

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2007**

President Theodore Streeter called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holliday Giles, Mr. William Monahan, Mr. John Murphy, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Robert Miller, Mr. Michael Birkner and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Chief Joseph Dougherty, Finance Director Ramona Overton

Others present included John Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch and Robert DeFayette, 100 King Street.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Matt Casey representing the *Evening Sun*

Moved Ms. Giles seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve hiring Brian Weikert full time as a probationary police officer with a start date of December 23, 2007; compensation, benefits, insurance and equipment as listed in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller, to approve ratification of reconciliation agreement between Marilyn J. Phillips, PhD and the Borough of Gettysburg for Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC); complaints No. 200505895 (Borough Office) and No. 200503803 (Railroad Street). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reviewed written request from Mr. DaFayette regarding his questions and concerns with the proposed 2008 budget. A copy of his concerns is attached.

Ms. Overton gave a brief review of the proposed budget outlining the highlighted areas that were changed since their last budget workshop meeting.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt the proposed 2008 borough budget in the amount of \$4,500,534.00 and advertise for adoption at the Special Council meeting Friday, December 28, 2007 at 4:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve an ordinance fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2008 at 14.38 mils and the occupation tax rate at 30 mils. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reported he would advertise the budget for review to the public for 30 days and also the special meeting on December 28th.

With no further business to come before Council moved, Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary