

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

APRIL 1, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on March 28, 2013, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Nedward Jacob, Daniel Hepner, Gregory Gebauer, Richard Dornisch, Gary Anderson, Bob Roberts, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Robert Howard, Clythera Hornung, Grace Jesberger, Paul Jesberger, Mark S. Wagner, Amy Cherry, Monica Radkowski, Gail Shturtz, Katie Weidenboerner, Lou Radkowski, Warren Stewart and Richard Sadley.

Carl Hasselman and Matthew Pfeufer did not sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 18, 2013

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013, seconded by Daniel Hepner and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:
Award of Bids:
Dust Control

Manager Greene stated the following bids were opened at a public meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013 for the yearly supply of dust control.

	E2/E3	MC70	MC30
Jefferson Paving of Brookville	\$2.046	\$3.31	\$3.31
Midland Asphalt Materials of Bloomsburg	\$2.23	\$3.63	\$3.63

Steven Samick, Street Superintendent, recommended the bid be awarded to Jefferson Paving of Brookville as overall low bidder.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to award the bid for dust control to Jefferson Paving of Brookville, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

Stone

Manager Greene stated the following bids for stone were opened at a public meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013.

New Enterprise Stone, New Enterprise, PA

2a	\$18.75/ton (gray)
2rc	\$18.75/ton (brown)
#3	\$22.65/ton
Anti-Skid	\$22.15/ton
1b	\$22.40/ton
2b	\$21.15/ton
DSA	\$22.15/ton

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Hanson Aggregates, Montoursville, PA

2a	\$17.50/ton
2rc	No Bid
#3	\$21.25/ton
Anti-Skid	\$18.50/ton
1b	\$22.00/ton
2b	\$19.75/ton
DSA	\$24.00/ton

J.M. Delullo, Kersey, PA

2a	\$16.15/ton
2rc	No Bid
#3	\$20.35/ton
Anti-Skid	\$19.00/ton
1b	\$19.60/ton
2b	\$19.60/ton
DSA	\$20.05/ton

G.O. Hawbaker, State College, PA

2a	\$22.90/ton
2rc	No Bid
#3	\$24.60/ton
Anti-Skid	\$24.65/ton
1b	\$24.65/ton
2b	\$24.65/ton
DSA	\$25.40/ton

Bucktail Excavators, St. Marys, PA

2a	\$16.82/ton
2rc	No Bid
#3	\$20.72/ton
Anti-Skid	\$19.47/ton
1b	\$20.47/ton
2b	\$20.22/ton
DSA	\$20.22/ton

Steven Samick, Street Superintendent, recommended the bid be awarded as follows:

2a- J.M. Delullo - \$16.15/ton
 #3- J.M. Delullo - \$20.35/ton
 Anti-Skid- Hanson Aggregated - \$18.50/ton
 1b- J.M. Delullo - \$19.60/ton
 2b- J.M. Delullo - \$19.60/ton
 DSA- J.M. Delullo - \$20.05/ton

Motion Passed

Richard Dornisch made a motion to award the bids as recommended by the Street Superintendent, seconded by Gary Anderson, and all were in favor.

HR Group Revised Agreement

Manager Greene explained HR Group had sent correspondence stating they were willing to reduce the current monthly retainer from five hundred (\$500) dollars to two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars.

Motion

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the HR Group revised agreement, seconded by Nedward Jacob.

Discussion

Mayor Geyer questioned if these services were still needed and Nedward Jacob responded they would be available to negotiate any labor problems or grievances that may arise.

Manager Greene stated they do not work on an as-needed hourly basis.

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Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the revised agreement, except Mayor Geyer, who opposed.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
Updating the Fee Schedule

Nedward Jacob provided an update regarding the fee schedule. He explained the committee had reviewed the fee schedule and after a comparison with other municipalities discovered the City's building permit fees were lower than the surrounding municipalities. Most of the fees were the same as they were in 2004.

Richard Dornisch stated the committee also had numerous terms defined within the fee schedule.

Solicitor Wagner commented Matthew Pfeufer and City staff had submitted the original changes to the fee schedule.

Matthew Pfeufer approached and stated the changes were mainly needed additions to the fee schedule.

Solicitor Wagner stated the changes would have to be put in a Resolution format. He would provide the resolution at Council's next meeting.

Trapping near City Parks

Mayor Geyer stated she was concerned with the trapping of animals near City parks. She suggested the Solicitor draft an ordinance to restrict the activity near the City parks.

Richard Dornisch believed the restrictions should include residential areas. He understood that it would be a difficult area to define, but believed steel traps were a safety concern for children and adults.

Solicitor Wagner requested a "sense" of the direction Council would like him to pursue.

Council briefly discussed the issue and agreed the Solicitor should research it further and determine if there were any conflicts with PA Game Commission rules and regulations.

Change to Shade Tree Ordinance

Manager Greene explained the Shade Tree Commission had requested a change to the existing City Code regarding the definition of a "shade tree". The Solicitor had prepared a draft of the necessary change to the current ordinance. The matter had been previously presented to Council with no action taken.

Solicitor Wagner explained the current language encompassed all of the trees within the City's right-of-way. The new language would describe a "shade tree" as located between the curb line of any City street or State highway and the adjacent public sidewalk or within any City Park. He further explained the City still would retain the right to perform work within the City's right-of-way regarding tree safety or concerns.

Motion to publish passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to publish the Ordinance to amend the City code definition of "shade tree", seconded by Daniel Hepner and all were in favor

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Traffic study results from
PennDOT re: Bucktail Road

Manager Greene explained the City had requested PennDOT perform a traffic study for a portion of Bucktail Road/Route 120. PennDot had sent correspondence that a speed reduction was not justified. They recommended selective enforcement by the Police Department and the placement of "Truck Crossing" signs, if requested by the Vollmer's.

Manager Greene further explained if the Vollmer's request the City to place the signage they would incur the initial expense for the signs. After installation the City would be responsible for the signs.

Council agreed to wait to hear from the Vollmer's.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

Manager Greene stated he would like to schedule a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for Council on April 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Council agreed to the scheduled date and time.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**
Monica Radkowski

Monica Radkowski, resident and business owner, expressed her opposition to the recent removal of most of the trees along S. St. Marys Street for the road improvement project by PennDOT.

Grace Jesberger

Grace Jesberger, resident, also expressed her opposition to the tree removal.

Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the above comments and Manager Greene stated he would inquire if smaller ornamental trees could be planted.

Carl Hasselman

Carl Hasselman, resident, thanked Council for changing Ceramic Street back to a two way street. He requested the no parking signs along Center Street be corrected. He also stated he disagreed with parking enforcement after 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Councilman Roberts
Battery Street and Curry Avenue
code correction

Councilman Roberts commented after the Solicitor researched Council's recent request to change Ceramic Street back to a two-way street it was discovered City Vehicle Code was never changed to make Ceramic Street a one-way street, which creates a problem for Battery Street and Curry Avenue, and needs corrected.

Motion

Bob Roberts made a motion directing the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that meets the conditions that exist on Battery Street and Curry Avenue (one way streets), seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Discussion

Gregory Gebauer questioned if they were currently two-way streets and Bob Roberts responded when the Solicitor checked the current City Code he discovered the change of Battery Street and Curry Avenue to one-way streets was never officially placed in the vehicle code. When the subdivision plans were done it was clearly noted but it was never carried over to the vehicle code. This creates the problem of enforcement for the Police Department.

Gregory Gebauer commented they (Battery Street and Curry Avenue) are currently one-way streets and Bob

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Roberts stated yes and not wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to direct the Solicitor to prepare the Ordinance with a clarification of where Battery Street meets Ceramic Street.

Mayor Geyer
St. Marys Story community
meeting

Mayor Geyer explained WPSU television station was preparing to film the "St. Marys Story" and was inviting the community to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the St. Marys Area Middle School to join in the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Signing and presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Lonni Lewanduski
Recording Secretary

Sally Geyer
Mayor