referred to the Public Works committee to be held on April 17th for further review.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration report for 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to approve consistent with the written certification of the Borough's engineers, C.S. Davidson, Inc., dated March 9, 2006, the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg hereby authorizes a partial release of the financial security for the completion of required improvements for the Chapel Field Residential Development from the amount of \$28,178.00 to the reduced amount of \$1,507.00 pursuant to Section 509(j) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell gave a brief report on the 3rd Ward coalition meeting that was held on April 4th. The Coalition would like to see further archeological work completed on the Diggs-Monroe site. The Borough has concerns about where the additional funds would come from if it is required to do further archeological work. A meeting will be scheduled with all interested parties including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) for further discussion.

Dr. Powell reported Council would need to hire a consultant for the Elm Street Program. Mr. Monahan asked what the cost would be. Dr. Powell responded \$25,000 was the amount given to Main Street. Mr. Fleet asked why a consultant is needed. Mr. Powell responded a planning study would need to be completed. Mr. Fleet asked if this could be an employee of the Borough. Dr. Powell responded no. Mr. Monahan recommended moving forward.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to proceed with hiring a consultant for the Elm Street Program. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned to an executive session.

After a brief executive session, Solicitor Eastman announced the executive session was to discuss a personnel issue and real estate matters.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary