

SEPTEMBER 9, 1991
COUNCIL MEETING

President Frazee called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with all of Council present. Also in attendance: Mayor Linn, Chief Gantz, Mr. Oyler, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Lawver, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little, Linda Filer, and Dr. Powell. Bill Walker represented Gettysburg College and Roger Robinson representing the Hotel.

The Agenda was approved as presented.

The August Council minutes were approved as corrected and the August 22 Special Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens in Attendance:

Jack Thrush was here to observe.

Mr. Schmitt reporting for the Property Committee discussed the Library proposal. Feels that the Borough does need more adequate office space but uncertain about effect on budget. Council should also be considering the restrooms at the parking deck. Concerned with public opinion and the millage rate.

Mr. Frazee read the contract for the agreement of sale. The library must give marketable title as the deed and current Library name are different.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Simpson to ratify Library contract as modified with addition in paragraph 3 to read conveying a marketable title. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken. YEA: Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Eline, Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Witt and Mr. Ditzler. NAY: Mr. DeHaas. Motion passed.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Witt to pay all bills and payrolls. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Simpson reported that the Highway Committee met on August 28 and will be meeting again on November 27. Fall leaf cleanup and brush pick up will take place in October.

Mr. Ditzler reported for the Safety Committee citizens concerned with vehicles not obeying the speed limit, and truck traffic on Springs Avenue. Chief Gantz will review these problems.

Council instructed Mr. Oyler to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance and the Building Number Ordinance for the October meeting.

Mr. Oyler noted that the Flood Plain Ordinance must have some changes made that are required by the Law.

Mr. Murphy reporting on sidewalks mentioned that he feels the Borough should take care of sidewalk maintenance. This would alleviate patch work not done properly. Council should consider this for the future but continue this year with the residents repairing the sidewalks.

Mr. Murphy reporting for the Tree Commission that forester Craig Keeran examined the oak tree in the Bender quadrant and feels the tree is in shock. It will be watered and fertilized. Also concerned with Borough wide tree maintenance. Council should consider taking on the normal tree maintenance. This could be accomplished with part time workers who would mulch, fertilize, and prune the existing trees.

Mrs. Simpson asked about the trees that hang over the sidewalks. Mr. Weikert will send notices to the owners for compliance with our ordinance.

Mr. Murphy noted that the Borough should budget some funds for shade trees in 1992. Also the Shade Tree Commission will meet again on Monday, September 30 at 4:00 PM.

Mrs. Daniels noted that the Recycling Ordinance is not ready for advertising for adoption next month. Recycling containers have been ordered and they should be here in a few weeks.

Moved Mrs. Daniels, seconded Mr. Schmitt to reappoint Jane Jones to the Recreation Board representing Straban Township. This will be a five year term and will expire in September 1996. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Daniels reported that Bill Leedy's term is expiring and is unsure if he wants reappointed. He will advise us before the next meeting.

Mrs. Daniels reported that HARB still needs recommendations to replace Bill Frassanito's unexpired term. An advertisement has been placed in the Gettysburg Times.

Mr. Frazee reporting for the Parking Committee that they denied the request from Roger Robinson for a bike rack to be placed near the Hotel. Anne Faber's request that during inclement weather she be permitted to park in front of the tax office has been approved. North Franklin Street will be included in the RPP Program but South Franklin Street will remain metered.

Moved Mrs. Simpson, seconded Mrs. Daniels to approve adding both sides of North Franklin Street to the RPP Program. Motion Carried.

Mr. Eline noted that all of East Broadway should not be in the RPP Program.

Managers Report

1. Issue of widening Race Horse Alley from Washington Street to Buford Avenue. College has agreed to donating the eight feet along the Ice House Property, but will require demolition of the frame house on Washington Street.
2. The work on Lincoln Square is not progressing as well as planned. The contractor is not moving as quickly as he should.

3. Retired Chief of Police Russ Potter requested a cost of living increase in his monthly pension benefit. Will report at the October Council meeting on the details.
4. October Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 15th due to Monday holiday.
5. Personnel Committee will need to meet to determine salaries for 1992.
6. Reported on the progress of police contract negotiations. A counter proposal was submitted to the police but negotiations have reached a stalemate. The next step is binding arbitration.

Dr. Powell gave a brief history on the old Library building. He noted that CDBG funds would be available for if handicapped accessibility.

Mr. Lawver reported that the major alley paving is completed but some patch work still needs done. Brush pickup will begin in October although if anyone would like to drop off brush may do so at the Highway shed.

Mr. Lawver noted that the Kiwanis sign will now be in front of Murphy's instead of Benders.

Ms. Filer noted that persons desiring to use park facilities must schedule with her office.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Simpson seconded the Act 537 planning modules for land development for the Eagle's club on Fifth Street be approved. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mrs. Simpson to approve the reports of the Treasurer, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, and Parking Department. Motion Carried.

Moved Mrs. Daniels, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve HARB "consent agenda" which includes A,B,C,D,E and G; Tabled were F and H. Motion Carried.

Mr. Witt mentioned that he feels the Hotel picture in the Council Chambers should be removed now that work is completed.

Moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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