

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF September 10, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NO. 07-

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The regular Council meeting of the Town of Sykesville was held on September 10, 2007. Jonathan Herman, Mayor of the Town of Sykesville, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at the Town House. Mayor Herman, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Jonathan Herman Scott Sanzone Jeannie Nichols
Eugene Johnson Leo Keenan Frank Robert

ABSENT: Debby Ellis

STAFF: Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager
John R. Williams, Jr., Chief of Police
Lorie Sanders, Town Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mayor Herman then called for additions to the agenda. There was one addition.

- Adding # 7 Branding Seminar-250 Successful Small Towns

BUSINESS:

1. **Public Safety Report** – Police Chief John Williams stated that this report covers a time period from August 4, 2007 through September 10, 2007. Some questions from council concerning vacant houses and the process that is in place for making the police department aware. Question from council concerning the regulations in town concerning the firing of a firearm. Chief Williams also wanted to make the council aware that the Century Homecoming Parade will be held on a town holiday and presents a challenge to his staff, it will be held the same week as the Fall Festival, which will put a drain on overtime budget. Chief also brought to the councils attention that Stewert Dearie, (Baldwin's Station) will be having concerts on the deck the same day as the Fall Festival that could possibly be later into the evening causing questions to the noise issue. Chief Williams also mentioned that there could be some parking problems. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of a fee to Mr. Dearie. Town Manager Matthew Candland will discuss further with Mr. Dearie.
2. **Citizen Request for a Noise Ordinance-** Mr. Jeremy Cooper, town resident was in attendance to speak on this item and would like to ask the council to consider a noise ordinance. He stated that both Howard County and Carroll County both have a noise ordinance. There was some discussion concerning previous attempts to adopt a noise ordinance. Mayor Herman stated that most incidences/complaints concerning noise could be handled on a case-by-case basis, meaning that even though we don't have a noise ordinance it can be addressed and he and the council understand that it is an issue. There was also extensive discussion concerning the solicitor's permit/ordinance that the town has in place and making changes to address each concern. Town Manager Candland

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suggested that we have the town attorney take a look at the current solicitors ordinance. Some discussion involving increasing enforcement and the challenges it presents.

3. **Town/County Agreement-Approval**-Town Manager Matthew Candland gave a brief description of the Town/County agreement and recommended that because there are no changes, with the exception of the numbers, from last year, the council agrees to it. He also stated that the Cable TV agreement would be the same as it has been in the past and although it is a separate document if the council agrees to it, it will be attached as an amendment to the town/county agreement. Council member Robert would like to table this to the next meeting to give the council members a chance to take a look at it.
4. **River Place Development-RFP**-This was placed on the agenda to update everyone and to reiterate that a completed RFP should be ready for distribution next week. Question from the public asking about general scope of RFP. Mayor Herman stated that it will be a design/deal competition, whoever gets the winning design and offer for the purpose of the land will be the person that the town will "sell" it to.
5. **Mayor and Town Council Retreat**- Mayor Herman stated this as a reminder. Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office in town. Starting at 9:00 am.
6. **October 8 and November 12 Council Meetings**-Both of these meetings will fall on town holidays. Council would like to reschedule October meeting from Monday, October 8, 2007 to Tuesday October 9, 2007 and the November meeting from Monday, November 12, 2007 to Tuesday, November 13, 2007.
7. **Branding Seminar**- This item was added to the agenda by Mayor Herman. Mayor Herman while at the MML convention in OC, MD attended a seminar regarding successful small towns by David Ivan and he has spoke with some of the other towns to make this a joint effort to have Mr. Ivan to make his presentation on November 1, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Scott Center at Carroll Community College. He would like to ask the council to approve a budget of \$400.00 to participate while understanding that he will do his best to make it as little as \$200.00

MOTION:

Council president Nichols made a motion to approve a budget of \$400.00 to be allocated from the promotions line item for Mayor Herman to participate in the Seminar on Successful Small Towns to be presented by David Ivan on November 1, 2007. Council member Robert seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Herman stated as a reminder that the Carroll Chapter of MML Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at the Taneytown Senior Center.

MOTION: Council president Nichols made a motion to approve minutes of 8/13/2007 as submitted to public record. Council member Keenan seconded motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Council member Sanzone made a motion to approve July 2007 Treasurers Report as submitted to public record. Council president Nichols seconded motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Herman would like to thank all those who helped to clean up the path to the river prior to the last Apple Butter Market. Access to the river is now clean and safe. Council member Robert thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department for their help with the recent activity.

Delegate Susan Krebs was in attendance to introduce herself to the council and to let them know that she is available to them as needed.

**MOTION TO: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded
RECESS to take a brief recess prior to going into closed session at 8:20 p.m.**

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council president Nichols motioned and Council member Robert seconded to close the session at 8:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Herman, Council members Johnson, Robert, Keenan, and Sanzone, Council president Nichols, Town Manager Matthew Candland, Police Chief Williams, and Town Attorney, Dennis Hoover.

Items discussed were:

**Property Acquisition
Personnel
Legal Consultation**

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REOPEN SESSION

MOTION: Council member Sanzone motioned and Council president Nichols seconded to reopen the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Council, Council President Nichols motioned and Council member Sanzone seconded to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorie Sanders

Town Clerk