

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 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 Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA), Dave Sites, Realty, Peter North and Daniel Konstalid, Gettysburg College, Darlene Brown and Ed Jenkins ACHA/PICPI, Tim Larson, Gene and Deb Golden, borough vent, Lefty Biser, Hazel Alley Association, Nadine DeVine, Adams County Counsel of Republican Women, Ann Lipscomb and Jean Green, Third Ward Concerned Neighbors, Tom Crist, Steinwehr Avenue Group, Leslie and Keith Grandstaff, Tillie Pierce House, Baltimore Street, John Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Robert Krummerich, 125 W Broadway, Carol Miller, 47 N Hay Street, Sharon Monahan, 114 W Broadway and Beverly Boyd, candidate for prothonotary.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, Max Stevens representing *WGET* and Matt Casey representing the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mrs. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the July 9, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. He announced Adams County TV would be recording the council meeting for an upcoming segment on the local TV station.

Citizens in attendance:

Tom Crist reported the Steinwehr Avenue group would like council to consider signage "Welcome to Gettysburg" coming into town along the main streets. He spoke with Paul Witt, Quality Inn, Steinwehr Avenue and Pete Monahan, Larson's/Quality Inn, Buford Avenue, who offered to locate signs on their properties.

Mr. Streeter responded he doesn't see a problem with them pursuing this and referred him to the public works committee for further discussion.

Nadine DeVine introduced Beverly Boyd who is running for Adams County Prothonotary.

Lefty Biser invited Council to attend the Hazel Alley Association meeting scheduled for Monday, August 20th at 7:00 PM in the Eisenhower Room at the Library.

David Sites asked Council for an update on the Carlisle Street property noting that the Borough is responsible for the safety and integrity of this property. Bea Savage, CEO responded she shared his information with the property owner. She noted the contractor is not sure if the building is structurally sound. A letter was sent out approximately 2 weeks ago giving the property owner 30 days to respond.

Gene Golden announced he is happy to see ACTV at tonight's meeting and thanked boroughvent.com for their generous donations to pay ACTV for their service. The group plans to have ACTV attend the council meetings for 6 months on a trial basis.

Mayor Troxell mentioned he met with Tom Crist and agrees having signage coming into Gettysburg to welcome people. He suggested "Gettysburg - Best Know Small Town in the World".

Mayor Troxell suggested approving the General Order of Police Procedures for guidance to the police department. Chief Dougherty and Solicitor Eastman did review and approve the document. Ms. Giles noted she spoke to the Mayor, Chief and Solicitor Eastman and would recommend Council to approve tonight.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the revised general order of police procedures. Mr. Birkner and Mr. Monahan expressed their concerns of approving something they haven't read yet. Solicitor Eastman pointed out this is an administrative procedure and wouldn't need Council approval. Ms. Giles and Mr. Miller both withdrew the motion.

Mr. Streeter announced the Gettysburg Railroad Station has been selected to receive a 2007 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award on September 20th. He, the Mayor and Walt Powell will be attending and suggested Council also purchase tickets for Jerry Bennett and Bill Aldrich to attend as part of the train station committee.

Mr. Streeter reported the National Trust has requested the Lincoln Bust, that was located at the Wills House be placed at the railroad station.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve moving the Lincoln Bust to the Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported bike week went well with only 11 incidents reported for the entire weekend.

Mr. Monahan commended the police department for a job well done during bike week.

Ms. Giles reported the safety committee continues to work on finalizing the ghost/walking tour ordinance.

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

Mr. Monahan thanked Senator Punt for the grant and Jennifer LeVan's generous contribution towards the police radios.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing the assignment of the option agreement with Parksville Properties for the purpose of assigning said option agreement to Gettysburg Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith gave a brief update on the Elm Street program and noted phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 of the project consist of the application be submitted including the budget and description of why Gettysburg would qualify for grant money. The officials would then come to Gettysburg for a tour of the site and review the property.

Jean Green read a letter of support for the Elm Street project by the Third Ward Concerned Citizens Group.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the application for the Elm Street project submitted by the Adams County Housing Authority/ Pa Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept the bid proposal from Exhibitus, LLC for the Train Station display bids in the amount of \$61,606. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt ordinance relocating, ordaining and dedicating Constitution Avenue for public use and vacating a portion of Constitution Avenue previously dedicated. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson reported the Journey through Hallowed Ground has been holding their meetings at the Rec Park community room which is working out very well.

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

Mr. Peterson reported the Sister City Committee is working on having an exchange student from St. Mere Eglise next year. He will present to Rotary to see if they are willing to cover the expense.

Moved Mr. Peterson seconded Ms. Giles to reappoint Beatrice Savage to the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a five (5) year term to expire in August 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Birkner reported the Zoning Board didn't meet.

Mr. Birkner reported the Planning Commission continues to work on the Zoning Ordinance and hope to have their recommendations ready for Council in the near future.

Solicitor Eastman reported he will prepare the resolution to approve the rules and regulations for the Civil Service Commission for the September council meeting.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2005 & 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Overton reported the 2006 audit report is complete and copies are available for council review. The auditors, Smith Elliot Kearns and Company will attend the next Finance Committee meeting to review the audit.

Chief Dougherty reported Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs Express and the police officers have worked together to design a logo for the police vehicles. There will be no cost to the borough; Gene Golden will pay for two vehicles and Chief Dougherty will pay for one. Ms. Giles suggested presenting this at the next Safety Committee meeting for final approval.

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

With no further business moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary