

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2007

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holliday Giles, Mr. William Monahan, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Robert Miller, Mr. Michael Birkner and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet and Ms. Caroline Smith were absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Ramona Overton, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage and Planner Merry Bush.

Others present included Gene Golden, borough vent, John and Judie Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Robert Krummerich, 125 W Broadway, Chuck Teague, 125 East Middle Street, Peter North, Jim Biesecker and Daniel Konstalid representing the Gettysburg College and Eric Mains, KPI Technology.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Time*, Matt Casey representing the *Evening Sun*, Ms. Melissa Hofmann, Photographer with the *Gettysburg Times*.

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

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the November 13, 2007 council minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Birkner to approve the November 20, 2007 special council minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the November 28, 2007 special council minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Scot Pitzer commended the out going council members and thanked them for their help over the years.

At this time the bid opening for police radios took place. Manager Lawver reported of the 13 RFP's that were sent out, there were only 2 bids received. 1: Mt. Airy, Thurmont, Maryland in the amount of \$31,900.25; 2: ComPros, Inc., Chambersburg, PA in the amount of \$33,705.86; Manager Lawver recommended Chief Dougherty and he review bids and report at the December Safety Committee meeting for further consideration. The committee agreed and will make a recommendation for approval at the December 28th special council meeting.

Mayor Troxell read a prepared statement commending the outgoing council members for all their hard work and dedication. He noted the many projects that have been completed throughout their years of service.

Mayor Troxell presented Bill Monahan, John Murphy and Bob Miller a plaque with a key to the Borough inscribed with their years of service.

Mr. Streeter along with fellow council members echoed all the hard work and dedication these men have give to the citizens. They will be missed by many.

Mr. Birkner with only a few months on council said he is proud to be a citizen of Gettysburg and to have been served by these fine men.

Mr. Streeter announced the council reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Streeter read a press release whereas the Borough has entered into preliminary negotiations with the National Park Service to explore the possible sale of the Borough's Gettysburg Railroad Station on Carlisle Street.

Solicitor Eastman noted this would be excluded from public bidding if the Borough proceeds with NPS as that would not require bidding.

Mr. Monahan pointed out that would not exclude others from making offers.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to recommend Borough Council authorize Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise the Assembly Ordinance Permit for adoption at the special council meeting on December 28, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Murphy thanked the citizens' in the 2nd and 3rd Wards who elected him over the past 16 years. He enjoyed working with Council over the years and noted the many accomplishments they made.

Mr. Monahan reported he will meet with Congressman Platts on December 17th to talk about Borough issues.

Mr. Monahan thanked the residents of the 2nd Ward who elected him to serve the Borough.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to recommend to Borough Council to retain C.S. Davidson as the Borough's Engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan gave a brief update concerning Comcast stating that the Borough entered into negotiations with Comcast supporting both the needs of the Borough and Adams County TV.

At this time Gettysburg College representatives gave a brief update on the proposed land development plans for the expansion of the athletic building and asked for council approval. Mr. Mains presented handouts of the revised proposed plans and asked for the conveyance of streets. Mr. Miller asked what becomes of the liquid fuels money for the streets in question. Manager Lawver responded they are still in discussion with college representatives.

Mr. Birkner asked if traffic would be able to continue traveling in this area that he would not vote for it if traffic can't get through. Mr. Mains responded yes they would be able to travel through.

Mr. Birkner asked what is planned for Broadway. Mr. Mains responded a cul-de-sac would be added.

Mr. Birkner asked what the time frame is on Phase II of the development plans. Mr. Konstalid replied it would probably extend over five years.

Mr. Mains asked if council would proceed with amending the ordinance at this time. Manager Lawver responded after further review with the proper boards the Land Development Plans and ordinance amendments would be finalized.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to recommend to council Gettysburg College proceed with their land development plans for the expansion of the athletic building upon compliance with all borough ordinances including zoning, planning and HARB. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman pointed out the ordinance will need to be amended to vacate Constitution Avenue at the appropriate time.

Mr. Miller reported he and Mr. Peterson met with the Collaborating for Youth Committee who expressed an interest in using the firemen's building at the Rec Park. The committee plans to attend the next Public Works Committee meeting to discuss their plans.

Mr. Miller thanked council and all of staff for the many years of working together. He welcomed John Butterfield and Susan Naugle as the new 3rd Ward council representatives.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson reported there would be no Human Relations Committee meeting in December.

Mr. Peterson reported he and the Mayor met with Monica Story regarding the Sister City Commission; who requested for a student exchange. He said it would be impossible to plan anything now that more time would be needed to coordinate an exchange.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan by Resolution to reappoint Melvin Crouse to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board another five (5) year term expiring in January 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Birkner by Resolution to reappoint Kimberly Mayers to the Zoning Hearing Board for another five (5) year term expiring in December 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to reappoint Ramona Overton to the Planning Commission for a five (5) year term expiring in December 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Birkner asked what the next step is with draft 12 of the planning ordinance changes. Solicitor Eastman explained a thirty-day minimum is needed and a public meeting must be scheduled. He suggested council schedule the meeting at their January meeting.

Mr. Birkner noted the Zoning Hearing Board would need to replace the Solicitor and John Butterfield's seat. Mr. Butterfield reported he sent letters and is currently interviewing interested parties.

Mr. Peterson asked if a member of council could serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Eastman replied no, that a council member couldn't serve on Zoning but that they can serve on the Planning Commission.

Solicitor Eastman asked the status modifying the ordinance for bridging of alleys. Manager Lawver responded we are waiting to hear from the Planning Commission in regards to the Orchard Development plans. Solicitor Eastman suggested deferring until approved by the Planning Commission.

Moved Mr. Monahan seconded Mr. Miller to accept the exoneration report for tax years 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bush reported for Walt Powell that the Train Station is 90% complete and should have approximately \$25,000 remaining.

After a brief executive session Solicitor Eastman announced it was to discuss a legal matter.

With no further business to come before council moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary