

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **JUNE 11, 2007**

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet, Mr. Bill Monahan and Mr. Mike Birkner were 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 Tom Jolin, Healthy Adams Bicycle /Pedestrian Trail, Dennis Hickethier, Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail, Donna Abraham, Abraham's Lady, 25 Steinwehr Avenue, Thomas Crist JR, Flex & Flanigans, 240 Steinwehr Avenue, Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association, Gene Golden, Borough Vent, Darlene Brown and Laura Northup, Adams County Housing Authority, John and Judie Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch Avenue, Chuck Lewis, 824 Highland Avenue and Bob Krummerich, 125 West Broadway.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the May 14, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Tom Jolin, representing Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail reported there's a need for an off road route for a bike trail. The committee would like to submit an application to the National Park Service for a Technical Assistance Grant at no cost to the Borough.

Mr. Streeter referred this to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Mr. Murphy asked if the trail ties in with the county trail plans. Mr. Jolin answered yes that the county also approved this.

Mr. Miller asked what the liability would be for the Borough. Mr. Jolin responded it is covered under a blanket policy with municipalities.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize Tom Jolin, Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail, to proceed applying for Technical Assistance with the National Park Service at no cost to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Abraham and Tom Crist, Steinwehr Avenue Business Alliance, presented and award to Chief Joe Dougherty in recognition and appreciation of the police service by the borough police department. Chief Dougherty thanked them and reiterated the borough has a great police force.

Chuck Lewis expressed his concerns of vehicles and also police vehicles driving while raining without having their lights on. The state requires vehicles to have their lights on when their windshield wipers are on. Mr. Streeter referred this to the Safety Committee for further discussion.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution for the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan dated March 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles noted an informational session was held with ghost tour businesses and residents recently. The information will be reviewed and presented to the safety committee.

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

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve resolution authorizing the application for Preserve America grant funds for vehicular and pedestrian wayfinding signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept lease agreement with the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg to rent the Gettysburg Railroad Station for \$1,000 per month pending review and approval by legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone who helped with the 3<sup>rd</sup> WARD cleanup on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, it was very successful.

Mr. Miller complimented the Rec Director for the Sunday Concert series at the Rec Park that have begun for this season. They have received a few donations and if anyone is interested in making a donation it would be greatly appreciated.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution appointing Kimberly A. Mayers to the Zoning Hearing Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Ken Mummert to expire in December 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize Solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance vacating a small portion of Constitution Avenue which is no longer used as a public street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize Solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance ordaining Constitution Avenue in its current location as a public street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve resolution for the Gettysburg Area Traffic Signal Enhancement and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Deployment project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson, to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked why some of the lights on Chambersburg Street aren't working. Mr. Lawver explained there is an electrical problem under the roadway that will need to be corrected, but nothing has been budgeted for this project. Also the trees are very full this year and some of the lights are located in the middle of the trees.

Ms. Giles asked about the sidewalks that have been cut open throughout the Borough. Ms. Savage explained Columbia Gas is in the process of repair work on approximately 16 locations throughout town.

After a brief executive session, Solicitor Eastman announced it was to discuss personnel issues.

With no further business, moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary