

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2001

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Giles, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Fleet and Mayor Troxell. Mr. Andrews was absent. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Rec Manager Crouse, Highway Superintendent Lawver and Main Street Director Trostle.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Stacey Ward of the Evening Sun and Max Stevens with WGET Radio.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting minutes of December 11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Ronald Hankey, Adams County National Bank, thanked Council and all staff that were assisted with the placement of the clock on the square. On behalf of the bank he presented Council with a letter of thanks and a replica of the clock for Council chambers. He also noted that the bank will sponsor the fireworks again next year for New Years Eve.

John Horner, portraying his ancestor civil war SGT. Hugh Paxton, presented each of Council with a book he wrote about the Paxton's part in the Wills House, specifically that he was Lincoln's guard during his November 1863 visit to Gettysburg.

Ross Hetrick, owner of Coffee Shop, East Middle Street, is concerned about Council increasing the parking fine rates. He feels this will discourage people from coming to the downtown area. He also expressed his disappointment about the library funding that was canceled from the budget.

Olivia Campbell attended representing the College.

Bob Sharrah, Atty. Gary Hartman, Mark Cropp, and Scott Hartman attended to hear the progress on the medical building proposal, specifically to hear Councils recommendation on vacating several alleys.

Dennis Sullivan attended to support his request for the Third Street property.

Mayor Troxell reported the Boroughs Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 15 at 6:30 at the Family Restaurant. The South Central Assembly has requested the \$200 dues which is approved in the 2001 budget.

Mr. Eline announced that he has scheduled a workshop meeting with Gettysburg Municipal Authority on January 29 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption in February, an amendment to the RPP ordinance placing the south side of the third block of West Middle Street in the RPP program (across from Kennie's Market). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee will meet on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Monahan reported the Legislative Committee will meet on Thursday, February 8 to accommodate Representative Maitland who will be attending to update Council. Mr. Monahan reported the Committee is planning a visit with Congressman Platts and Barbara Hafer, dates to be determined later.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Monahan to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption in February the required ordinances to vacate and/or relocate Dobbin Alley and Hospital Alley. President Eline abstained because of his involvement with the hospital. YEA: Ms. Giles, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Woodward.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the Solicitor to prepare the necessary legal paperwork for the Borough to obtain ownership of a 40 feet wide right of way on Third Street from East Middle south to Legion Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher announced that he will submit his resignation effective February 12, due to moving out of the Borough. All of Council commended Mr. Kreisher for his work on Council. They noted that he will be missed and very hard to replace.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Development Committee will meet on Monday, January 22. The CRIS meeting will be later in the month, date to be announced. He asked Mr. Trostle to report of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Trostle reported a meeting of the prospective partners to implement the Interpretive Plan will meet on Friday, January 26 at 2:00 in the Eisenhower Room of the Library. The Steering Committee will meet if necessary.

Mr. Woodward reported P.A.C.T. will meet the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be January 25 at 7:00 PM.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Streeter to adopt the ordinance amending the Non-Uniformed Pension Document to eliminate the 2% employee contribution effective January 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the amendments to the parking ordinance that will increase hourly fees for parking at the Race Horse Alley Garage to .40 per hour 24 hours per day and monthly fees to \$30.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the amendments to the parking ordinance that will increase fines for meter violations to \$10.00, \$5.00 if paid within 24 hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the amendments to the parking ordinance that will lower the minimum requirement to "boot" vehicles to 5 outstanding parking tickets. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported that HARB will change their meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be January 17 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Murphy presented Council with a draft Capital Projects budget and time line. Council discussed this proposal at length. All agreed that much work and input from all Councilors will be needed to determine projects that will be included.

Mr. Fleet asked why the Finance Committee didn't approve the Keystone Opportunity Zone. He suggested that it be examined again as a possible solution to the vacant Giant building on West Street. Manager Sterner replied that a KOZ required, at minimum, 10 acres of land.

Mr. Monahan reminded all that the college relations committee will meet on Thursday, January 25 at 3:00.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to appoint Edward Puhl as Chair of the Vacancy Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner noted that he would arrange for Council to take a tour of the Wills House in the near future.

After reporting that we received two requests for appointment to the County Planning Commission, it was moved by Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to recommend to the County Commissioners that Barbara Benton be appointed to the County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration reports for tax years 1996 and 1997 with the exception of 1998, Leslie Laughman, who lives at 313 York Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to accept the following re-appointments:

to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, Ralph Sorenson for a five year term that will expire December 2005;

Board of Code Enforcement Appeals, Stephen Snyder for a five year term which will expire April 2005;

Property Maintenance Appeals Board, Craig Showvaker for a 2 year term expiring December 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Gantz noted the Safety Committee and Public Works meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 16 due to the Monday Holiday.

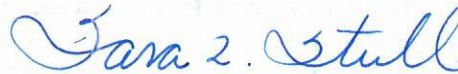
Mrs. Crouse submitted the Rec Department's annual report.

Mr. Fleet asked Mrs. Crouse to attend the Community Development meeting to ask for more CDBG funding for the Capital Projects Building Fund.

Sterner reported Parking Manager Little is still out on medical leave. He continues to progress but his doctors haven't released him to return to work.

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary