

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Kovach
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
Michael Albert
Jeffery Wright
Dennis Heefner
Stephen Shaver
Thomas Acri, Mayor

Absent:

MaryJo Szada
Kathleen D. Handley

Michael G. Musser, II, Secretary
David A. Wion, Solicitor
Jennifer Brown-Sweeney, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTATION:

Thomas C. Bell, SEDC Board Member – Requesting Council Partner with the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority in a Grant Application to Dauphin County to Provide Web-Based Computer Training.

Mr. Shaver motioned to support the grant application, contingent upon review by the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motioned by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Shaver to approve the Minutes from the Council Meeting on April 2, 2007 and the Community Development Meeting on August 13, 2007, as presented, and the Council Meeting on April 16, 2007, as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES OF BILLINGS, REQUISITIONS, AND CHANGE ORDERS AS PRESENTED:

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the schedules of bills, requisitions, and change orders as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, to approve the Department Reports as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Natalie M. Muza, Resident – Letter of Thanks to the Borough for Rectifying the Stormwater Issue.

Mr. Musser explained that this was in relation to a drainage problem with a storm water pipe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2007-R-26 – Resolution Creating a “No Parking Zone” on Strawberry Alley.

Mr. Wion stated that at the last meeting Council discussed making no parking on Strawberry Alley at Second Street up towards Third Street to alleviate a problem caused by the street not being wide enough. He stated that the Police Chief provided a report.

Mr. Albert motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, to approve Resolution 2007-R-26, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-5 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Steelton Chapter 110 Thereof Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to Establish Additional Special Purpose Parking Zones, to Eliminate Special Purpose Parking Zones, to Establish No Parking Zones and to Establish One Way Streets.

Mr. Wion explained that Resolutions have been passed to temporarily change traffic rules, however the Ordinance will take all of those Resolutions and put them in the Borough Code.

Mayor Acri & Chief Lenker – Providing Council with Letters of Thanks to Borough Employees that Volunteered their Time to make National Night Out a Success.

Mayor Acri thanked everyone for coming out to support National Night Out. He thanked Borough Staff for all of their hard work.

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to place the letters of thanks into each employee’s personnel files. Motion approved unanimously.

Lori Keiffer Yeich. Recreation & Park Supervisor, DCNR – Informing the Borough that she is Submitting a Favorable Final Closeout Report to the Bureau’s Central Office for the Steelton Boat Launch Project Phase 1.

Mr. Musser stated that the Borough is still owed 10% of the grant. Phase I will be closed out and Phase II will be closed by the end of October. Mr. Musser stated that he will check on the lights to make sure that they are working properly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Informing Council that a Special Purpose Parking Application has been Submitted on Behalf of Dorothy Mitchell of 183 South Second Street, Steelton, PA.

This is for Council's information.

Edward Allen Ellinger, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. – Presenting Council with a Proposal for Supplemental Funds for the Steelton Front Street Project.

Mr. Ellinger stated that he put the proposal together and gave it to Mr. Musser. Mr. Musser stated that a previous employee with HRG, Inc. incurred excessive costs while working on a Borough Project. After reviewing these costs, Mr. Musser and Mr. Ellinger agreed to change the amount due to HRG, Inc. to \$39,200. This cost includes the re-bid of the project.

Mr. Shaver motioned, seconded by Mr. Heefner, to amend the current contract to include the \$39,200, for a total of \$169,170.90. Motion approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Musser – Requesting an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition Matters.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Donald Evans, 230 Jefferson Street – stated that he applied for a handicapped parking space within the Borough. He said that he does have a garage; however it is too far away for him to park. He stated that his whole family has health problems, and he purchased the garage before he became ill. Mr. Evans said that the application stated that there is no off-street parking allowed, but he believes his situation requires further investigation. Mr. Kovach asked him to go to the office and talk to Mr. Musser. Mr. Evans stated that he does not feel that it is fair for the Borough to charge a \$35.00 fee for the parking space application, because if it’s not approved he will lose his money.

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Mr. Kovach explained the Ordinance and stated that there is a certain amount of labor and materials that go into the process.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Heefner – requested a letter be sent to Mittal Steel thanking them for stepping up to the plate and building the new bridge.

He stated that the Dauphin County Planning Commission is breaking into four sections. Anyone with any suggestions or things of interest, please see him.

Mayor Acri – stated that the local governmental meeting with the School Board will begin meeting again. The next one will be September 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council meeting recessed into executive session to discuss personnel issues and land acquisition matters, at 7:02 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM.

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to accept the resignation of Paula Sviben effective August 8, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to give Paula Sviben a severance package which includes bi-weekly pays through November 8, 2007 and 90 days coverage of health benefits, contingent upon Ms. Sviben being available for calls, meetings, and any questions that may arise during through November 8, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Shaver motioned to abolish the position of Community Development Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Wright. Motion approved unanimously.

Motioned by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Wright, to increase the hourly rate of Jennifer Brown-Sweeney to \$17.50 an hour for handling additional duties related to the previous role of the Community Development Coordinator, effective August 8, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary