

COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2004

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Fleet, Mr. Eline, Ms. Giles, Mr. Monahan, Ms. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Staff included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Planning Director Powell, Rec Director Corson, Public Works Director Gammell, Finance Director Overton and Admin. Asst. Bush.

Representing the press were Matt Major of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Christina Kristofic of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the November 8th council minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Andrew Manley, 237 Steinwehr Avenue wished all of Council and staff a Merry Christmas.

John Welshonce, 161 Seminary Avenue, expressed his concerns with the proposed changes to the zoning on West Confederate Avenue.

Donald and Joan MacLean, 40 SW Confederate Avenue and Sal and Gail Prezioso, 64 SW Confederate Avenue attended to support the amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Stan Clark and Milton Moyer, Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Stanley Klos, Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania, along with members of his family, to present his ideas for redevelopment of the Legion Building on Baltimore Street.

Mr. Streeter opened the meeting welcoming all present. He reported that the Human Relations Committee will search for and interview interested persons to serve on the various boards and committees. He noted there will be a Council workshop on January 12 at the Gettysburg Hotel.

Mr. Klos briefed Council on his plans to renovate the American Legion Building on Baltimore Street. He is very fond of restoring historic properties and collecting historical documents in which he has a large collection that he has put on loan at several historical institutions. The plans would include a restaurant in the front part of the building and an art gallery in the back portion. The 2nd and 3rd floors he plans to lease

and has approached the county courthouse to see if they would be interested. Plans would include a walkway across Legion Alley to connect the two buildings.

Stan Clark, Memorial Day Committee, asked council to waive all fees associated with the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Streeter referred the committee to attend the Safety Committee meeting.

Courtney Wedge, 315 North Stratton Street, expressed her concerns and opposition to the proposed parking meter rate increases set for 2005.

Mayor Troxell thanked Dr. Powell and Ms. Bush for their extensive work with the Lincoln Museum sale that took place on November 20th.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community Committee would schedule a meeting after the New Year.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize solicitor to advertise for enactment an ordinance amending the Borough Zoning Ordinance to allow no impact home based businesses within all zoning districts where residential use is allowed as a matter of right. Motion carried. YEA: Ms. Giles, Mr. Eline, Mr. Fleet, Ms. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Peterson. Mr. Monahan abstained.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize solicitor to advertise for enactment an ordinance amending the Borough Zoning map for purpose of creating a new R-1A Preservation Residential District in an area along West Confederate Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough of Gettysburg to enter into an Option Agreement with Parkville Properties for the purchase of certain real property with improvements thereon situate on North Stratton Street in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania and identified as parcels 125 and 126 on Adams County Tax Map 7 at a purchase price of \$1,800,000.00 with an option fee to be paid to Parkville Properties of \$100,000.00 upon execution and delivery of the Option Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline noted Main Street is using a grant writer, which could be of assistance with the Train Station project. The Main Street Board is reviewing pay scales and benefits for their employees.

Ms. Giles noted the Safety Committee would meet at 2:00, prior to their regular meeting to discuss the issue of signs with the little league. Ms. Giles asked the solicitor to review the Ordinance pertaining to alcohol usage at the Rec Park.

Ms. Giles reported the resignation of Police Officer Dawn Gartrell. Dawn was a terrific officer serving with the department for ten years.

Manager Sterner recommended that Council postpone hiring a replacement officer until the police union arbitration is completed so that we may have a better idea of the cost in 2005. He continued that it will take the Civil Service Commission several months to plan and conduct a test. The Commission can begin that process in the meantime.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to instruct the Civil Service Commission to conduct a test for a new police officer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to adopt the 2005 Borough Budget in the amount of \$4,278,960. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles expressed her concerns on the increased parking meter rate included in this budget. She opinioned that it is an unfair burden to the downtown business.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an ordinance fixing the Real Estate Tax rate at 12.38 mils and the Occupation Tax at 30 mils for the Fiscal Year 2005 (no increase on either tax). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Motion carried Unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption an ordinance that will enact the new EMS Tax at \$52 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced a special meeting to be conducted on Wednesday, December 29 at 10:00 AM to consider the EMS Tax Ordinance.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize the Manager to negotiate a purchase of the land at the Parking Garage, now owned by PNC Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve a 3.81 per cent cost of living increase (COLA) for retired police officer Rodney Ashman effective October 1, 2004 to be paid from the Borough's Police Pension Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB items A, C, & D as presented for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to approve HARB item B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported the Shade Tree Committee would meet on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM

Manager Sterner opened the Railroad Street and Baltimore Street materials bids for bricks, concrete and streetlights. One bid was received from Hagemeyer for Lighting in the amount of \$19,036.11 but there was no bid bond included. Two bids were received from Hanover Architectural for bricks; Railroad Street in the amount of \$14,077 and Baltimore Street in the amount of \$12,852. The streetlights and concrete will need to be re-advertised. The engineers and solicitor would review bids received and report to Council at their special council meeting on December 29.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Eichelberger-Sthale charity list for the annual Christmas donation. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1997 and 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Giles to amend the Train Station TEA budget to provide for a larger percentage of the design development costs. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Mr. Miller moved, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary