

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles, John Eline, Charles Woodward and Jay Schmitt. Richard Kreisher and Leonard Andrews were not present. Manager Sterner and Code Enforcement officer Weikert were absent due to illness. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Solicitor Oyler, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Christopher, Parking Manager Little, Stacey Schmiedl of Gettysburg College, Terry Burger of the Evening Sun and Mike Smith of the Gettysburg Times.

Citizens in attendance:

Eric Shanoltz, 220 Ridge Avenue, Council candidate from the Third Ward, observing meeting.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of April 14th as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Troxell, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve the Minutes of April 14th, after adding to the adopted ordinances on the first page that they were recommended by the Safety Committee on March 17th. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacey Schmiedl announced the upcoming events being held at the college. Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 18th, with Bill Cosby as their speaker and a fireworks display will be held on May 30th.

Mayor Linn reported that he attended a breakfast meeting with Representative Stephen Maitland. The meeting was very informative. He also reported on a meeting with local representatives considering the trip to Gettysburg, South Dakota in August. Several have already committed to attending their Civil War Heritage Days including Mayor Linn, Manager Sterner, HPO Powell, and WGET.

Mr. Troxell reported that the portrait of Eisenhower has arrived from the National Park that was on loan to them. It looks very nice but we need to determine the best place to hang it.

Mrs. Gustafson reviewed the HARB minutes. As lengthy discussion followed on the proposed addition to St. James Lutheran Church and the demolition of the church office at 109 York Street. Dr. Powell reviewed the drawings as submitted to HARB.

Ms. Giles noted that she believed Council should have been informed before tonight that St. James would be demolishing a building. Council should have been more informed before making this final decision.

Mrs. Simpson also indicated that she too would prefer a presentation of the final plans before making a commitment. Council would like more time to review this so they can better answer questions that may come up from citizens.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB "consent agenda" items A, B, D, F and G of the April 23rd meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB item #I, St. James proposal. Mrs. Gustafson rescinded this motion.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to table HARB item #I, St. James proposal until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Simpson ask if Gary Shaffer, HARB Chairman, could attend next months Council meeting to give a presentation on the St. James Church proposal. Dr. Powell will make that arrangement.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Council to review the Draft Sign Ordinance that was included with their packets.

Mrs. Gustafson announced that she was asked to represent Council on the Gettysburg College Landscape Master Plan. Mr. Dave Barbour will be contacting John Lawver to invite the highway crew to attend the workshop on pruning trees at the College.

Ms. Giles reported for the Safety Committee that Chief Gantz is working on rewriting the Ordinance for transient sales and special events. Refer to the Safety Committee minutes for other information.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Troxell to nominate Joy Bowden to the Recreation Board to fulfill the term of Lois Lovett. This term will expire in September 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Troxell, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint Ramona Overtor to the planning commission. This term will expire in December 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Simpson reported that Commissioner Stokes and Bicky Redman will be meeting with Council on May 29th at 4:00.

Mr. Eline reported for the Community Development Committee that the CDBG applications have been filed. A reply could come by July or August. Also the RFP's have been sent to interested parties for the site preparation work for the former Brandon Trailer Court property. The Committee discussed the status of Kennie's Markets and the desire to keep the store in the Borough for the benefit of our citizens.

Ms. Giles suggested that Council be very involved in the process of the Giant Store move. to be more aggressive in our attempts to keep Giant or Kennies open for citizens. She feels Council must do as much as possible and get the public involved.

Mr. Eline will contact P.K. Hoover of Kennie's Market and also a representative from Giant to attend the next Community Development meeting.

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

Mrs. Simpson reported that Mr. Patti has not returned any calls made by Manager Sterner. The Realtor has not had any offers to purchase the property. Council authorized Solicitor Oyler to Proceed with the sheriff sale on Mr. Patti's property on Middle Street.

Ms. Weaver reported that the Adams County Borough's Association will be meeting on May 19. The speaker will be Shelley Houck of PASB.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax year 1995. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Persson reported that the Mama Ventura project will soon be complete. This was another loan program arranged by Main Street Gettysburg for funding. Main Street still has interested persons looking in the downtown area to purchase property to open various businesses.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Weaver". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary

