

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 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. Krummerich, Ms. Alice Estrada and Mayor William Troxell. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Finance Director Ramona Overton, Rec Director Beth Corson and Planner Merry Bush.

Others present included Former Councilman Bill Monahan, Gene Golden, borough vent, Judie Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Kathy Glahn, Gettysburg Farmers Market, Darlene Brown PICPI-ACHA, Chuck Teague, Police Chaplain, Steve Barndt, Just for Today Recovery Service, Cytha Grissom and Deb Small.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Erin James representing the *Evening Sun*, Raymond Gouker with *ACTV*

Solicitor Eastman announced executive sessions were held on January 24, 2008 and February 5, 2008 to discuss litigation.

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

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 14, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Butterfield to approve the Public Hearing/Community Development Committee meeting of January 28, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Krummerich, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Public Hearing of November 14, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Former Councilman Marty Qually introduced his brother Major Page Karsteter who recently arrived home from Iraq. Major Karsteter read a letter and presented Borough Council with the borough flag that his brother had given him to take to Iraq. In his letter which will be attached to the minutes, he addresses each location the borough flag was flown. Major Karsteter was honored to carry his home town flag during his service and with gratitude is returning the flag to Borough Council.

During a standing ovation Borough Council and the Mayor thanked Major Karsteter for his gift and dedication to the military.

Mr. Gene Golden expressed his concerns with the new rehab house on Breckenridge Street and asked Council to review this further.

Mr. Steve Barndt explained his new recovery service house on Breckenridge Street is a place for men to stay after coming out of rehab until they secure a job. It is not a treatment facility; they must go elsewhere for counseling and treatment.

Mr. Raymond Gouker thanked Council for their support of Adams County TV.

Ms. Cytha Grissom introduced herself to Council and informed them that she was the first female sergeant with the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. She noted a recent news article stated Sharon Gelwicks would be the first sergeant. Cytha was here to support Sergeant Gelwicks on her recent promotion.

At this time Mayor Troxell presented Police Officer Sharon Gelwicks with her Sergeant stripes.

Mr. Streeter reporting for Legislative announced he would be submitting an appropriations request form, received from Congressman Platts office, for funding due February 29, 2008. He reported he has an upcoming meeting with the commissioners and will plan a trip to Washington DC to meet with Senator Specter. Mr. Streeter suggested Council consider a farewell dinner for retiring Senator Terry Punt.

Ms. Naugle expressed her concerns with the 15% rate increase for the Gettysburg Municipal Authority customers. She requested an informational session be held with the GMA officials to get input on what this may mean for borough residents.

Mr. Streeter responded this would not be an increase in 1 year but spread out over a period of time. The GMA Board sets its rates for all customers within their district which includes other municipalities.

Ms. Naugle expressed concern that borough Council makes recommendations to the GMA Board and would just like the informational session to help better understand their procedures.

Ms. Giles expressed concern with asking the GMA Board since they've been here before. She noted Mr. Streeter is their liaison and could report and explain their procedures.

Mr. Peterson suggested asking 1 board member. Mr. Streeter suggested Mark Guise, GMA Utilities Manager and GMA Solicitor John White to attend a meeting.

Mr. Butterfield asked that both men be invited to the February Public Works committee meeting if they are available.

Mr. Peterson reported he met with Representative Dan Moul and discussed legislation for taxes since the borough has several tax exempt properties. He will follow up as information becomes available.

Ms. Smith reported as liaison for College Community she has made contact with both the Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Seminary.

Ms. Smith reported the Community Development Committee met and received request for CDBG funding. Another public hearing will be held at the February 25th meeting to hear more CDBG request.

Mr. Birkner reported he is working with the REC Park as a high priority and plan to meet with the surrounding townships. They will review the building rentals and increasing programs.

Mr. Birkner reported for HARB noted the Monahan Reality application, Item D, was held over until March.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Mr. Butterfield to approve HARB items A, B, and C as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butterfield reported the safety committee, zoning and civil service commission minutes are in the books if anyone has questions.

Mr. Butterfield reporting for the Sister City Program noted the exchange students from France will not be attending this year.

Ms. Naugle reported the AD HOC committee continues to work on addressing the needs of committees and their structures. They also are reviewing the liaisons and suggested the Legislative Committee be changed to a liaison. The committee presented their recommendations for changes and additions to committees see attached.

Mr. Bill Monahan reported during his time on Council he was a member of the Adams County Economic Development Board and offered his resignation so a member of Council could be added to this board.

Ms. Naugle asked for guidance in developing and updating liaisons for the authorities, boards and commission. She noted there are 9 vacancies on various boards and commissions.

Mr. Streeter offered to serve on the Adams County Economic Development Board to replace Mr. Monahan.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Birkner to accept the AD HOC committee recommendations on the committee structure attached to these minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Krummerich reporting for the finance committee noted the news article stating the borough “found” \$220,000 was not the case but that it was due to conservative spending and reserved spending at the end of 2007. He also pointed out the TRAN was set up for an emergency and will not be charged interest until we use the money.

Mr. Krummerich reported Mike Hill of CENTAX will attend the next finance committee meeting to discuss tax collection for the borough. He noted at this point the borough has not severed ties with the York Adams Tax Bureau.

Mr. Krummerich reported Theodore Robinson, PSAB will attend the next finance committee meeting to discuss grant writing. He noted the time change for the finance committee meetings will be at 5:00 instead of 7:30 pm.

Mr. Birkner asked about the news reports that states the borough is in dire state. Mr. Krummerich responded the borough is poor but not as bad as they report. Ms. Estrada noted Carroll Valley has money in their reserve fund and asked if the borough has a reserve. Ms. Overton added that the borough is “recovering” at this time.

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

Ms. Estrada reporting as liaison for the Planning Commission expressed her concern with how their meeting was handled. She noted it doesn’t appear they are very friendly to the applicants.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Ms. Giles to approve financial security for West Street Plaza phase II. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Birkner to authorize Solicitor to advertise for enactment an ordinance regulating Guided Walking Tours within the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Naugle, seconded Mr. Krummerich to authorize Solicitor to advertise for enactment an ordinance amending Regulating Horse Drawn Carriages. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan was present to give Council an update on the Comcast Agreement that he had been negotiating while on Council. He pointed out the borough would receive the highest percentage they are allowed. Mr. Monahan also noted they would make a contribution to ACTV, trim trees and bury utilities when required.

Mr. Monahan recommended Council approve the Comcast Agreement and letter of support to ACTV.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Comcast Agreement and letter of support for Adams County Television. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butterfield asked why the \$12,000 designated for ACTV isn't in the contract. Mr. Monahan responded it must be written under a separate letter of support to ACTV.

Moved Mr. Birkner, seconded Ms. Naugle to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary