

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 1996

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, John Eline, Jay Schmitt, Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles and Charles Woodward. Leonard Andrews and Richard Kreisher were absent. Also in attendance were: Manager Sterner, Mayor Linn, Solicitor Oyler, Chief Gantz, Parking Manager Little, Main Street Director Persson, Main Street Representatives John Murphy, Frank Sapp, Tim Crosby, B.J. Small, Bob Weikert and Andy Larson, Matt Major of the Gettysburg Times and Lisa Leoffler of the Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the minutes of September 9 as presented. Motion carried.

### Citizens in Attendance:

Ted Talbert, The Antique Center, Lincoln Square, extended a thank you to the police department for the smooth handling of the ProLife Demonstration that took place downtown.

Milton Moyer of P.A.C.T invited Council to the next meeting scheduled for October 24 in Council Chambers.

Suzanne and Lester Merkey, 131 South Washington Street attended for HARB approval of their garage.

Karl Mattson, Director to the Center for Public Service, Gettysburg College, read a letter to Council to express his concerns at how the police department handled the Fiesta on September 22. The Police closed down the Annual Latino and Farmworker Festival. For future events the Public Service Department along with the police department should work together and resolve the problems before the particular event takes place.

Chief Gantz responded that the band did not respond to police requests to lower the volume, and with noise complaints from all over town and not just the area of the event, they had no choice but to ask the band to discontinue. The department would like to work with the College in the future so they can resolve any problems beforehand.

Bob Weikert, Main Street President, presented a check to Council for \$10,000. They project to pay off their debt to the Borough by the year 2000. Main Street is planning more projects, fundraisers and another membership drive. Representatives of Main Street will attend the Community Development meetings to keep Council updated.

Mayor Linn reported that he attended the Boroughs Association meeting in September.

Mayor Linn announced that Halloween will be on October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve HARB "consent agenda" of September 25. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the following properties for special recognition at the Council meeting in November: The Pub in Lincoln Square, The "Schriver House" on Baltimore Street, 223 Baltimore Street (the former Municipal Authority office), The James Gettys Hotel on Chambersburg Street, and The Brick House Bed and Breakfast at 452-454 Baltimore Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve The Lincoln Diner for special recognition at the Council meeting in November. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve The Frederick Douglass project on West High/Franklin Streets for special recognition at the Council meeting in November. Yeas: Mr. Eline, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Troxell, Ms. Giles, Mr. Woodward and Mrs. Simpson. Nays: Mrs. Gustafson.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Eline to approve The Blue Parrot Bistro for special recognition at the Council meeting in November. Ms. Giles abstained from the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Council if they would prefer to hold a meeting before the Council meets to discuss the sign ordinance proposals. Several responded that Council attends the Public Hearings when needed, that another special meeting would not be necessary.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt an Ordinance to permit parking on the north side of Race Horse Alley from Stratton Street to a point 66 feet east thereof by fire and emergency personnel only when answering calls. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the Safety Committee announced that Brand Briggs was hired as a full-time police officer effective December 1, 1996. The Committee discussed the traffic changes that would need to be made in early 1997 when the new traffic signal system is installed. The Borough Solicitor would need to prepare the ordinance changes for Fourth Street and Liberty Street.

Mr. Eline expressed his concern with the changes at Fourth Street and asked Council to hold this request for another month so he could review the traffic changes with residents.

Mr. Woodward reported that a Recreation Director has not been hired yet. Interviews are still being held.

Mr. Sterner reported that Mr. Andrews invited Representative Stephen Maitland to attend the Legislative Committee meeting on October 29 at 4:00.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Gettysburg Municipal Authority flood plain revision at the sewer treatment plant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sterner will contact Larry Haines at the Game Commission to discuss the procedure in trapping skunks and other unwanted animals and will report next month of his findings.

Mr. Eline reported that Catherine Creswell, Adams County Economic Development Director will attend the Community Development meeting held on October 23 at 4:00.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to pay all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troxell reported that he would be attending the PSAB fall conference on October 18 through the 20th.

**Managers report:**

Presented a proposal from Chance Management Advisors for study of the church parking proposal, cost \$9,400. A meeting will be scheduled in November with the United Methodist, Episcopal and St. Francis Church to discuss this further.

South Central Regional Summit is scheduled for November 13. Mr. Eline and Mr. Troxell would like to attend.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt the proposal for appointments to Boards and Commissions. Motion carried unanimously.

The Borough received \$47,000 from PHEMA for flood reimbursement

A finance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. to review the budget.

Charlie will be visiting Gettysburg, South Dakota October 23 through October 29 and participating in the Governor's annual Pheasant Hunt.

Chief Gantz reported that the police department received a \$15,000 COPS grant. He has also applied for a grant for computers.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Weaver  
Borough Secretary