

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2007

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Bill Monahan, Mr. John Murphy, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Mike Birkner and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Mona Overton, Rec Director Beth Corson, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage and Planner Merry Bush.

Others present included Karl Held and Karen Hendricks, Gettysburg Festival, Deb Adamik, Director Main Street Gettysburg, Leonard Loski, GARMA, Tom Crist, Steinwehr Avenue Association, Troy Truax, Delta Development Group, Darlene Brown, ACHA/PICPI, Gene Golden and Matt Callery, borough vent, John and Judie Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch, David Spitzer, 126 W Middle St., and Bob Kimmerich, 125 W Broadway.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, Matt Casey representing the *Evening Sun* and *Adams County TV*

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the September 10, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Mr. Karl Held, Gettysburg Festival, thanked council and staff for their extraordinary help with the Governor's Arts award ceremony over the weekend. Mr. Held was presented with a check for \$525,000 from Governor Rendell and was presented a key to Gettysburg by Mayor Troxell.

Mr. Streeter announced a public hearing to receive comments from citizens on the zoning ordinance changes would be scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 4:00 pm in council chambers. Mr. Streeter noted citizen comments can be submitted in advance by Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Truax gave a brief summary on the Steinwehr Avenue Revitalization project. A grant application will be submitted to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development thru Main Street Gettysburg. Mr. Truax asked Council to approve the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) resolution.

Mr. Streeter pointed out it would not encumber the borough; that we would just be supporting the project. Mr. Truax explained it would be a contract with Main Street and the money would just pass through the borough.

Mr. Monahan noted he has worked with the DELTA Development Group in the past and was very impressed with them. He feels confident DELTA along with Main Street and the Steinwehr Avenue Group will work well together.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program (LUPTAP) Resolution for the development of a strategic plan for revitalizing Steinwehr Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter suggested the \$20,000 pillow tax money be transferred to Karl Held, Gettysburg Festival in 2008 instead of to Main Street. Ms. Smith said she feels it's crucial the pillow tax money be directed to the Gettysburg Festival next year.

Ms. Giles expressed her concern that this money comes from the CVB as a pass through to Main Street and that it's not council's decision as to where to direct the money. Mr. Monahan suggested the pillow tax issue should be sent to committee level for further review.

Mr. Streeter referred the pillow tax to the finance and community development committees for further review and discussion. They will present their recommendations to council.

Mr. Streeter asked for an update on Comcast Cable. Mr. Monahan reported there is a maximum percentage the borough can receive. He suggested referring to committee for further discussion.

Mr. Streeter referred Comcast Cable to the legislative committee for further review and to report their recommendation to council.

Ms. Giles reported she will be out of town for the next safety committee meeting and asked Mr. Monahan to chair the meeting in her absence.

Mr. Murphy asked about the New York City bus trip sponsored by the Rec Department. Mrs. Corson reported this has been a popular trip and was asked to schedule again this year. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year and the bus is already 1/3 filled.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Gettysburg Police and the Gettysburg Non-Uniformed Employees defined pension plans for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize COLA increase for retired police pensioner Frederick Gantz to be paid from the police pension fund effective September 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt ordinance amending the Borough of Gettysburg non-uniformed employees' pension plan and trust, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to recommend Council direct Frank Leber, Bond Council, to proceed with the General Obligation Bond for Gettysburg Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported the Gettysburg Economic Development Corporation recently completed settlement for the purchase of real estate from Parksville Properties and from Getty Realty Corporation for the REDDI project.

Mr. Monahan reported he had a good meeting with Senator Punt and also met with Governor Rendell.

Mr. Birkner asked who will decide the plans for the REDDI project. Mr. Monahan responded the Gettysburg Economic Development Corporation will decide the need for the area and present plans to council and the community. They will also need to present their plans to HARB and the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve extending the closing date of the 2006 CDBG grant for \$35,000 awarded to PICPI/ACHA to December 15, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve extending the closing date of the 2006 CDBG grant for \$11,560 awarded to PICPI/ACHA to December 15, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to approve extending and revising the 2004 CDBG grant awarded to PICPI/AVCHA for the Digges-Monroe site from \$70,000 to \$43,382 and to be extended to December 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith announced council is invited to a breakfast meeting with the College and Community Affairs Council to be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 7:00 AM at the college. They plan to present a 10 year plan for the college.

Mr. Miller announced the Biser Fitness Trail rededication ceremony went very well. Thanks to the Rec Director and all involved in making this a great success.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy to reappoint Patrick Andrews to the Shade Tree Commission for a five (5) year term expiring in October 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to reappoint Gareth Biser to the Regulated Rental Unit Appeals Board for a five (5) year term expiring in October 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reported he is reviewing the ghost tour ordinance.

Mr. Streeter reported the Elm Street application was submitted to DCED and we should know in December if it is accepted.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the antique market dates for 2008 - May 17<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lawver reported a meeting was recently held with all employees to review the non-uniformed and police pension plans. Leonard Ferrara presented hand outs

and reviewed the pension plans with the employees. Manager Lawver noted a pension meeting was never held with the employees in the past so they were pleased to get a better understanding of their pension.

Manager Lawver reported the West Middle Street Grant sponsorship will need to submit a letter to Penn DOT to change from Main Street to the Borough.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize a letter is sent to Penn DOT informing them the West Middle Street Grant Sponsorship be changed from Main Street to the Borough.

Mayor Troxell announced Trick-or-Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 - 8 PM.

Ms. Corson thanked Council for their support with the Biser Fitness Trail and reported the trail is used everyday.

Mr. Streeter mentioned council will need to set fees for the 2008 wine festival in the near future.

Mr. Peterson noted ACTV will supply a complimentary copy of the recorded council meetings.

With no further business moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary