

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM 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 William Troxell. Mr. Bob Miller was out sick. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Director of Planning Walter Powell, Rec Director Beth Corson and Finance Director Mona Overton.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*, Jocelyn Chambers with *WHVR*.

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

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the council minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the special council meeting of August 28<sup>th</sup> as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Gene and Debi Golden, Gettysburg Signs, expressed concerns about not having a national search or any advertising for the Borough Manager position. Mr. Golden noted the Gettysburg Coalition Group would be willing to pay for advertising the position if Council would approve.

Edward Kenney and Cindy Shultz, Sleepy Hollow Ghost Tours, expressed concerns again regarding the sign violations and how damaging it has been to their business.

Ms. Giles noted she thought this was taken care of during the Safety Committee meeting. She asked Manager Lawver what has been done on this matter. Mr. Lawver responded he directed CEO Bea Savage to handle these issues. Ms. Giles instructed the Planning Department to address these complaints by the upcoming weekend.

Mark Metil, P.E., Gannett Fleming, gave a brief presentation updating the Intellectual Transportation System (ITS) traffic improvements for Gettysburg. Mr. Monahan asked if the cameras would be permanently fixed. Mr. Metil responded yes and that the large screens would be along route 30. Mr. Streeter pointed out the Borough has the option to control these.

Chris Seitz, Vice President, Bennett Williams gave a brief update on the RFP draft for the REDDI Project about to be released.

Mr. Monahan pointed out exhibit A, the west side of North Stratton Street is part of the project which was not marked on the plan. The project doesn't need to be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the REDDI project Request for Proposal draft with revisions, which will be presented to Bill Monahan by Friday. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bert Van Essen, Gettysburg Civil War Association, Gettysburg, South Dakota is visiting and presented Council with a painting.

Darlene Brown, Laura Northup, and Dawn Johnson with the Adams County Housing Authority; Chuck Teague, Gettysburg Police Chaplain; Matt Cockburn, Peter Bonfonti and Mollie Back were here to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association will meet on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pike Restaurant. The speakers will be from Chance Enterprises and Keep Adams Green.

Mayor Troxell acknowledged Officer Chris Folster for his exemplary work in reviving a citizen before medical attention arrived.

Mr. Streeter announced a Council Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Streeter announced the October Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. This will need to be re-advertised since it was advertised for Tuesday due to the Monday Holiday.

Mr. Streeter pointed out a letter was received from Attorney Robert Campbell, legal council for the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association regarding the Antique Show fees. The Finance Committee is researching fees charged for events in other locations.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept an amendment to donation agreements with William E. Aldrich pertaining to his donations to the Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet reported the Hazel Alley Group met and is upset that the College has 179 students off campus when the Borough Council approved only a 150 students off campus.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to support Gettysburg College to construct on campus student housing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community Committee will meet on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the USS Gettysburg room. The meeting will need to be re-advertised.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 4-Parking Meter Zones. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 4-Parking in individual parking spaces by changing an area designated for twelve hour parking. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 15- Part 10- Residential Parking Permit System by Designating Additional Residential Parking Permit Areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to pay all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Gettysburg Police and the Gettysburg Non uniformed Employees defined Benefit Pension Plans for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough of Gettysburg and Main Street Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Qually to approve the bid of \$22,230.00 from Derck & Edson of Lititz, PA, to undertake the Elm Street Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Memorandum of Land Development Agreement for the Diggs Monroe development in the amount of \$49,314.20 with the Adams County Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB items A, C, D, & E as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to refer HARB item B, Rod Simpson, 65 West High Street, for window alterations back to HARB for reconsideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint John D. Lawver as Borough Manager effective September 12, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles noted all Borough Council members are very pleased with John's work to date as the Borough Manager. Mayor Troxell reiterated Council made a great

decision. Mr. Fleet also said Council always knows where they stand with John. Mr. Monahan pointed out during his years on Council John has always run the highway department very efficiently and always willing to help other departments.

Mr. Qually reported a Residential Development workshop will be presented by the Penn State Cooperative Extension on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Adams County Agriculture Center from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Solicitor Eastman reported an extension has been granted for the proposed flexible residential development of Times Square II, LLC until November 30, 2006. A public hearing will need to be scheduled at a later date.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Giles to award John Milner Associates of West Chester, PA to complete an archeological dig for the Diggs Monroe project at a cost of \$37,609. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the release of the bond for \$1,507 that was held for the Chapel Field project until final completion of sidewalk repairs. After Council discussion both withdrew their motion until the next Council meeting.

Ms. Giles announced the Wine Festival was a great success, waiting to hear from the Chamber with final figures.

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary