

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2008

President Edwin Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holliday Giles, Mr. Theodore Streeter, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Michael Birkner, Mr. John Butterfield, Ms. Susan Naugle, Mr. Robert Krummerich, Ms. Alice Estrada and Mayor William Troxell. Staff included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Ramona Overton, Recreation Director Beth Corson, and Planner Merry Bush.

Others present included Darlene Brown, ACHA/PICPI, Gene and Debi Golden, borough vent, Chuck Teague, 125 East Middle Street, Robert DeFayette 100 King Street, John Phillips, 101 West Middle Street and Connie Trump, 819 Long Lane.

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

Moved Mr. Krummerich seconded Mr. Birkner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Krummerich to approve the December 10, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Ms. Naugle to approve the December 28, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Mr. Peterson opened the meeting and announced council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss litigation matters.

Solicitor Eastman announced borough council held an executive session following their meeting on December 28, 2007 to discuss litigation matters.

Comments from citizens:

Judie Butterfield presented council with a handout of the borough government website updates she had volunteered to maintain. The website looks great and offers more detailed information for citizens using the site. Mrs. Butterfield continues to gather information from departments to keep the website current and user friendly.

Mr. Birkner expressed his concern that comments from citizens at the beginning of the council meetings seem restricted and felt they should be able to speak during the

meetings. Mr. Peterson responded he is willing to listen to everyone throughout the meeting and wouldn't limit him or her to 5 minutes unless it gets out of hand.

Solicitor Eastman noted that according to the Sunshine Act borough council could set a time for citizens to speak at council meetings.

Mayor Troxell announced the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting would be held on Monday, January 21st at 6:15 pm at the Pike Restaurant. The guest speakers will be Ed Knittel, Pa State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) and Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension, Adams County. Anyone interested in attending should contact Sara Stull.

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

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Birkner to adopt ordinance amending the rate for permits issued under the residential parking permit system. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Birkner to adopt ordinance amending the rates for the parking garage. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Krummerich to adopt ordinance amending the rates for off-street metered parking for meters designated for two hour parking time limit and twelve hour parking time limit. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Butterfield to adopt ordinance amending the rates for meters designated for two-hour parking time limit and twelve-hour parking time limit. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Birkner noted he is not in favor of raising rates but aware of the need for revenue. He suggested staff keep abreast whether or not this is working.

Ms. Estrada expressed her concern with raising rates too high that people may begin parking elsewhere free.

Solicitor Eastman explained the concept of parking revenue is not a tax but the cost to provide services to the citizens. He noted these figures are quite justified for services offered by the borough.

Ms. Giles gave a brief update on safety committee noting Judi McGee attended the meeting and expressed her concern of buses loading/unloading in front of her property on Baltimore Street and leaving them sit idle. The committee also continues to work on the ordinance and procedures for the ghost/walking tours.

Ms. Giles reported the public works committee received a request from Collaborating for Youth representatives to use the firemen's building at the Rec Park for

their group to meet. They will conduct a study to see if the building would be feasible for them to use and report their findings to the committee.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Ms. Naugle to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butterfield announced the safety committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 22nd due to the Monday Holiday.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Birkner to adopt resolution appointing Marty Qually to the Zoning Hearing Board as the alternate. This is a three (3) year term and would expire in 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Naugle announced the human relations committee would meet the 2nd Tuesday each month at 3:00 pm.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Butterfield to authorize the release of the financial security for the completion of required improvements for the development and construction of a new building for Kennie's Markets, Inc. at 217 West Middle Street in Gettysburg Borough in the amount of \$176,950.40 and to return to Adams County National Bank the irrevocable letter of credit (No. 6040158) dated March 23, 2007 which was issued as financial security. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Birkner to approve COLA increase, to retired police officer Dennis F. Wright to be paid from the police pension fund effective December 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's report:

Mr. Lawver reported he has received numerous calls concerning TV satellite dish installers throughout town. He suggested council and zoning review ordinances pertaining to this.

Mr. Lawver gave a brief report on the sergeant's exam that has recently been completed. He explained the four (4) officers that were eligible to apply took the written exam and passed which moved them to the next step of an oral exam. Only one (1) officer passed the oral exam, which required a 70% to pass. Mr. Lawver recommended that council offer the promotion of sergeant to that officer.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Ms. Naugle to authorize offering this police officer the promotion to sergeant. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman announced that council would need to schedule a public hearing to receive public comment pertaining to the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Tom Committa Associates, consultant should be invited to this meeting.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize advertisement of a public hearing to be scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 4:00 PM, to receive comments for the zoning amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson announced an AD HOC committee would be formed to review the committee structure to see what is needed; they may want to combine, change or add to current committees. The AD HOC committee will consist of Ms. Naugle, Mr. Birkner and Ms. Estrada.

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

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary