

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING
36 West Allen Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257

July 6, 2006

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

President Whitcomb called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Whitcomb led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with the following present: President Whitcomb, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen Humes, McDermott, Ryder, Seagrism, and Stoner, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrism, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Mayor Ritter and Jr. Councilperson Nauss were absent.

Also in attendance: Cress – Sentinel, Ron Adams, Nancy Hanlon and Jack Neibert.

GUESTS:

Merri Lou Schaumann, Cumberland Valley Visitor's Bureau, addressed the Council on the new visitor's guide that the Bureau just released.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough added the following:

- ◆ Authorization to disburse the civic allocations in the 2006 budget.
- ◆ Discussion and declaration of 431 West Simpson as a public nuisance.
- ◆ Discussion and possible action on one way request for King Alley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the agenda, with additions. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough indicated the following items were received:

- A letter was received from Susan Florentine requesting that her handicapped parking space at 47 West Keller Street be designated for use with their handicapped placard, rather than a specific vehicle.
- A letter was received from Hampden Township thanking the Borough of their cooperation during the recent Hootie and the Blowfish concert at the NSA-Mechanicsburg depot.
- A PSAB update was received on a variety of topics including, Tenant Registration, EMS Tax, and NIMS training.
- A letter from Senator Vance, which she received from PennDOT indicating that the Elmwood Avenue Shepardstown Road intersection does not meet the warrants for a four way stop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion. Councilman Seagrism asked that the minutes be amended to include the words flat rate plus water consumption, under the section discussing the change in sewer rate structure and that the date in the heading on the second page be corrected. After discussion, Solicitor Schorpp indicated that he felt the content of the minutes as presented was accurate. Councilman Ryder indicated that he agrees with Councilman Seagrism, because residents will be billed \$65.00, even if there is no consumption. Manager Stough stated that a flat rate indicated all bills were the same rate, which he felt was misleading. After some additional discussion, Councilman Ryder withdrew this motion and Vice President Winchell withdrew his second. Councilman Seagrism then made a motion to amend the minutes to read base rate plus water

consumption, and change the date in the heading on the pages. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to approve minutes as amended. The motion passed with all in favor.

Councilman Humes asked if a copy of the amended minutes from June 6th were distributed. Manager Stough indicated that he would put copies in Council packets this week.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts reported that the Department received a letter of commendation from the South Central Pennsylvania Highway Safety Coalition for participation the Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

No Report

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

No Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development – Humes – No report

Environmental & Recycling – Ryder – Councilman Ryder stated that the Environmental Council met this evening and discussed the use of alternative fuels. Also discussed was the pollution from truck traffic downtown. Chief Spotts reported that he has an Officer doing truck inspection about five days per month, weather permitting.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell – No report.

Fire Committee –Ryder – Councilman Ryder distributed minutes from the last Fire Committee meeting. He stated that NIMS training is scheduled for July 12th. He stated that the Fire Companies are interested in having 3Mtransponders for the preemption devices. Manager Stough indicated that there is money to place the devices on the traffic signals; however, there is not money in the funding to put the required devices in the trucks. He indicated this would need to be discussed for the 2007 budget. The next Fire Committee meeting will be September 20, 7 PM.

Health/Recreation –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported on upcoming Recreation Commission meetings scheduled from July 11th and August 8th at 7:30 PM. He also reported the Joint Recreation Commission will meet on August 31st at Elmwood Elementary. Councilman Seagrist will be setting up another meeting to discuss the pool with Upper Allen Township. Manager Stough reported that an additional \$50,000 in grant funding will be coming from the County for the pool project.

Highway/Public Safety – Stoner – Councilman Stoner reported that he talked to Anna Stough regarding her handicapped parking space and she would like to retain her space, but will not be driving. Discussion followed on the other existing handicapped spaces and if the applicants all had driver's licenses. After discussion Manager Stough indicated that staff will prepare a spreadsheet for Council showing the existing parking spaces, if the applicant drives and has a placard or license plate and if off-street parking is available. Council will add this to the agenda for the next meeting in two weeks.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – No report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Humes – No report.

Property/Buildings –Stoner – No report.

Public Communications – McDermott - Councilman McDermott reported August 18th is the deadline for the fall newsletter and he is planning to include a resident survey and questions will be needed before the August 15th council meeting, so they can be approved by Borough Council.

School Board- Ryder – No report.

W.S.C.O.G – McDermott – Councilman McDermott will provide a list of suggested name changes for the West Shore COG to Council members to review. The COG will vote on a name change at their July meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS – July 6, 2006

- ◆ **Consider award of bid for the installation of sewer lines on Elmwood and Maplewood.**
Manager Stough reviewed the bid results with Borough Council, noting that the bids came in under the amount anticipated for the project. Ron Adams, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, was available to answer any questions from Borough Council. He gave Borough Council an overview of the proposed work. Manager Stough asked Borough Council to award this bid to Marks Contracting, LTD of Lebanon, PA for Parts A, B and C in the amount of \$293,965 and not to award Alternate 1 for paving. After some discussion on paving, Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Humes to award Parts A, B and C to Marks Contracting LTD in the amount of \$293,965. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 09-2006 for the Sewage Facilities Planning Module**
Ron Adams advised Borough Council that the Planning Module has been on public display at the Borough Office for the past thirty days, as required, and no public comments were received. Manager Stough noted that the Planning Module was sent to the Borough and County Planning Commission for review as required. Vice President Winchell made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to adopt Resolution 09-2006 approving the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Authorization to accept the 902 Grant award in the amount of \$19,080 for legal and engineering costs associated with the joint compost construction project.**
Manager Stough reviewed the grant award. Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to accept the 902 grant award for \$19,080 for legal and engineering fees for the Joint Compost Facility. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Authorization to accept the 902 Grant Award in the amount of \$12,950 for recycling receptacles in the downtown area.**
Manager Stough reviewed the grant award with Borough Council. Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to accept the 902 grant award for placement of permanent recycling receptacles in the downtown area. Councilman Seagrist asked if the containers could be bid out by COG as maybe other municipalities have been awarded similar grant. Manager Stough noted that Mechanicsburg was the only municipality in Cumberland County that received grant funding in this round of 902 grants. After some additional discussion, President Whitcomb called for a vote and the motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing release of the Civic Allotments budgeted for 2006.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Winchell, to authorize release of the Civic Allotments allocated in the 2006 budget. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider declaring the property at 431 West Simpson Street a public nuisance.**
Manager Stough reviewed the details of the property maintenance code violations at this location and the enforcement action taken to date with Borough Council. He provided Borough Council with pictures of the violations requiring abatement. Discussion followed on the matter, after which Vice President Winchell made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to deem the property at 431 West Simpson Street a public nuisance and take what ever steps are available to abate the problems at this location. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on making King Alley a one way street.**
Councilman Stoner opened the floor for discussion on the matter, stating that he spoke with Craig Yinger at the Highway Department and they are proposing the church erect signs at the parking lot entrances onto the alley directing parishioners to exit both parking lots by turning right onto the alleyway. Councilman Ryder stated that will not help if traffic is coming down the alleyway towards High Street from Frederick Street. President Whitcomb stated that he feels the alley should be one way from Frederick to High Street. Much discussion followed on the pro's and cons of making changes to the flow of traffic at this location. After much discussion, President Whitcomb suggested that the Public Safety Committee schedule a meeting with church representatives and neighboring property owners to discuss the matter and then come back to Council for additional action, if required. Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to table this matter for

additional review of the Public Safety Committee, with input from the Church and property owners. The motion passed with six in favor. Councilman Ryder abstained from the vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40 PM Council recessed to Executive Session on a matter of real estate and potential litigation, with possible action.

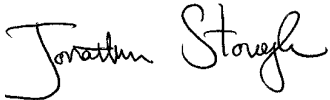
At 8:52 PM Council reconvened the public meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vice President Winchell indicated that he would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting and Police Pension Committee meeting on July 17th at 8:30 AM. Manager Stough stated that staff will advertise the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:55 PM, Councilman Humes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryder to adjourn the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary