

89TH REGULAR SESSION – MAY 24, 2005

Mayor W. M. Breichner called this 89th Session of the Mayor and City Council to order at 7:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2005, in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present with the Mayor were Councilmembers K. B. Aleshire, N. L. Hendershot, L. C. Metzner, C. N. Moller, and P. M. Nigh; City Administrator Bruce J. Zimmerman, City Attorney John Urner and City Clerk D. K. Spickler.

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Kristin B. Aleshire. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Mayor Breichner announced the Rules of Procedure for this meeting will be followed as adopted May 28, 2001. It was announced that the use of cell phones and electronic devices during meetings is restricted and that all correspondence for distribution to elected officials should be provided to the City Clerk and should include a copy for the City Clerk for inclusion in the official record.

The next scheduled meetings are: Work Sessions beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, Tuesday, June 14, 2005 and the Regular Session on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

AWARDS

Fairgrounds Park Walking Club

Mayor Breichner recognized the following members of the Fairgrounds Park Walking Club for their achievements:

Donald Hamberger, 1,000 mile mark
Mary Lou Edmands, 1,000 mile mark
Reginald Fallin, 2,500 mile mark
Ralph Brown, 2,500 mile mark

Skip Turner, of Dick's Sporting Goods, presented certificates to the people who achieved the 2,500 mile mark.

Historic Preservation Awards

Mayor Breichner presented the following Historic Preservation Awards:

2004 Outstanding Residential Preservation Project
The Baldwin House Hotel and Routzahn's Department Store, 32-46 West
Washington Street (The University Systems of Maryland, Owner)

2004 Outstanding Residential Preservation Project
The Butsch Residence, 169 South Prospect Street (Allan and Melissa Butsch, Owners)

2004 Outstanding Residential Preservation Project
Victoria Churchey, Owner, 53 Broadway.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to appoint Donald Souders to the Board of Traffic and Parking.

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to recommend Lauren Bayer, Community Development Department Manager, and Martin Brubaker for membership on the Housing Task Force, as required by the Washington County Growth Management Bill.

MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the minutes for Mayor and City Council meetings held on April 5, 2005, April 12, 2005, April 19, 2005, April 26, 2005, April 29, 2005, May 3, 2005, May 6, 2005 and May 10, 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Purchasing

1. Boiler and Machinery Insurance – Wright Gardner Insurance (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 18,554.25
2. Liability (Auto, General, Law Enforcement, Public Officials) and Property Insurance - Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) (Columbia, MD) \$ 261,544.00

B. Engineering:

1. Parking Control Equipment for the A & E Parking Deck – Control Systems, Inc. (Beltsville, MD) \$ 154,450.00
2. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for the A & E Parking Deck – Control Systems, Inc. (Beltsville, MD) Not to Exceed \$ 75,550.00
3. Improvements to East Wilson Boulevard and Kuhn Avenue – Fayetteville

Contractors, Inc. (Fayetteville, PA) \$ 213,461.20

C. Public Works: Street Sweeper – Atlantic Machinery, Inc. (Silver Spring, MD)
\$ 175,000.00

D. Water and Sewer Department:

1. Consultant Design for West End Tanks Project – Hazen & Sawyer (Baltimore, MD) \$ 330,597.00
2. GPS Unit – Caron East, Inc. (Cumberland, MD) \$ 13,905.00
3. Roof Replacement at Pump Station #3 – Master Roofers, Inc. (Hagerstown, MD) \$10,785.00
4. New Holland Tractor – Antietam Tractor (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 16,984.00
5. 35,000 GVW Diesel Dump Style Truck – Freightliner & Sterling of Hagerstown (Hagerstown, MD) \$ 68,025.00

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh stated she is not in favor of installing the parking equipment at the Arts and Entertainment Deck, since she has opposed the project from the beginning.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

A. Approval of an Ordinance: Groh Rezoning, formerly Blue Ridge Beginnings, 1009-1011 Pennsylvania Avenue (ZM-2004-06)

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to adopt an ordinance for a Zoning Classification and Zoning Map amendment, Case No. ZM-2004-06, to rezone .81 acres, more or less, of land located at 1009-1011 Pennsylvania Avenue from R1 (Residential) to C2 (Commercial General).

B. Approval of an Ordinance: Groh Landmark Overlay, formerly Blue Ridge Beginnings, 1009-1011 Pennsylvania Avenue (ZM-2005-01)

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember C. N. Moller and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to adopt an ordinance for a Landmark Overlay, Case No. ZM-2005-01, on the property located at 1009-1011 Pennsylvania Avenue, and that this property be accorded Landmark designation.

C. Approval of an Ordinance: Fairmont Real Estate Services, LLC (Startzman) Rezoning, property on Linwood Drive (ZM-2005-02)

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to adopt an ordinance for a Zoning Reclassification and Zoning Map amendment, Case No. ZM-2005-02, to rezone 16.5 acres, more or less, of land located west of Hagerstown Business Park and north of Noland Village, from IG (Industrial General) to R2 (Residential). Councilmember C. N. Moller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Aleshire stated he asked the Council to consider the fact that a definitive plan has not been presented for this property. He hopes the Mayor and City Council move forward with the proposed Zoning Text Amendments. He stated it is obvious there is not an immediate need for the rezoning and he suggested not rezoning the property at this time. Councilmember Nigh stated the residents in the area have many concerns about this request.

Motion carried, 3-2 with Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and Councilmember P. M. Nigh voting No.

D. Approval of an Ordinance: Washington County Association Of Retarded Citizens, Inc. (ARC) Rezoning, 1113 Linwood Drive (ZM-2005-03)

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to adopt an ordinance for a Zoning Reclassification and Zoning Map amendment, Case No. ZM-2005-03, to rezone 4.75 acres, more or less, of land located at 1113 Linwood Road, from IG (Industrial General) to R2 (Residential).

E. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 68, Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code, to clarify some sections, provide for additional uses in some districts, require off-street parking for some uses in the residential districts, and to provide additional guidance and criterion in Section 68-33, Board of Zoning Appeals.

F. Approval of an Ordinance: Approval of a User Agreement with Washington County Seniors' Softball League for City Park

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember C. N. Moller and seconded by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire, the Mayor and City Council unanimously

agreed to approve an ordinance and a User Agreement with the Washington County Seniors' Softball League for two softball fields at City Park. The period of the User Agreement shall be from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

G. Approval of an Ordinance: Tax Rate for 2005/2006

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance as introduced on May 10, 2005 to consider establishing the tax rates for the levy year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 on the basis of \$0.798 per \$ 100 of the assessed value of all real property and \$1.995 per \$ 100 of the assessed value of all business personal property within the City of Hagerstown. These rates are the same as the rates for the current fiscal year.

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh asked Alfred Martin, Director of Finance, to verify the property tax assessment is done by the State of Maryland and that all schools are governed by the County. Mr. Martin indicated the City does not govern schools and assessments are completed by the State, based on the fair market value of the area. He stated as prices of homes rise in the area, the assessment rises. Mr. Martin stated the tax rate, established by the City, is not increasing. Councilmember Aleshire stated the State establishes a Constant Yield Tax Rate that can be used to gain the same amount of revenue as the previous year. The City tax rate is above the Constant Yield Tax Rate.

H. Approval of an Ordinance: Budget for 2005/2006

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance as introduced on May 10, 2005 and subsequently revised to adopt the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the total amount of \$ 107,547,618.

Discussion: Councilmember Nigh stated she realizes funding for the vacant Director of Administrative Services position is included in the budget. She stated she feels this would be a good time re-evaluate the responsibilities of this position. She asked that a discussion be held concerning this position at the next meeting. Councilmember Aleshire stated another issue that needs to be discussed is the pending change in reporting requirements for retirement benefits.

I. Approval of an Ordinance: Refuse Collection Fees

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve an ordinance to increase the Refuse Service Fee for the collection and disposal of household refuse by the City of Hagerstown, from \$ 25.00 to \$ 27.00 per quarter per residential dwelling unit for all bills rendered after July 1, 2005 to cover the increased costs from the County for landfill tipping fees.

J. Approval of a Resolution: Haven Road Annexation (Case No. A05-01)

Action: Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to adopt a Resolution and Petition for Annexation for Dewey Jordan, Inc./Rogers Farm, LLC property located along the northwest boundary of the City. The property to be annexed is 51.96 acres in size and is intended to be added to and made part of the adjacent municipal lands. Councilmember K. B. Aleshire seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Metzner stated he would like to provide Councilmember Aleshire the opportunity to discuss the revised petition from the applicant that was presented at this meeting.

Councilmember Aleshire stated there are a number of concerns he has with the revised petition. Forty percent of the use continues to be multi-family and he stated he fails to see the reasonableness of that mixture of uses. He stated 60 people attended two community meetings about the proposed annexation. They have serious concerns about the addition of 450 units on the property. He stated there appear to be some outstanding issues with the use of Crestwood Drive.

Councilmember Metzner stated he knows Councilmember Aleshire has reviewed this application extensively. He believes the issues can be dealt with by the petitioner working with the people in the neighborhood. He stated he understands the issues the land owner has faced have not been his fault. The land owner has had to deal with sewer capacity issues dictated by the Consent Order with the Maryland Department of the Environment and other legislation. Throughout the process, the land owner has been willing to meet with the people in the neighborhood.

Councilmember L. C. Metzner made a motion to table voting on this issue until the June 21, 2005 Regular Session. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution: Approval of FY 2005/2009 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and FY 2005/2006 Annual Action Plan

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a Resolution approving the FY 2005/2009 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2005/2006 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and authorizing the Mayor to file an application for financial assistance with the US Department of Housing & Urban Development in the amount of \$1,091,745 for the Community Development Block Grant program, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all other documents relating to the City's Community Development Block Grant program for FY 2005/2006.

B. Resolution: Approval of Annual Utility Fee License

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to pass a resolution approving increasing the annual utility license fee from \$ 3,500 to \$ 4,000 beginning July 1, 2005.

C. Resolution: Approval of Parking System Rates and Fees

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember L. C. Metzner, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to pass a resolution to revise the schedule of parking system rates and fees, effective July 1, 2005.

D. Resolution: Approval of Police Athletic League Lease Addendum

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember P. M. Nigh and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a resolution authorizing the City to amend the lease with the Police Athletic League to allow the relocation of the City's Parks and Recreation office to the southeast corner of the lower grandstands previously used by the Police Athletic League at Fairgrounds Park.

E. Approval of Revised Investment Policy for the Police and Fire Retirement Program

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember K. B. Aleshire and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve a revised Investment Policy for the City of Hagerstown Police and Fire Retirement Program. The original policy was established in 1998 and modeled after the County's Retirement Plan Investment Policy to provide investment guidelines for the Investment Manager.

The members of the Retirement Committee consulted with Howard Schwartz, the Investment Manager, and Mary Clair Chessire, the attorney of record who assisted in the original design of the investment policy in 1998. The committee voted unanimously to once again model a slightly revised policy after the one recently adopted by the County to provide parameters to the Investment Managers for the Police and Fire Employee's Retirement Program.

The policy provides guidelines for equity and fixed income investments of the pension plan assets to meet the goals of the plan.

F. Approval of Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Barrier Free Picnic Table

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember C. N. Moller and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to approve the reprogramming of \$ 4,064 in Community Development Block Grant Funds from Single Family Rehabilitation Loans to Barrier Free Picnic Tables to permit the purchase of twelve such tables for the new pavilion at Fairgrounds Park.

G. Approval of the Installation of a Memorial Boulevard Veteran's Monument

Action: On a motion duly made by Councilmember P. M. Nigh and seconded by Councilmember C. N. Moller, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed by voice vote to authorize the installation of a monument, to the veterans who died in service to our country, in the right-of-way of East Memorial Boulevard adjacent to Rose Hill cemetery's entrance. Consistent with the "Joint Veterans Council" input, the monument shall be similar to the "Wilson Boulevard" monument and shall have the following wording:

MEMORIAL BOULEVARD

“To all veterans of wars who made the ultimate
Sacrifice on the battlefields of the world
To keep America free”

Originally dedicated September 16, 1935
Re-dedicated November 11, 2005

Funding for the memorial is estimated at \$3,500 and shall be taken from
the Capital Improvement Project contingency fund.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

Bruce Zimmerman, City Administrator, thanked and acknowledged Jason McClean, John Rinehart and Denny Wallech (Water and Sewer Department employees) who found a man lying unconscious in his yard and performed CPR. He stated he appreciates their efforts on the gentleman’s behalf. He thanked the Human Resources Department for providing a CPR class for employees.

Mr. Zimmerman acknowledged and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their efforts in strengthening the general fund budget and providing more resources to work with. He stated he appreciates their willingness to work through difficult issues, such as the rental licensing ordinance and the annexation policy. These efforts have made Hagerstown a better place. Hagerstown is a more livable city, with the addition of more trees, sidewalks, parks and playground amenities. He stated it is not an easy job to be a member of the Mayor and City Council. For those members who will be leaving, he stated they will be missed. For those members who are staying, he welcomed them back. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their contributions to the community. He stated they should be proud of the work they have done and for all they have accomplished for the City of Hagerstown.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember K. B. Aleshire urged everyone to read the minutes of the Planning Commission in reference to a request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) on Robinwood Drive, near the proposed site for the hospital. He stated this is an inappropriate proposal for that location and the Mayor and City Council should have some involvement in that discussion. He stated it appears the hospital location will be approved by the Maryland Health Care Commission. However, the issues of zoning and infrastructure needs are not addressed in the review process.

He thanked Councilmember Hendershot for opening his eyes to things he wouldn't have thought of, such as accessible tables. He stated it has been an honor to serve on the Mayor and City Council with a Mayor who has been serving the city for 50 years. Mayor Breichner has led the City in a good direction. He stated Councilmember Moller has been a good friend and he appreciates her knowledge and practicality. He stated she was the swing vote on the rental licensing ordinance and he believes the face of the City has changed because of the program.

Councilmember N. L. Hendershot stated he wants to thank many people for their help and all they do. Those he mentioned are: Al Martin, Eric Deike, Donna Spickler, Brenda Hawbaker, Dani Frye, Chief Gary Hawbaker, Chief Arthur Smith, Donna Messina, Kathy Maher, Karen Giffin, and Debbie Everhart. He stated these are a few of the many, many special people who work for the City. He stated there are two special people that he would like to recognize. He stated Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, is the best engineer in the business. He stated Bruce Zimmerman is the man behind the scenes who guides the Mayor and City Council through the maze of City workings. He stated he is as fine a City Administrator as you will find in the United States. He stated the six members of the Mayor and City Council together have made a difference and Hagerstown is at a fragile tipping point, right on the edge of truly great things happening. He hopes the new group can act as a team and can make a difference in the next four years. He stated people think the Mayor and City Council members only come to meetings on Tuesdays and that's all. He stated the members are not overpaid. He has attended about 600 meetings over the course of the last four years. He stated it is not easy and it takes the dedication of everyone in order to make it work. He stated there are citizens who serve on boards and commissions. Council members serve on these boards as well. He has been delighted to work with Community Rescue Service, the Commission on Aging, the Board of Parks and other committees. He stated it is important that the Mayor and Council keep their hands on the pulse of the community. He hopes the goals of the new administration will include assurances that schools will be funded. No community is any good without a good school system. Emergency services, downtown revitalization, union negotiations and the hospital document are other priority issues. He noted that the conditions in the hospital application will cost tens of millions of dollars. He also noted that, even after spending \$ 300 million for construction of a new hospital, the services will remain the same. He stated if money was put into renovating the existing hospital, the community could have a catalyst that will serve the City for another thirty or forty years. He hopes the new council can run herd on these issues. He stated it is important that we learn from history. In recent weeks, Virginia MacGruder has given him many articles. She gave him one last week about snow removal on sidewalks – which show some problems are not new problems. He stated we need to learn from our past and try not to make the same mistakes. He stated he still believes holding the City's election at the same time as the national election will be beneficial. He stated there were special interest groups who tried to get the election to come out in their favor. The democratic candidates were supported by the unions and the republican candidates were supported by developers. Only 13% of the registered voters voted in the primary election. The turnout for the general election was 22%. He stated he thinks the City is at a big risk by having the elections being vulnerable to special interest groups. He suggested looking at

the possibility of returning to the ward system. He thanked everyone and wished everyone luck. His ending comment was “God Bless the City of Hagerstown.”

Councilmember L. C. Metzner stated he believes this administration has worked together the best of the three administrations he has been a part of. He stated it will be difficult to go forward without Councilmember Hendershot, Councilmember Moller and Mayor Breichner. A word to describe Councilmember Hendershot is passion. He stands up for the citizens in this community for the betterment of this City. He learned so much from Councilmember Hendershot. He described Councilmember Moller as patient. She listens to people and helps them. He believes she has left the meetings with more headaches than other councilmember. Mayor Breichner is the only one who has been here for the whole time Councilmember Metzner has been a member of the Council. He stated without Mayor Breichner, he would not be sitting here as an incumbent. He described Mayor Breichner as a mensch, which he stated is a compliment. He stated he made Mayor Breichner’s life miserable for a long time because he sued the City many times. Councilmember Metzner, through his profession, would not have been friends with Mayor Breichner. He was shocked when Mayor Breichner offered to show him around the City after he was appointed to the Council. He stated Mayor Breichner didn’t just tolerate him, he took him under his “wings” and showed me everything he knew about the City. He stated there are not enough ways to express his gratitude to Mayor Breichner. He stated Mayor Breichner received a lot of criticism in the newspaper editorials and during the campaign. He stated it would be nice if we all could say the worst thing about us is that we were too nice. He thanked Mayor Breichner for everything he’s done for all the Councilmembers and the City. He stated Mayor Breichner certainly deserved the honor of having a building named after him several years ago.

Councilmember C. N. Moller thanked her fellow citizens for allowing her to serve them. Being a member of the City Council is much more than a one day a week job. You have to be available seven days a week. The time spent is rewarding. She thanked Bruce Zimmerman and the wonderful staff. She thanked Mayor Breichner, who has served this City in many different capacities for over 50 years. She is grateful for his leadership. She stated Councilmember Metzner was the leader in strength, Councilmember Hendershot kept the Council focused on those who needed them most, Councilmember Nigh kept the police and fire departments on their minds and the group has watched Councilmember Aleshire grow as a leader.

Councilmember P. M. Nigh stated she is not saying goodbye. She appreciates her fellow Council members, especially Councilmember Moller for attending all the ribbon cutting ceremonies. She thanked the citizens who are watching the Council meeting. She stated she feels lucky to be here. She is grateful and proud to represent the citizens who believed in her. She thanked the unions for helping with her re-election campaign and she believes they were a big part of putting the incumbents back in office. She hopes the Mayor and Council can work together and get things on track. She thanked Kelly Cromer (newly elected Councilmember) for going door to door with her. She thanked

everyone for their prayers for Danielle Nigh (her daughter). Danielle was present at the meeting.

Mayor W. M. Breichner stated he believes now is the time for the Council, the County Commissioners, the Washington County Delegation and the municipalities to get together to form a council of governments (COG). The COG can continue the work of the 2+2 committee and bring the issues out in the open. He stated the City should be looking at the long range needs of the fire department and Community Rescue Service (CRS). There are three fire companies in the downtown that are using buildings that were built to accommodate horse drawn equipment. The equipment they are able to use is dictated by the size of the buildings. They are running modern fire companies out of antiquated buildings. He believes CRS has to be one service. It will be a difficult struggle to step forward with this issue. The funding (\$ 100,000) provided by the City is not going to solve the financial problems of that institution. When the fire station was located on Eastern Boulevard, one of the considerations was constructing a building large enough to house a rescue service as well. He stated one of the challenges facing the City Administrator is having three particularly large departments (electric, water and sewer) report to him. Mayor Breichner suggested having a Utility Manager, with the three departments reporting to that person. This would make everyone's job easier. He stated people don't realize how much is involved. This would not be taking any responsibilities away from any of the existing managers or the City Administrator. Mayor Breichner stated there were times when decisions had to be made quickly. Some of those decisions resulted in criticism from people. He stated he received complaints about the Willie Mays renaming issue. He and Rodney Tissue, City Engineer, attended a meeting in Annapolis and had to make a decision right there if the City was willing to participate in the Eastern Boulevard Development fee plan. He and Councilmember Aleshire discussed infrastructure needs and had to make quick decisions. He stated he is not ashamed of any of those decisions.

He stated he has watched a number of Mayors. It is not a part time job. It is more than ribbon cutting ceremonies and attending functions. He suggested looking at the Mayor's position and provide more authority. He suggested looking at increasing the salaries of elected officials because the demands are increasing.

He stated when you walk the halls at City Hall, you see pictures of past Mayor and Councils and how they change. Mayor Burhans was in office for twelve years. Mayor Bowman died while in office. The people who make the City tick that you don't hear about are people like Richard Wilson, John Lane, Albert Williams, Sheridan Fizer, Bill Billman, Bill Beard, Bill Main, Charlie Mumma, Helen Lyon, Rueben Hoyle, Bill Dunham, Ed Hovermale, Richard Kline, John Harne, Leonard Rigley, Paul Dulebohn, George Roach, Leroy Jones, Edwin Gueth, Harold Myers, John Hall, John Dorenberger, Lew Schnebly, and Mr. Kearney. These are some of the names that made this city run. He stated Albert Hurd's name should be on the water plant. Mr. Hurd built the Edgemont Reservoir, the watershed, the parallel line from Smithsburg to Hagerstown, the West End Reservoir, the plant on the Antietam Creek and the water treatment plant in Williamsport. Mr. Hurd had great vision and, in 1928, he started water chlorination in the Hagerstown

system. Mayor Breichner stated what a lucky person he is to have Mr. Hurd ahead of him to make his life easier. All these people instilled their love of the city in Mayor Breichner. He has been lucky his whole life while working here and with the people who saw something in him that he didn't see. The employees here will some day be looked at in the same way.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember L. C. Metzner and seconded by Councilmember N. L. Hendershot, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Approved: June 21, 2005