

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 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, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage and Planner Merry Bush.

Others present included Nell Matthews, Gettysburg Pool Committee, Harold Patterson, Windmill Carriage Co., Mary Alice Nutter, 3rd Ward Concerned Citizen Group, Gene Golden, Borough Vent, Carol Miller, 47 North Hay Street, Deb Adamik, Director, Main Street Gettysburg, Jean Green, 3rd Ward Concerned Group, Susan Trostle, T&S Menswear, Darlene Brown and Laura Northup PICPI-ACHA, Tim Larson, Borough Vent, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch and Robert Krummerich, 125 West Broadway.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Matt Casey of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the June 11, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Nell Matthews, Gettysburg Pool Committee, submitted agreement from Wade Associates LLC. Mr. Streeter announced he would report on this under his tab.

Harold Patterson, Windmill Carriage Co., expressed his concern of another carriage company operating without a proper license. He asked Council who is enforcing this and what can be done about it. Chief Dougherty responded the Borough Ordinance is in the process of review, would need to add for police enforcement. Mr. Streeter asked the solicitor to review the ordinance and give his opinion.

Mary Alice Nutter, 3rd Ward Concerned Citizens Group, stated the group is very interested in seeing the Elm Street program proceed.

Gene Golden, Borough Vent, felt that Ms. Giles was mistreating him.

Carol Miller, 47 North Hay Street, expressed her concern that the Borough Solicitor is not doing his job for Council.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve a letter of support for Main Street Gettysburg to insure the success of the Main Street traditional mission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the execution of the pool agreement between the Gettysburg Borough and Wade Associates, LLC after modification of Article G - basis of compensation - to state that they would be paid for the study after the Borough is in receipt of payment from DCNR. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan noted he sent a letter to C.S Davidson regarding engineering fees - a copy is in council books for review.

Ms. Giles announced a special meeting would be held on Monday, July 16th at 2:00 PM regarding the Walking/ Ghost Tours.

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

Mr. Murphy reported that he and Mr. Peterson attended a meeting about the Journey Through Hallowed Ground and presented everyone with handouts.

Mr. Monahan announced Representative Todd Platts will be in Carroll Valley on Thursday, July 19th from 7-9 PM. A meeting with Senator Punt is being planned for the near future.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the proposed \$1 million Capital Assistance Grant Budget and to authorize the application to the Commonwealth for the following amounts: Purchase of Property - \$1,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith seconded Mr. Murphy to approve resolution supporting the Elm Street Phase I study prepared by Derck and Edson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller announced there was a great jazz band at the Rec Park concert series Sunday night with approximately 150 people in attendance.

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

Mr. Peterson announced as liaison for the Sister City Commission are planning some upcoming events and programs. He will keep Council informed as information is available.

Mr. Birkner reported the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at 7:00 PM prior to their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 PM.

Solicitor Eastman reported the Constitution Avenue Ordinance is still in review and should be ready for adoption at the August Council meeting.

Solicitor Eastman reviewed the Train Station lease agreement between the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg (NTHG) and the Borough. He suggested extending the time period of time within which the NTHG must provide notice to the Borough of its intention to extend the lease for an additional 2 year term from 30 days to 90 days.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2004, 2005 and 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan commended the police department for the extensive business checks throughout town on a regular basis.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to ratify the execution and delivery of a reconciliation agreement on behalf of the Borough of Gettysburg by John D. Lawver, Jr., Borough Manager in the matters filed to Docket No's 200505895 and 200503803 by Marilyn J. Phillips with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary