

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 12, 2006

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Jamie Fleet, Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Dick Peterson Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor Bill Troxell. Mr. Bob Miller is out of town. Staff present included Manager Charlie Sterner, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Rolf Garcia, Planning Director Walter Powell, Highway Superintendent John Lawver, Finance Director Mona Overton, Parking Manager Bill Little, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage. Rec Director Beth Corson is on maternity leave.

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

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the council minutes of May 8th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Daniel Small, 65 East High Street, was here to express his concern that HARB denied his request for a replacement window. He explained his house was a Sears built home in or about 1940 and brought pictures of the catalog to show what windows were available at that time. Mr. Small said he tried to match the window as close as possible to the original. Mr. Streeter announced any action would take place during HARB later on the agenda.

Harold Patterson, Windmill Carriage was here to express his concerns of another carriage company doing business without a permit. They are conducting "free rides" which is undercutting his business. Mr. Patterson also questioned whether this company has insurance and veterinarian updates as required when obtaining a permit from the borough.

Marcia Gregorio, Gettysburg Community Pool Committee, gave a brief update on their progress. They are currently finalizing their local campaign and obtaining quotes for a feasibility study. As of June 1st they raised \$11,535. They submitted the grant application in April but it may take 3-6 months before funds are awarded.

Susan Cipperly, Dave English, Bernadette Sterner, Denise Doyle, Debi and Gene Golden were all present to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He announced this is Manager Charlie Sterner's last council meeting and invited everyone for a reception following the meeting.

The meeting was highlighted by remarks and words of thanks by all council members and numerous colleagues. Charlie's accomplishments as borough manager include staff development, downtown improvements, economic development, improved community relations, the establishment of a downtown parking garage and managing the borough's ever changing municipal budget.

Mr. Fleet reporting for the College Community committee noted the college has already received over 5,000 applicants for the upcoming school year. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th in council chambers.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Penn DOT for the AASHTO event planned for June 28, 2006 and further to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Ms. Smith to direct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption an amendment to the ordinance setting fees for rented meter bags to increase the fee to \$1.00 per hour and \$100.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Qually to approve all bills and payrolls as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported on the REDDI project. A meeting with Chris Seitz will be planned in the near future.

Ms. Smith announced Main Street and the Borough are working together with the downtown flower program.

Ms. Smith announced the committee is working on plans for an official opening of the train station in November.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to enact an ordinance amending the ordinance regulating bridges over alleys. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement for Walkway over Legion Alley and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell, after reviewing Item B, replacement windows at 65 East High Street, Daniel Small, applicant, requested Council over turn the denied application of Mr. Small.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB consent agenda with the exception of Item B, Daniel Small. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness for Item B, Daniel Small, HARB applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Ms. Smith to approve with conditions the application of Adams County Housing Authority for a planned residential development under Chapter 18, Flexible Residential Development Options of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance for the construction of four (4) semi-detached housing units (two duplexes) on certain real property located on the east side of South Washington Street in the Borough of Gettysburg and to adopt the written decision with supporting findings of fact and conclusions of law as prepared by the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Peterson to direct the Solicitor to review a sub-division ordinance currently being drafted by the Planning Department, intended to allow for the sub-division of existing attached or semi-detached single-family dwelling units. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Fleet to direct the Solicitor to review the proposed changes to the Zoning Map being drafted by the Planning Commission and C.S. Davidson specifically, changes being made to increase Residential-Office areas at the REDDI site, Columbia Gas property, existing South Central Community Action Program sites, and three (3) properties connecting those areas located on North Stratton Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reported the sale of 34 East Middle Street was held on May 30th. The lease agreement with the County for parking will be a 50/50 split between the Borough and County.

Solicitor Eastman reported another residential planned development on Water Street for 30 town houses is being planned. Council will need to schedule a meeting in August.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax year 2001 and 2005 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked about the 3rd Ward cleanup and if items were all outdoor things. Dr. Powell reported they filled 2 dumpsters with indoor and outdoor items.

Ms. Overton reported all departments are within budget.

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned to an executive session.

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint John Lawver as interim Borough Manager, effective July 1, 2006 until Council selects a full time Borough Manager, with an increase in salary of \$69,151.02. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM followed by a social honoring Charlie Sterner.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary