

COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2002

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Jamie Fleet, John Eline, Bill Monahan, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller and Mayor Troxell. Holly Giles was out of town.. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Parking Manager Little.

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

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

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

Citizens in attendance:

Dave Sites, Realty Leasing & Management Co., requested a zoning change for the Baptist Church property on 4th Street.

Mr. Streeter referred Mr. Sites to the Community Development Committee meeting on Monday, April 22 at 3:00.

Mr. Monahan asked if the new medical building parking area would be completely private or shared with the use of meters. He is concerned with the lack of parking in that area. Mr. Sites indicated that he has asked for a meeting to discuss the parking predominately used for the medical center. He indicated that he needs to make a decision within 60 to 90 days.

Cathy Cresswell, Adams County Economic Development Agency, attended to answer questions, if any, concerning the truck terminal proposal in Straban Township.

Walton Davis, Chairman Planning Commission attended to observe.

Conrad and Carole Richter, 175 Hunters Trail and Kenneth and Judy Caudell, 90 Knights Road attended to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported that he prepared a proclamation for the Latino Youth Leadership Week April 21 through April 28.

Mr. Streeter reported the Legislative Committee will visit legislators in Washington on Thursday, April 18.

Mr. Eline expressed his concern about the proposed letter to Commissioner Weaver in reference to the truck terminal. He offered that opposition would be premature. Some have indicated that the proposal is a "done deal" but in fact the idea is just an exploratory

venture. The company is researching the property to see if it would be suitable for their business. He suggested not sending the letter until further research is complete.

Mr. Fleet noted the Borough has been successful with community partnerships and should be able to work with the Adams County Economic Development Corporation. He is still concerned with potential problems should a truck terminal be developed north along Route 15. He agreed that Council should hold the letter to the Commissioners and let ACEDC complete its work.

Mr. Eline indicated that he too is concerned with the truck traffic in town but we should let ACEDC do their back ground work.

Mr. Streeter noted Council took no action on the letter to Commissioner Tom Weaver.

Moved Mr. Streeter, Seconded Mr. Monahan to approve letter to Jacqueline White, President Dobbin House, approving in concept only her proposal to vacate a portion of Court Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced a Council workshop for Monday, April 15 at 1:00. Agenda will include Keefauver School, Skateboard Park, Youth Center, Gettysburg Municipal Authority, Community Development Block Grants and Pillow Tax.

Mr. Fleet reported the next College Relations Committee will be held at the College on Thursday, April 25 at 3:00.

Mr. Eline reporting the Community Development Committee submitted an application to DCED in the amount of \$20,000 towards the skateboard park..

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Smith to approve a \$500 appropriation to the Latino Youth Leadership Conference April 26th through 28th to sponsor a pizza party for participating youth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported Main Street elected two new members; Patti Lawson, College and Cathy Cresswell, ACEDC.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to approve HARB consent agenda as presented for the March 27 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported that full time employees will be attending a sexual harassment training on April 18 in Dillsburg.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the engineer to advertise bids for the parking garage expansion, bids to be opened on Tuesday, April 30 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance that will permit alcoholic beverages at the Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman presented Council with his status report for review.

Managers report:

He mentioned that all were given a copy of his monthly status report; he would be pleased to answer any questions. He pointed out that Councilors can participate in the sexual harassment training, if they desire.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration reports for tax years 2001(excluding Donald, Gary, Robert and Wendy Glacken),2000, 1999, 1998 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Jeff Sheffer to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority, to fill the vacant position left by the death of William Hutchison. This term will expire in July 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Little reported that Regina Roth would retire on April 30 with 22 years service. He invited all to a short retirement luncheon for Regina on April 30 at noon in council chambers.

Mr. Monahan extended Councils appreciation to the Planning Commission for its comments on the closing of Keefauver School.

Council conducted a brief executive session after which Mr. Streeter announced the purpose was to discuss the matter of Adams County Housing Authority vs. Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County Court of Common Pleas No. 01-S-696.

After the executive session, by the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Fleet, it was approved to authorize the solicitor to forward a letter to the Housing Authority in response to their letter of November 16, 2001. Mr. Allen abstained from the vote.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary