

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257
October 18, 2016 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. President Whitcomb announced that Borough Council held an Executive session on a matter of personnel, with no action at 7 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Whitcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Whitcomb, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen Anthony, Pellman, Stoner and Weber, Jr. Councilperson Hockensmith, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Coyne, Engineer Rogalski, Sgt. Curtis, Chief Seagrist, Manager Ciecierski and Assistant Manager Boyer. Public as per list attached. Councilman Miller was absent.

GUESTS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUEST

Glenda Blair, 229 West Locust Street, asked Borough Council questions about the cost of feeding and handling the proposed canine unit for the Mechanicsburg Police Department, which is on the agenda for action this evening. Ms. Blair also asked what would happen if the dog handler left the department.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Ciecierski reported that Borough Council received an invitation from Representative Delozier to the Upper Allen Bridge dedication scheduled for November 4th. The dedication will be in honor of Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth, a Marine who passed away in 2011, while on training maneuvers. Faircloth was a 2006 graduate of Mechanicsburg Area High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Pellman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 regular Council meeting, as presented. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

THE MANAGER REPORTS

The Manager had no report.

THE MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Ritter submitted the following written report:

September 25 th	Presented two citations and Keys to the City to Troop 195 Eagle Scouts, Maximillian O'Brian and Matthew Geisler.
October 1 st	Officiated a wedding at the State Capitol Building Rotunda.
October 3 rd	Annual Union Church meeting. Open house events and maintenance were discussed.
October 5 th	Attended the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library's 20 th Annual Municipal, School and Elected Officials Breakfast.
October 5 th	Board meeting at the Mechanicsburg Place.
October 5 th	Awarded Mary Eberly a Key to the City for being the Person of the Year at the Downtown Partnership Tribute Dinner held at the Mechanicsburg Club.
October 10 th	Crime Watch guest was United States Marshall Gary W. Duncan. Crime watchers were amazed at the duties and work of US Marshalls; at times here in Mechanicsburg.
October 11 th	Annual Halloween Parade, great weather and turnout. Thanks to sponsors and volunteers for this success.
October 15 th	The chamber of Commerce Streets of Treats was appreciated by families. Daylight hours are safer hours.

Trivia Question: There is a public park bench in the Borough that the word Mechanicsburg is forged into the side arm rests. Where is it?

Answer: In front of the Union Church, donated by Betty Fry of Fry Publications.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE REPORTS

Sgt. Curtis answered the questions asked during the public comment session regarding the costs associated with the proposed canine unit. Sgt. Curtis reported that the food for the dog will be donated and donations will be obtained to cover most costs. He noted that the dog would stay with department and another handler would be assigned, if the handler left the department. Sgt. Curtis explained all the situations in which the dog could be of service to the Department.

THE SOLICITOR REPORTS

Solicitor Coyne had no report.

THE ENGINEER REPORTS

Engineer Rogalski had no report.

THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

Fire Chief Seagrist reported that he attended the Borough Department Head meeting. Chief Seagrist also attended the Fire Finance Committee meeting where the 2017 Fire Fund budget was drafted and submitted to the Manager for review. Chief Seagrist

reported that the Fire Department responded to 40 calls in September; 28 in the Borough and 12 mutual aid. Chief Seagrist reported on Fire Prevention Week activities for the department. Chief Seagrist noted that West Shore EMS is adding ALS units which will cover the Borough for emergencies; one stationed in Dillsburg and one in Lower Allen Township. President Whitcomb asked how many units are stationed in Mechanicsburg. Fire Chief Seagrist reported one unit. Chief Seagrist reported on his work with the County GIS Department on hydrant mapping and his recent ISO rating packet submission.

JR COUNCIL PERSON REPORTS

Junior Councilperson Hockensmith reported that the tailgate event, originally scheduled for the homecoming game, was rained out and will be held this Friday. She also reported that the first marking period ends Oct 27th.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution 14-2016 Authorizing Application for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for \$309,276 for Collection System Repairs.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-2016 authorizing submission of the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant application for \$309,276. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion and the floor was opened for discussion. Councilman Pellman asked if the Borough had a good chance of receiving funding. Manager Ciecierski indicated that HRG thinks we have a good chance. After discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Advertisement of the Bid Documents for the Market and Marble Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project, with a Bid Opening Date of November 29, 2016.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to authorize advertisement of the bid documents for the repairs to the Market and Marble Street Sewer lines. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise for RFP for Auditing Services.

Councilman Stoner made a motion to advertise an RFP for auditing services. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Extend an Offer of Conditional Employment as a Patrol Officer with the Mechanicsburg Police Department to Stephen Ruff.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Stephen Ruff as a Patrol Officer. The motion failed for lack of a second. Vice President Winchell made a motion to table this item. The motion passed with Councilman Pellman voting against.

Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Donation of a Canine Unit for the Mechanicsburg Police Department.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to accept the donation of a Canine Unit for the Mechanicsburg Police Department from the American Legion. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion. Sgt. Curtis noted that Mike Stewart was present representing the American Legion. Sgt. Curtis reviewed the advantages of having a dog with the department and stated that two officers have expressed interest in working with the dog.

Much general discussion followed on how the department would use the dog. Vice President Winchell asked if the handler would need to take a car home. Sgt. Curtis indicated that he would. After discussion, the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Approval of Expenditures from September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

General: \$ 214,697.73 Sewer: \$39,150.77 Fire: \$12,784.41
Pool: \$ 116,474.95 Highway: \$17,511.18

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the expenditures from September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Councilman Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Ron Trace, President of Washington Fire Company, noted that the Fire Companies gave out 1,300 packets of information to students during Fire Prevention Week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Weber congratulated Sara Heenan Martin on the birth of her daughter on October 8th.

Councilman Anthony also extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Martin on their new addition. Councilman Anthony reported that he received training on MS4 regulations.

Vice President Winchell thanked the American Legion for their generous donation of the police dog to the Mechanicsburg Police Department.

President Whitcomb also thanked the American Legion for their generous donation.

ADJOURN

At, 8 PM President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Roger Ciecierski,
Borough Secretary

