

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **JULY 10, 2006**

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Rolf Garcia, Parking Manager Bill Little, Finance Director Mona Overton, Planning Director Walter Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage, Merry Bush, Planning Department. 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. Monahan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the council minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup> as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the special minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup> as presented and the public hearing minutes of June 26<sup>th</sup> after making a correction to the Elm Street recommendation that the Community Development Committee members approved the vote.

Mr. Miller expressed his concerns with the CDBG funds taken from the Biser Fitness Trail. Mr. Powell explained the Community Development Committee recommended \$10,000 of the \$20,000 awarded to the fitness trail, transferred to the Adams County Housing Authority.

Citizens in attendance:

Darlene Brown, Adams County Housing Authority, was here to answer any questions pertaining to the Elm Street Plan.

John McKenna, National Park Service.

Graham Weaver was here to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter reported this is Dr. Powell's last Council meeting and wished him the best with his new endeavors.

Mayor Troxell reported he recently did a TV interview about Gettysburg with a Chinese Agency.

Mayor Troxell reported he received a letter from MAC Charlie Wenzel, Investigator from DC thanking Detective Kevin Wilson for his outstanding service when they were in Gettysburg.

Solicitor Eastman reported the Adams County Housing Authority has requested the existing performance bond for Chapel Field be released. The final inspection has been completed for this project so the bond could be released.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to approve ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 6 – Removal and Impounding of Illegally Parked Cars. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Part 9 – Regulation of Horse Drawn Carriages. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter suggested Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage work a few evenings to follow up on the ghost tour complaints.

Ms. Giles suggested the finance department review the tour business records to see if they are filing they're taxes properly.

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

Mr. Murphy reported letters would be sent to all Boards to inform them of the high attorney fees.

Mr. Monahan expressed his appreciation for Walt Powell's service to the community. He is passionate about what he believes and he will be missed.

Mr. Monahan reported the past 3 months of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority minutes are in their books for review. He reported the water purchase from York Water Authority is an exclusive agreement between both Authorities.

Ms. Smith reported the Community Development Committee recommended Adams County Interfaith Housing to administer the Elm Street Plan.

Ms. Darlene Brown reported they would prepare and send out RFP's. When this is complete the options would be presented to the Community Development Committee for their review. The committee would then make a recommendation whether the Borough or Housing Authority proceed.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize an agreement between the Borough and Adams County Interfaith Housing to administer the Elm Street Plan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually noted not a problem with them sending the RFP's but if approved the Borough should handle administering the funds. Mr. Powell reported the scope of the project is not due until June 2007.

Ms. Smith reported Main Street received a grant for \$35,000 to be used for holiday decorations.

Ms. Smith reported wayside/signage designs are being considered for the Train Station. Mr. Streeter suggested scheduling a Train Station workshop in the near future. Mr. Lawver also suggested this be referred to the Public Works Committee for review.

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

Mr. Peterson reported the Human Relations committee will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Powell reported the National Park Service donated a canon to Gettysburg, SD through our Sister City program.

Mr. Qually gave a brief explanation of the recommended zoning changes on the map as discussed at the planning commission meeting. The committee is moving forward with the subdivision changes.

Solicitor Eastman reported a public hearing will need to be scheduled for a Flexible Residential Development Plan for Times Square II, East Water Street project.

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

Mr. Powell reported Phase I is complete for the REDDI project and ready to proceed with Phase II.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to authorize proceeding with PHASE II of the REDDI project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the contract with Tom Comitta of Thomas Comitta Associates, to work with the Planning Commission in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia reported the department received over 100 calls over bike weekend. He will present a written report at the next council meeting. The cooperation was great between the local bars and police department. Chief Garcia noted the radios didn't work properly causing concern for the officers' safety.

Mr. Peterson commented police presence was very good during bike week.

Mr. Streeter stressed the need to do something about the police radios.

Ms. Smith mentioned the town looked nice over the weekend and expressed her thanks to the highway department.

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

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary