

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 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, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor William Troxell. Ms. Caroline Smith and Mr. Jamie Fleet were both out of town. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Director of Planning Walter Powell and Finance Director Mona Overton.

Others present included Gettysburg Police Officers Sgt Larry Runk, Ryan Eiker, Justin Rogerson, Larry Weikert and Keith Stambaugh, Darlene Brown and Laura Northup representing the Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation, Cindy Shultz and Phyllis Greineisen representing Sleepy Hollow Ghost Tours, Karen Gibbs and Bill Hartley with the 57th NC, Laura Pearce, Abigail Reynolds, Carole Rowe, Julie Green and Renee Weikert.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, Missy Hofman, photographer with the *Gettysburg Times* and Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the council minutes of December 11, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy, to approve the special council meeting minutes of December 20, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell and Chief Dougherty presented officers Justin Rogerson, Keith Stambaugh, Larry Weikert and Ryan Eiker with proclamations for their heroic efforts.

Officer Rogerson saved the life of a woman - Abigail Reynolds- who was suffering a heart attack, with the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Ms. Reynolds attended the meeting to personally thank Officer Rogerson for saving her life.

Officer Stambaugh's attention to detail resulted in the apprehension of a suspected bank robbery taking place at PNC Bank at the corner of West and Breckenridge Streets.

Officer Eiker was lauded for his quick response to an early morning robbery-in-progress at Gettysburg's 7-11 Store located at the corner of Chambersburg and North Washington Streets. Eiker, assisted by Officer Rogerson stormed the store and apprehended the suspect.

Officer Weikert responded to the scene of a reported house fire on seminary Avenue. Weikert with the help of Officer Stambaugh forcefully entered the locked house and doused a kitchen trash receptacle blaze.

Mr. Streeter announced a council workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve a 1.97% COLA increase to retired police officer Dennis Wright, to be paid from the police pension fund effective November 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson reported he received a call from Marion Davis concerning Comcast TV increasing their cable rates. Mr. Monahan noted Council doesn't have a say in what Comcast charges their customers. The franchise fee paid to the Borough each year is 5% which Council shouldn't lower.

Mr. Streeter reported he and Mr. Monahan would be meeting with the incoming State Representative Dan Moul on January 11th at 10:00 to discuss issues.

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

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Monahan to grant tentative/preliminary approval with conditions to the application of Times Square II, LLC for a planned residential development under the Flexible Residential Option of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance for the construction of thirty (30) townhouses (single-family attached dwellings) on certain real property located on the south side of East Water Street and to direct the solicitor to prepare a written decision with supporting findings of fact and conclusions of law. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lawver reported they are continuing to work out the "bugs" in the cashier office (formerly the parking department).

Manager Lawver reported the borough offices would be closed on Monday, January 15th to observe the Martin Luther King Holiday. Safety and Public works Committees will meet on Tuesday.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise monthly council and committee meetings for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance ceasing administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code effective April 2, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually asked the explanation between a temporary and permanent occupancy permit. Dr. Powell explained if contractors/owners are working in good faith effort and the inspection is close to completing a project, his department would issue a temporary occupancy permit.

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

With no further business, moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary