

COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2002

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: John Eline, Bill Monahan, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Holly Giles, Bob Miller and Mayor Troxell. Jamie Fleet and Brain Allen were out of town. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Sgt. McKinney, Parking Manager Little, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historical Preservation Officer Powell and Rec Director Weikert.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Times and Stacey Ward of the Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the February 11, 2002 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter opened the meeting and reported that Council held an Executive Session on February 28 to discuss the Adams County Housing Authority litigation.

Citizens in attendance:

Jim Wego, Lincoln Cemetery Project.

Dave Sites, Realty Leasing & Management Co., requested a zoning change on 4th Street.

In response to Mr. Sites, request, Mr. Weikert indicated that it would be premature for Council to make a decision tonight. According to law, the Planning must review the request and then public hearing must be conducted. Mr. Sites said he would take the request to the Planning Commission as instructed.

Mayor Troxell reported that the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on Monday, March 18.

Mr. Streeter reported on the first quarterly NPS Committee meeting where they discussed the visitor center progress.

Mr. Streeter reported that he had a very productive meeting with the County Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes informed us of the Brown Fields monies that are available.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a Fair Housing Resolution (CDBG). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Dr. Walter Powell as the Fair Housing Officer (CDBG). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve \$163,128 in Fiscal Year 2002 Community Development Block Grant funds to be allocated as follows: \$29,363.04 for the Borough to administer the CDBG Program, \$11,620 to El Centro/The Center for Public Service (after school recreation program), \$10,000 to South Central Community Action Programs for Public Service (the Emerge Program), \$2,000 to the Gettysburg Fire Department for Emergency Pagers, \$75,144.96 to the Gettysburg Borough Recreation Department to reduce debt on the new Recreation Building, and \$35,000 to the Adams County Housing Authority to construct a new community room at the Gettysburg Interfaith Gardens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked Larry Weikert if the Fire Department should receive more funding for pagers what would they do with the extra money. Mr. Weikert responded they would purchase additional pagers with any extra donations.

Mr. Monahan asked Walter Powell if the Recreation Department could apply for CDBG funding again next year.

Mr. Powell responded they would be able to apply again to help reduce the new Recreation Building debt.

Mr. Eline asked about the allocation for the Housing Authority.

Mr. Powell noted that the Housing Authority contended they need the Community Room for added space for the residents.

Mr. Monahan asked what the difference is between Howard Court (located behind the funeral home) and Interfaith Gardens (along Stratton Street).

Mr. Powell noted these two buildings are not connected. Howard Court already has a community room, therefore, they wish to construct a community room at Interfaith Gardens.

After the discussion concerning various CDBG requests, Council adopted the CDBG budget motion unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to notify the Lincoln Cemetery Association that council is receptive to the idea of accepting the ownership of Lincoln Cemetery, should the Association decide on that course of action, and further, should the Association obtain clear title to the property. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reporting for the Community Development Committee, noted that Cathy Cresswell of Adams County Economic Development Corp. (ACEDC) attended the meeting to advise Council that she has \$17,000 of the \$30,000 commitment needed to participate in the Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI) program.

Several members met and walked over areas, Stratton Street, Carlisle Street and the College area, which could be eligible for grant monies. Private developers may be interested in participating in this program.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to continue the farmer's market on Lincoln Square 7:00 AM to noon Saturdays beginning April 20. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for next months meeting an ordinance to convert 12 meters to long term on the 2nd block of West Middle and 4 on South Franklin (at Chambersburg St.). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to modify the Redevelopment Act Capital Program (RACP) Grant Budget by eliminating Item E (Historic Pathway Improvements) \$125,000 and Item F (African-American Heritage Projects) \$135,000. These funds, \$260,000, to be budgeted to the parking garage project, bringing that total to \$910,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda for the February 20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to approve HARB consent agenda for the February 27 meeting; old business, Item A; new business Items A,B,C,D,E,F,G,I & J. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve sending Item H, the proposed demolition of 117 York Street, back to HARB for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported the Legislative Committee invited councilors to meet with Representative Maitland and Senator Punt in Harrisburg on Wednesday, March 13.

Mr. Monahan noted a letter would be sent to Straban Township Supervisors thanking them for their support of \$2,000 to the Gettysburg Fire Department for the purchase of pagers.

Ms. Smith reported she attended a women's group breakfast at the AME ZION Church. The Human Relations Committee meeting has been canceled for March.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve a street light in Legion Alley East between East Confederate Avenue and Third Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the April meeting, an ordinance that will permit alcoholic beverages at the Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported that Council will need to consider funding and liability insurance for a skate park to be installed at the Rec park.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Monahan to ratify the Borough's intervention in the Spangler zoning appeal and authorized Catherine J. Gault, Esq. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor and Harry Eastman, Borough Solicitor to defend this appeal of the John Spangler vs. Gettysburg Zoning Hearing Board Case No. 02-S-104. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers Report:

No settlement has been made yet on the police arbitration.

Parking garage bids will be opened on April 30 at the Borough. Construction should begin sometime in June.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration reports for tax years 1997, 2000 & 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. McKinney reported the Chief reviewed the alcohol ordinance for the Rec park and met with his approval.

Sgt. McKinney reported the next P.A.C.T. meeting will be held on March 28 at 7:00 PM. Judge George will be the speaker.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss the litigation concerning the Housing Authority.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary