

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

April 2, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 2, 2007 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 29, 2007, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Thomas Farley, Mark Kopp, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, and Michael L. Mullaney, Public Works Director

Absent: David Greene, City Manager (excused)

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Tina Gnan, Richard Sadley, Warren Stewart, and Katie Weidenboerner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
March 19, 2007

A motion was made by Mark Kopp to approve the minutes of March 19, 2007, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

**REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Geyer stated an Executive Session was held on March 19, 2007 regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
HOME Program  
2007 Application

Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing regarding the HOME Program 2007 Application and turned the meeting over to Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator.

Ms. Gnan stated the purpose of this hearing was to offer citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME program. The City proposes to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for approximately \$500,000.

\$440,000. has been proposed to directly benefit low and moderate income persons of the City. \$30,000. is being proposed for soft dollar costs, and the remaining \$30,000. will be used for administration.

Ms. Gnan noted that the City plans to submit the application to DCED as soon as possible.

Richard Dornisch expressed his concerns over the handling of the HOME program and was against applying for another grant.

There were no comments from citizens.

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Hearing Closed

Mark Kopp made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

**Award of Bids**  
Manhole Risers,  
Covers & Frames  
(WWTP)

Michael Mullaney stated that the following two bids for manhole risers, covers, and frames were opened during a public meeting held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 2:15 p.m. at City Hall:

**East Jordan Ironworks, Monroeville, PA.**

Various prices were received for the manhole frame & cover, manhole covers, manhole risers type 1, tapered manhole risers type 1, sewer inspection posts, manhole risers type 2, and rubber adjustment rings.

**Neenah Foundry Company, Neenah, WI**

Various prices were received for the manhole frame & cover and manhole covers.

Lad Kornacki, Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, recommended that the bids be awarded to East Jordan Ironworks for various prices and sizes.

Steven Skok made a motion to award the bids for the manhole risers, covers and frames per Lad Kornacki's recommendation, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**Consider for Adoption**  
Resolution No. 07-7  
re: Debt Loan to  
purchase three Police  
Interceptors

Resolution No. 07-7 was presented authorizing small borrowing for capital purposes under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA) in the amount of \$92,488.00 for the purchase of three 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police interceptors.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-7. The motion was seconded by Thomas Farley.

Dennis Nero noted the three Police cars were included in this year's budget.

Motion passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 07-7.

Resolution No. 07-8  
re: Debt Loan to  
purchase a truck,  
truck bed, and a  
street roller

Resolution No. 07-8 was presented authorizing small borrowing for capital purposes under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA) in the amount of \$124,000.00 for the purchase of a 2008 F550 Ford Truck, truck bed, and a street roller.

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- 1st Motion Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-8. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.
- Michael Mullaney explained that the price for the street roller has not been clarified and recommended the resolution be adopted, with the condition that the City negotiates the price for the street roller through the State contract supplier or go out for bids.
- Amended Motion Thomas Farley amended his motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-8, with the stipulation the City goes out for bids for the street roller or renegotiates the State prices. The amended motion was seconded by Steven Skok and all were in favor.
- Consider for Publication**  
Ordinance No. 229 re:  
Increase indebtedness  
for the Airport  
Industrial Park  
Project site  
(\$1,061,450.00)
- Ordinance No. 229 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City of Saint Marys, by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,061,450.00 for sundry purposes, fixing the form, number, date, interest, and maturity thereof, making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof.
- This loan is necessary for the development of the Airport Industrial Park Project site, such as; constructing an access road, water/sewage, utilities, excavation, engineering, and inspections. The loan matches the \$1,061,450.00 grant received from the Commonwealth Finance Agency.
- Sean Gabler made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 229. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp.
- Dennis Nero questioned how many businesses have shown interest in the property? Mayor Geyer noted, Manager Greene stated at a previous meeting, there were two.
- Motion passed All were in favor to publish Ordinance No. 229.
- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**  
Police Department  
Policy Change re:  
Pursuit & Emergency  
Driving Procedure
- Michael Mullaney explained that Chief W. Todd Caltagarone is requesting that the Pursuit and Emergency Driving Policy be revised. The Chief included the department's current policy as well as the proposed new policy for Council's review. Solicitor French has reviewed the proposed new policy and noted it looks "OK".
- Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the policy change. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nero.

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Richard Dornisch stated he is against high-speed chases, except in cases of murder, kidnapping, grand larceny, and terrorism.

Thomas Farley explained on page 2 of the new policy under LAW, it states, "Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes known as the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania sets the governing standards as to what is permitted and not permitted regarding the operation of emergency vehicles".

Motion passed by majority vote

All were in favor of the motion, except Richard Dornisch who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

Recycling Truck

Steven Skok, a member of the Recycling Task Force Committee, stated this item was discussed at the last meeting requesting permission from Council to pursue the 2004 recycling grant allotted to the City for a new recycling truck and containers.

Steven Skok made a motion to allow the City to go forward and apply for the 2004 recycling grant for the purchase of the new truck and additional containers. The motion was seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Thomas Farley stated he still has concerns regarding this grant. If the City gets this truck, there is no money in the budget for gas to run the truck, for insurance, for wages, and will the routes be increased?

Steven Skok stated the new truck is larger and if the recycling program would have to be expanded per DEP, it cannot be done with the present truck.

Thomas Farley felt we could expand with the existing truck by collecting recycables from residents once a week instead of going to specific residences twice a week. Mr. Farley stated before the City gets the new truck, there are some concerns that need addressed first.

Steven Skok noted the City received an extension on the grant until August.

Motion rejected

After further discussion, Steven Skok and Richard Dornisch voted in favor of the motion with Thomas Farley, Sean Gabler, Mark Kopp, Dennis Nero, and Mayor Sally Geyer voting against the motion. The motion was rejected by majority vote.

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Next Recycling Task  
Force Meeting

It was noted that the next Recycling Task Force Committee meeting will be held on April 12, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

## Agility Program

Michael Mullaney explained the Agility Program between PennDOT and the City. The program would trade services, such as the City would sweep State roads within St. Marys and PennDOT would in-turn paint center lines on some of the City roads.

This year, the City was informed by PennDOT they would not paint our lines. PennDOT felt they can do the job cheaper if they sweep their own State roads. The City will have to request bids to paint the center lines on our roads.

PennDOT recently came up with a policy that they will no longer maintain the storm sewers and storm sewer facilities on State roads within the City. The policy states the City would have to maintain these storm sewers, except the grates, which would be maintained by PennDOT.

The City just received a memo from PennDOT which states the City will now be responsible for all "stop signs" on local roads that connect with State roads.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from Council members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Spring Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day ceremony will be held on April 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Council and Citizens are invited to attend. Toby Herzing, Forester, DCNR, will be making presentations.
- At this time, Mayor Geyer read a proclamation designating April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day which will be presented to the Shade Tree Commission.

## ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Shirley Ricklas*  
Recording Secretary

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Mayor