

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 14, 2007

Acting President Ms. Holly Giles called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Mike Birkner and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Ted Streeter is sick and Mr. Jamie Fleet is 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, Planner Merry Bush and Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage.

Others present included David Sites, Realtor, Jeff Zigler, KPI Technology, Tina Fackler, Planning Principles, Christopher Brown, Derck & Edson, Darlene Brown, Laura Northup and Ed Jenkins representing the Adams County Housing Authority, Keith and Leslie Grandstaff, Tillie Pierce House, Ambrose Heinz, Stevens & Lee, Susan Naugle, Steve Peterson, Tim Larson, Graham Weaver, Stan Clark, Robert Krummericit, and John and Judie Butterfield.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan seconded Mr. Peterson to appoint Holly Giles as president in the absence of Ted Streeter. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve additions to the agenda including the Elm Street presentation and David Sites regarding his property on Carlisle Street and the Gettysburg Ambulatory Surgical Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the April 9, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

David Sites, owner of property at 132 Carlisle Street is concerned with the adjoining property at 130 Carlisle Street, the north wall is unsafe. A letter was sent to the Planning Director and is following up to see who is handling this since Walt Powell is no longer working for the Borough.

Ms. Savage reported she will review this and follow up with Mr. Sites.

David Sites requested substituting the form of financial security for the completion of the Gettysburg Ambulatory Surgical Center, from an irrevocable letter of credit to an escrow account to be set up with the Borough.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve substituting the form of financial security for the completion of required improvements in connection with the development and construction of a health care facility to be known as Gettysburg Ambulatory Surgical Center by West Street, LLP at West Street Plaza at 231 West Street from an irrevocable letter of credit to an escrow account to be set up with the Borough in the amount of \$12,881.55 and to modify Land Development Agreement accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell presented a proclamation to Belco Community Credit Union (BELCO) representative Linda Strausbaugh, recognizing the firm for its contributions towards the betterment of the municipality.

Mayor Troxell and Chief Dougherty presented the following police officers with awards for their recent actions involving an automobile accident and a house fire; Chris Folster, Larry Weikert, Ryan Eiker and Bill Orth.

Robert Runk who was the victim of the accident thanked Officers Ryan Eiker and Bill Orth for saving his life.

Ken Kime, Emergency Management Service thanked these officers for their dedication and team work in saving Robert Runk.

Christopher Brown, consultant with Derck & Edson gave a brief presentation on the Elm Street plan. The consultants study was financed through a grant for \$25,000. The plan is to revitalize dilapidated areas within the 3rd Ward. Mr. Brown suggested renaming the 3rd Ward neighborhood to Olde Towne Gettysburg or whatever Council may choose. The Elm Street zone contains approximately 220 households, comprises eight blocks, and is bordered by West Middle Street, Court Avenue, Lincoln Lane and Franklin Street.

Mr. Brown pointed out that implementing Elm Street would require the following strategies: more green space; enhancing physical street appearances; redefining the South Franklin Street commercial area; expanding and enhancing youth opportunities; creating a strong image as a place to live; expanded commercial activity; street-scape improvement; developing a strong volunteer base; and creating a unified sign system.

Ms. Smith asked what the next step for Borough Council would be. Mr. Brown explained the planning grant was approved for his firm to conduct the study. Final documents should be complete within 2 weeks for council approval. After council approves the plan an Elm Street Manager would need to be hired for a 5 year term.

Mr. Murphy reporting for the finance committee noted the York Adams Tax Bureau will assess the Borough with a 10% penalty if a payment is not made by April 30, 2007 for the approximate \$119,000.

Mr. Lawver pointed out we still dispute YATB's claim that the borough owes them for underpayment and will discuss this further at the next finance committee meeting. Solicitor Eastman noted the legal rate of interest is 6%.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt resolution appointing directors to board of Gettysburg Economic Development Corporation and adopting bylaws of the corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reporting for the Community Development Committee noted the request for proposals for the train station rental would be presented at their meeting on May 29th at 3:00 PM.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution appointing Graham Weaver to the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board in order to complete the term of Michael Birkner which shall expire in December 2011. Motion carried unanimously

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Beatrice Savage to serve as a member to the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board as the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector member of HARB in order to complete the unexpired term of Walter Powell which shall expire in August 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Birkner to set the financial security for the completion of required improvements in connection with the development and construction of an early childhood development center at Gettysburg College. Said financial security shall be in the amount of \$151,461.75 and shall be in the form of an irrevocable standby letter of credit by PNC Bank, N.A. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to authorize Theodore H. Streeter, President of Borough Council and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary to execute on behalf of the Borough of Gettysburg a Subdivision and Land Development Improvement Construction Agreement with Gettysburg College as the Owner and Developer of an early childhood development center. Motion carried unanimously.

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

After a brief executive session, Solicitor Eastman announced it was to discuss a real estate issue.

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary