

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

In Attendance:

Jeffery Wright
Stephen Shaver
Michael Albert
Dennis Heefner
Maria Marcinko
Raymond Spencer
Mayor Thomas Acri

Absent:

MaryJo Szada

David A. Wion, Solicitor
Douglas E. Brown, Borough Manager
Kathy I. Sosnowski, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AS PRESENTED:

A motion was made by Mr. Albert to approve the November 21, 2011 minutes, seconded by Mr. Spencer and approved by all present with the following corrections:

[On page 2, Mr. Shaver noted that Mr. Logan stated that 14 ambulance units Are located in the city, and 4 units are in Swatara Township. On page 3, in the Last paragraph, Mr. Handley stated that the sewer was open when he checked it. On page 4, Mr. Heefner (not Mr. Shaver) said revenues would decrease. On page 1, Ms. Marcinko approved the November 3rd minutes with the correction that on page 2, 5th paragraph, 2nd sentence should read: “She also stated that before any full time police officer would be furloughed the part time hours should be cut.” On page 5, Ms. Marcinko noted that Mr. Spencer said the display (not displace) is very tasteful. Also on page 5, Mr. Wion asked that the word “endorses” should be replaced with the phrase “legally, there is no problem with the contract”.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items Only

None.

COMMUNICATION:

Mr. Brown shared a letter of support from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the Brownfield Cleanup Grant.

Mr. Brown also shared a letter from the PA Department of Environmental Protection extending the MS4 General Permit until midnight on March 15, 2013. Mr. Shaver asked Mr. Brown to make sure that HRG is aware of the new submission date; Mr. Brown indicated that HRG has been notified.

A letter to Joao & Bradley regarding time & material claims on the East End Sewer Separation Project was distributed.

The Steelton Highspire School District Board meeting October, 2011 minutes were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Brown shared a letter of concern from Ms. Tyra Madden regarding critical intersections that children must cross through to get to school. Mr. Wright suggested forwarding the matter to the Personnel/Finance Committee. Mr. Shaver added that the Public Safety/Police Committee should also be involved.

Dave Wion presented Resolution 2011-R-23 for a special purpose parking space for Daniel Gould of 522 N. Second St. A motion was made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Shaver and approved unanimously by all present.

Dave Wion presented Resolution 2011-R-24 for a special purpose parking space for Diane Phillips of 45 S. Fourth St. A motion was made by Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Albert and approved unanimously by all present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Brown presented an update on the Earned Income Tax Collection transition from Capital to Keystone and indicated that the Keystone Collections website has an Act 23 video that can be viewed.

Mr. Brown informed Council that the Senior Center has moved to the Capital Area Constables Association on South Front Street. Their annual lease started in December.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Kamilah Wilson, 141 Adams St. – She also supports placing crossing guards at key intersections in the Borough. In addition, she questioned whether some type of car pooling cooperative could be started (families in her neighborhood have already been taking turns getting the children to school). Mr. Shaver suggested that she ask the school district for help; possibly sending home fliers. She also wondered if the district was working on getting buses back in service, at least for elementary-age students. Mr. Shaver and Mayor Acri indicated that buses were provided as part of a 2-year grant for Safe Students. Finally, she had concerns about the lack of walkways. She was informed that the walkways in question are in Swatara Township and were painted with the hope that all students would walk within them (not always the case).

Ms. Yvette Swann, 234 N. 2nd St. – She stated her concern that children in the Borough don't have enough entertainment/activities (as an example she stated that her grandson gets bored and sometimes wanders around, which worries her and the family). She was referred to the NEDC meeting on Tuesday, December 06, 2011 at 6:00pm

Mr. Karl Atwell, 143 Adams St. – Ever since Rogele began working on Daron Alley, he has had water in his basement every time it rains; because of this mold is now forming in the basement. Mr. Heefner stated that HRG was responsible for the restructuring of Daron Alley. Mr. Wright informed Council that Borough staff did place a pipe in the basement to help with runoff; Mr. Brown said they also placed sealant on the outside of the basement. Since there are liability issues, the insurance carrier needs to be contacted. Mr. Heefner also said to make sure that HRG is involved in the problem solving decisions.

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Ms. Marcinko – informed Council that a low cost spay/neuter clinic will be held on Saturday from 10am to Noon. She also mentioned that the City of Harrisburg has not paid the Humane Society which is resulting in an increase in our Police Department's pick up calls for dogs – especially pit bulls.

Mayor Acri – informed Council that he received an e-mail from Harrisburg regarding the Steelton Post Office; the closing has been put on hold for now. He also invited everyone to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Mr. Brown – invited Council to attend the Steelton Borough Christmas Party on December 22 at 1:00pm at the Steelton VFW.

Mr. Wright – also invited everyone to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Mayor Acri – if it rains heavily tomorrow, the lighting may have to be postponed until next Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Douglas E. Brown – requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition and potential litigation issues.

On motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Shaver, the Council meeting recessed into executive session at 7:09p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:43p.m. with a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Spencer.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Brown
Borough Manager

Kathy I. Sosnowski
Executive Assistant