

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

November 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, Jr. Councilperson Nauss, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrism, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer.

Also in attendance Cress- Sentinel; Bob Dietrich, Gary Golden, Brad Nauss, Jack Neibert, Mark Winger

GUESTS:

There were none

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Gary Golden, 116 East Coover Street, addressed Borough Council regarding his concern over the increase in the sewer and refuse bills over the past four years. He stated that his bill has increased 100% which is exorbitant. President Whitcomb stated that he knows that some people have had increases but the Borough system is old and in need of repairs to meet the new DEP mandates. Vice President Winchell stated that he read an article that stated DEP is making changes to the legislation regarding nitrogen compliance. Manager Stough stated he would pass along any information as soon as it became available.

Mark Winger, 801 Apple Drive, state that he has been a resident of Mechanicsburg Area since 1935 and admired the frugal management style of Borough Council on financial matters. He then explained that he works hard to conserve water and lives alone, but was impacted by the recent sewer rate structure change as he is a gardener and raises roses as a hobby. He asked Council to make allowances for gardeners and residents using water to maintain their gardens and properties. He suggested an annual average usage be used to calculate the billing.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough added the following:

- ◆ Manager Stough added discussion and possible action on Ordinance 1087 amending the EMS Tax Ordinance.
- ◆ Manager Stough added award of the demolition bid for 240 West Simpson Street.
- ◆ Chief Spotts added correction of the date on the 1st United Methodist Church event to November 22nd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough stated had no correspondence.

Councilman Seagrism asked if any grant money was available for the Elmwood/Maplewood Sewer Project. Manager Stough stated he was awaiting a response back from Tom Fields at the Redevelopment Authority.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006 Borough Council meeting as presented. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported that the fence at the Compost Site will be installed next week and he is hoping to have a ribbon cutting, possibly the week of Thanksgiving. He also reported that the Elmwood/Maplewood sewer project is moving

forward, with all the easements in place. He also asked Borough Council to think about the possibility of use the reverse bid processes to accept bids for the purchase of a generator for the municipal center. He expressed his concern that a generator is not in place to run the computers for the Police in the event of an emergency. More information on the possible generator purchase to follow.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

October 18th – Guest of the Mechanicsburg Middle School for the Month of the Young Adolescent. A breakfast was held to showcase to community leaders the accomplishments of our students.

October 22nd – Mechanicsburg Area School District held an Open House at Upper Allen and Shepherdstown Elementary Schools to present the newly renovated elementary buildings to the Mechanicsburg Community.

October 23rd – Welcomed 15 English exchange students to the Borough of Mechanicsburg.

October 25th – delivered a retirement proclamation from the Mayor's Office to Captain David Higgins, US Navy at his retirement ceremony.

October 31st – Swore Timothy L Troup into the Mechanicsburg Fire Police.

November 3rd – Participated in First United Methodist's family night to benefit Little Friends School.

November 4th – The Mayor was honorary chairperson at a pasta dinner sponsored by the Carlisle and Mechanicsburg Vietnam Veterans held at St. Patrick's in Carlisle.

Upcoming – Mechanicsburg Area Veterans Council will be hosting a Veterans' Day Service at the Mechanicsburg Cemetery Saturday November 11th at 11 AM.

The November 13th Crime Watch guest speakers will be the Little Theater of Mechanicsburg, sounds like fund.

Trivia Question: The Washington Fire Company originally was build three stories tall. It is now two stories tall, why?

Answer: Originally it was built with a soft brick and was failing, so it was re-built with glazed brink in 1905.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Letters of commendation were received for Officers Anthony (two), Vincent and Curtis for exemplary performance of duty.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist had no report

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Nauss reported:

- ◆ The 1st marking period ended last Thursday.
- ◆ Fall sports are all over but Boys Soccer as they are in the Mid Penn Champion games.
- ◆ High school students are helping out at polling places tomorrow.
- ◆ The High School play will be held Friday and Saturday evenings.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development– Humes – Councilman Humes reported that the Planning Commission is moving forward with meetings on the Comprehensive Plan, with one meeting left for public input. On October 20th Eckels Drugstore was the site of a workshop on business financing sponsored by the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority and Main Street Mechanicsburg. Councilman Humes showed Council members a booklet distributed outlining financing opportunities for new business, including the Mechanicsburg Commercial Loan Program. Monday October 23rd members of the PA Planning Association visited Mechanicsburg while attending their annual conference. This visit was arranged by Ed LeClear and Chris Knarr of the Borough's Planning Commission.

Environmental Committee- Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported next Monday evening at 6:30 PM the Environmental Advisory Council will meet. On Tuesday November 14th at 6 PM the Recycling Committee will meet.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell – Vice President Winchell noted that the Finance Committee met to review the proposed 2007 General Fund Budget on October 25th & 27th.

Fire Committee –Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the Fire Committee will meet on November 15th

Health/Recreation –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that the next Recreation Commission meeting will be held November 14th 7 PM and the December meeting will be held on the 12th at 7:30 PM. The Joint Recreation Commission will meet on November 30th Elmwood Elementary. Councilman Seagrist then asked the Solicitor for direction on the proposed agreement with Upper Allen Township for joint operation of the Mechanicsburg Area Community Swimming Pool. Councilman Seagrist also asked Manager Stough what the zoning district was for Memorial Park. Manager Stough indicated he would look at the Zoning map following the meeting.

Highway/Public Safety – Stoner – No report.

Loan Review Committee - Humes – No report.

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

Property/Buildings – Stoner – No Report

Public Communications – McDermott - Councilman McDermott reported that he is gathering final information for the next newsletter, which will be out in early December.

School Board- Ryder – Councilman Ryder stated that the School Board will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, so he will be able to start attending meeting again.

W.S.C.O.G – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported next meeting is November 19th.

AGENDA ITEMS – November 6, 2006

- ◆ **Discussion and possible approval of the sixty day time extension offered on the Conditional Use request by T-Mobile for antenna to be added to the existing structure at 43 East Locust Street.**
No action was required at this time.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Mechanicsburg Chamber for “No Parking” signs between Market and Frederick Streets for the carriage rides.**
Chief Spotts reported that even though no parking signs are posted, it is difficult to control parking for the carriage rides. He suggested that two Fire Police be hired by the Chamber to enforce the no parking along this side of West Main Street. Vice President Winchell made a motion, second by Councilman Humes, to approve the request for No Parking on November 24th along a portion of West Main Street for the Carriage Rides, if two Fire Police are hired by the Chamber to enforce the no parking during the event. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider approval of the West Shore Tax Bureau Budget for 2007 in the amount of \$1,185,136.00.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Humes, to approve the West Shore Tax Bureau 2007 budget in the amount of \$1,185,136. Councilman Seagrist thanked Council for allowing him the extra time to get answers to his questions regarding the budget. He stated that the increase in salaries was due to an increase in work week hours from 37.5 to 40 hours to handle the extra work load from enacting of the EMS tax by local taxing authorities. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on Engineer Barber’s memo on rubber sidewalks.**
Manager Stough reviewed the Engineers recommendation with Borough Council regarding rubber sidewalks. After discussion, Council directed staff to add this to the next meeting agenda for possible action to direct the solicitor to draft the changes required to allow for the installation of this type of sidewalk material in the Borough. It was decided not to pay for the installation of the rubber side walk material at the square at this time.
- ◆ **Accept resignation of Diane L. Golden at Personal Tax Assessor for the Borough effective December 31, 2006.**
Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to accept the resignation of Diane Golden as the Personal Tax Assessor for Mechanicsburg Borough. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible approval for No Parking on the south side of Simpson Street on November 22, 2006 from 1 PM until 12:30 AM for the First United Methodist Church.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Stoner, to approve the request of the First United Methodist Church for the No Parking on Simpson Street. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Resolution 13-06 authorizing the use of Cumberland County Planning Staff during 2007.**
Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2006 authorizing the use of County Planning Staff during 2007. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on setting the mileage reimbursement rate for 2007 at 48.5 cents per mile when using a personal vehicle for Borough business.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Humes to approve the mileage reimbursement for Borough Employees for 2007 at 48.5 cents per mile. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on appointment of additional Council member to the Police Pension Committee.**
President Whitcomb appointed Councilman Ryder as a member of the Police Pension Committee.

◆ **Discussion on the proposed 2007 budget.**

There was no discussion.

◆ **Discussion and possible action on the EMS tax Ordinance 1088.**

Solicitor Schorpp revived the changes to the Ordinance. Councilman Ryder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1087 as advertised. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Humes	Yea	Stoner	Yea
McDermott	Yea	Whitcomb	Yea
Ryder	Yea	Winchell	Yea
Seagrist	Yea		

The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible award of the demolition bid for 240 West Simpson Street.**

Manager Stough reviewed the bid results with Borough Council. Councilman Humes made a motion to award the bid to BWB, Inc in the amount of \$31,870. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:29 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the public meeting to an Executive Session on a personnel matter with possible action.

At 9:18 President Whitcomb reconvened the public meeting and announced no action would be taken.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman McDermott congratulated Councilman Ryder on his recent award from the NTDA.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:20 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary