

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2007

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

Others present included Kimberly Mayers, 55 South Street, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch, Jacob Schindel and Robert Lasco, Ragged Edge Coffee House, Susan Trostle, T & S Menswear, John and Judie Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Laura Northup and Darlene Brown, Adams County Interfaith Housing Corp.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of February 12, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Kimberly Mayers asked what the qualifications are for someone to be appointed to Council and how long they must be a resident of the borough. Solicitor Eastman answered they must be a registered voter and live in the borough for 1 year prior to election.

Mr. Streeter announced the PA League of Cities and Municipalities (PLCM) have requested the Borough host their conference planned for February 2008. He will meet with Norris Flowers, CVB to discuss the cost and what is expected of the Borough Council.

Mr. Streeter reported the Arts Council requested use of the Train Station for their event in October 2007.

Mr. Streeter reported the Gettysburg Railroad Station Proposed Operation Plan is in the books for review. After some discussion it was referred to the community development committee for further review.

Mr. Monahan pointed out Council still supports Main Street and will continue to have representation on the Board.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize solicitor to advertise ordinance amending Chapter 10, Part 1 of the borough's code of ordinances regarding nuisances and adding part 1B regarding storage of motor vehicle nuisances. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter requested the Farmers Market and Bike Week be included on the March Safety agenda.

Mr. Monahan reported the Butterfield's are continuing to work on the special event project. He suggested that with the Farmers Market to begin soon that Council approve the fees that were charged last year.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the Farmers Market to pay the same fees as paid in 2006 for their meter bag rent. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Fleet to authorize solicitor to advertise ordinance relative to the establishment and maintenance of police employees pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension plan or program applicable to the police employees of said borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize solicitor to advertise ordinance relative to the establishment and maintenance of the non-uniformed employees' pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the pension plan or program applicable to the non-uniformed employees of said borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the York Adams Tax Bureau will need an answer by April 30th as to how the borough plans to pay back the \$120,000. This will be discussed at the next finance committee meeting. Council asked Solicitor Eastman to prepare a letter to be sent to YATB.

Mr. Streeter reported many calls have been coming in concerning Comcast Cable changes; but that Council is powerless to these changes.

Mr. Streeter asked Mona and John to report at the finance committee meeting how much money is available after Walt and Merry leave in April.

Mr. Monahan reported he plans to have a report from the borough cable attorney to explain what Council can do concerning Comcast Cable.

Mr. Monahan pointed out if a cable competitor would come to Gettysburg, Council would have more say between the two cable companies.

Mr. Monahan reported he met with Representative Dan Moul to share information and will continue to meet on a regular basis.

Mr. Monahan reported they are continuing to set up the REDDI Development Agency Board.

Mr. Qually reported the Community Development Committee will discuss CDBG applications at their next meeting and will report to Council at the April Council meeting.

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

Mr. Peterson reported he plans to meet with John Eline to discuss Sister Cities.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Peter Monahan to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Cecil Sandoe to expire in July 2008. Mr. Monahan recused himself from the vote since it is his brother. YEA: Mr. Streeter, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Qually and Mr. Miller.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to set the 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 in Gettysburg Borough with said financial security in the amount of \$12,881.55 in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit issued by Bank of Hanover and Trust Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson 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 Memorandum of Land Development Agreement with West Street, LLP, the Developer of a health care facility to be known as Gettysburg Ambulatory Surgical Center at West Street Plaza. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Deployment project authorizing Theodore H. Streeter, Council President and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary to execute on behalf of the Borough of Gettysburg the Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement Video Detection System; Electrical Supply Video Detection System; and Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement Multi-Jurisdictional Signal System. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance authorizing the Borough of Gettysburg to enter into

cooperative memorandum of agreement for multi-jurisdictional signal system. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1996 thru 2005 with the exception of Sarah M. Huber and Deborah Shutt. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to exonerate Ada Lewis, Borough Tax Collector from collecting borough taxes on 117 Breckenridge Street, (property transferred to SCCAP on 10-31-06) in the amount of \$68.10 for tax year 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked the status of the walkway in front of the Wills House. Mr. Lawver reported he spoke with Mark Pratt with the National Park Service who informed him they plan to begin next week.

Ms. Overton reported the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Zoning Ordinance to make changes to help better “stream line” it. She will present to Council at a future date.

Mr. Monahan asked the Chief to inform his department how pleased Council is of the continuing police business checks throughout town.

Mr. Qually read a prepared statement announcing his resignation from Borough Council effective April 10th. He has accepted a position as general manager of the Ragged Edge and will be moving to that location which is in another WARD. Mr. Qually enjoyed working with everyone and thanked them for their support.

Solicitor Eastman reported citizens can submit a letter of interest to Borough Council in which they have 30 days to fill Mr. Qually’s seat. Interested persons may speak at the council meeting prior to Council vote.

Mr. Monahan noted Marty has been a breath of fresh air on Council and wished him well.

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

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary