

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President, Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Kovach
Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar
Jeffery Wright
Stephen Shaver
Dennis Heefner

Absent:

Michael Albert
MaryJo Szada

Thomas Acri, Mayor
Michael G. Musser, II, Secretary
Kathleen D. Handley, Assistant Secretary
David A. Wion, Solicitor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes presented to Council

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Mr. Musser said he had nothing to report at this time.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES OF BILLS, REQUISITIONS AND CHANGE ORDERS AS PRESENTED;

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the schedules of bills, requisitions and change orders as presented.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS;

Reports for Community Development, Main Street, Finance, Fire and Ambulance, Personnel, Police, Public Works, Code Enforcement and Main Street for January were presented for Council's approval.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to approve the Department Reports for January, as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Acri noted that the Annual Police Report was included in the Council Packets and asked the Police Committee Members to bring the report to the meeting scheduled for Wednesday

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Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisitions at 6:42 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Steelton Resident - Letter of Complaint regarding the problems associated with the garage at 162 Ridge Street

Mr. Heefner said that a letter was sent about the garage, so Codes is working on it.

Letter of Thanks to Officer Basonic for Reading to the Prince of Peace Third Grade during Catholic Schools Week

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Wiedeman-Krosnar Council Members present voted unanimously to have a copy of the letter placed in Officer Basonic's personnel file.

Letter from David S. Gash, Staff Representative for AFSCME - requesting the Non-Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement be updated to accurately reflect the current employees Covered in the agreement

Mr. Musser stated that he would like Council to table any action until they have an opportunity for discussion at a later date.

Jill A. Gaito, Director of DEP's Brownfields Action Team - providing the Borough with a copy of Pennsylvania's Priority Brownfields Sites Booklet.

Mr. Musser stated that DEP shows Steelton in the booklet as the only Brownfields site in Dauphin County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Wion – Provided Council with a copy of the Proposed Civil Service Rules Update

RESOLUTION 2006-R-7, ESTABLISHING 2 Special Purpose Parking Spaces for Turner Memorial Primitive & Baptist Church to be located on Watson Street, was presented for Council's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2006-R-7, as presented.

RESOLUTION 2006-R-8, ESTABLISHING A Special Purpose Parking Space for Turner Memorial Primitive & Baptist Church to be located on Third Alley, was presented for Council's consideration.

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On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt RESOLUTION 2006-R-8, as presented.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update in regards to the Senior Center Project

Mr. Musser said that a new developer looked at the site and he will have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with an update on the Canal Restoration Grant

Mr. Musser said that he had a meeting and finalized scope of work. He stated that they will come up with a preliminary design and then sit down with everyone. He said that the project is moving along and will probably be done by the end of the year, but they have until June to do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Paula Sviben – Discussion in regards to the Read Across America Program, the Harrisburg Senators Game, and the Summer Recreation Program

Ms. Sviben stated that March 2, 2006 is Read Across America Day. She said that she purchased a Cat in the Hat Costume for use on that day also. If any member of Council would like the opportunity to read to the children, please let her know.

Ms. Sviben stated that April 21, 2006 is Steelton Night at the Harrisburg Senators. The cost is \$7 for reserved seating and \$5 for general admission.

Ms. Sviben stated that the Summer Recreation Program will be running from 7:30 to 5:30 for 11 weeks, beginning June 12, 2006 and ending on August 25, 2006. She will need to hire four leaders and four assistants. She also asked Council for their consensus on converting a tennis court into a basketball court, purchasing basketball hoops, and allowing the Highway crew to install a locking system so the area cannot be used without the consent of the Recreation leaders. Council unanimously consented.

Mr. Musser and Mr. Gehrlein – Providing Council with information in regards to the Elm Street Grant that was recently submitted

Mr. Musser stated that he and Mr. Gehrlein met with DCED and applied for the grants. He stated that they applied for the whole Elm Street Program as well as a separate application for the Locust Street Steps phase. Mr. Musser stated that this was done in an attempt to possibly obtain more funding for one of the more blighted areas.

ORDINANCE 2006-1, Amending 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, and to Establish No Parking Zones.

On a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mrs. Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2006-1, as presented.

Mr. Musser – Providing Council with and update on the potential Steelton Authority Water Line Project and a Possible Timeline

Mr. Musser stated that on February 13, 2006 the Authority met and discussed the waterlines on the East and West sides of Front Street. They are meeting again in March to finalize their discussions about their projects and the possibility of a 20 year General Obligation Bond.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Kovach stated that the police chief had an excellent year end report.

Chief Lenker – Provided Council with a Resignation from Police Officer Justin Chernoff

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mrs. Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Justin Chernoff.

Chief Lenker – Discussion in regards to hiring, Justin Bankert, as a Part-Time Police Officer pending a background check and MOEPEC clearances

Mr. Lenker stated that a vacancy had been created with the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Justin Chernoff. He stated that Justin Bankert is the next qualified person off of the Civil Service List and asked for permission to hire him.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Krosnar, Council Members present voted unanimously to appoint Justin Bankert to the position of Part-Time Police Officer pending a background check and MOEPEC clearances.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Emanuel Powell of 321 Lebanon Street – Asked if there was a lateral break that caused Water problems

COUNCIL’S CONCERNS

Mr. Heefner – stated that he attended the West Shore COG meeting. They are changing their name to something more appropriate now that there are East Shore members. They are open to any ideas. Mr. Heefner stated that the WSCog is closing a deal with a janitorial supplies company and may be able to save the Borough money. He also stated that he is trying to get them to change the night of their meetings so it no longer coincides with Council meetings.

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Mr. Shaver – stated that the Police Report was very well done. He also thanked Paula for her hard work on the Summer Program.

Solicitor Wion – requested an Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the meeting recessed into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Musser, II
Borough Secretary

Kathleen D. Handley
Assistant Borough Secretary