

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, April 21, 2008 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 April 17, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, Richard Gabler, Jr., City Manager David Greene, and City Solicitor Mark Jacob

VISITORS

Visitors included: Daniel Hepner, Warren Stewart, Barry Lemmert, and Katie Weidenboerner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 7, 2008

Richard Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2008, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON AGENDA TOPICS

Daniel Hepner requested to speak later during the meeting under Legislative Action Items A & B.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- March 18th, met with representatives of the Senior Center to discuss their new concerns at the center.
- Met with Tom Harley & Jerry Bankovich on March 27th to discuss plans for the new parking garage.
- April 1st, Steven Skok & I attended the District PLCM meeting in Erie & toured the new Bayfront Convention Center.
- Attended a C2P2 conference in Ridgway on April 2nd to discuss grant funding for the new Elk Creek Park.
- On April 7th, Mark Jacob & I met with Zito Media to discuss the new cable contract with the City.
- Joe Bologna & I met with representatives from Kaul Land Co. to discuss right-of-way agreements.
- Mark Jacob & I met on April 14th to discuss various pending legal matters.
- April 16th, Matt Young & I met with Bill Hoehn to discuss the Bell Tower.
- On April 16th, Matt Pfeufer & I met with Michelle Hoover to discuss sewage planning modules for the City.
- April 16th, Matt Young, Ted Polinski & I met with representatives from Joelcole to discuss the new Industrial Steel Bldg.

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Manager Greene requested that the revised Non-Uniformed Employee Performance Appraisal System be placed on the agenda under Legislative Action as Item E.

Manager Greene also noted he has been working with Bill Hoehn of the Fire Department regarding the "Bell Tower" which is on the Historical Register. Council received information regarding the restoration of the tower. The Manager would like to see a committee formed to work on this project.

Richard Dornisch suggested the Manager check with the Historical Society regarding the Bell Tower.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the Expenditures Report for the period March 13, 2008 thru April 11, 2008. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

Steven Skok questioned the expenditure for General Code. The Manager explained every year adopted City ordinances are sent to General Code for revision so the City's Code Books can be updated.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the Expenditures Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2008. The City is at the end of the first quarter of 2008. In the General Fund, the City collected 17.29% in revenue and spent 20.65% of the budget. Last year, at this time, the City received 17.33% in revenue and spent 21.42% of the budget in the General Fund. The City collected 25.03% of its budgeted amount for earned income and 16.32% for Real Estate taxes. Last year, earned income was at 26.54% and Real Estate Taxes were at 15.63%.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Publication
 Ordinance No. 240
 re: Police Vehicles
 (\$70,000.)

Ordinance No. 240 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$70,000. 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 for the purpose of purchasing a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor and a 2008 Ford Expedition for the Police Department.

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Richard Dornisch questioned since this item was approved in the budget, why is an ordinance needed? Manager explained Council did approve the purchase of the vehicles and now you are approving the financing of the vehicles over a four year term.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 240. The motion was seconded by Thomas Farley.

Daniel Hepner asked if the \$70,000. for the vehicles was approved by Council. Manager responded, yes.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to publish Ordinance No. 240.

Ordinance No. 241
St. Dept. Equipment
(\$200,000.)

Ordinance No. 241 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000. 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; authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof for the purpose of purchasing a 2008 Volvo G946 Grader, a 2008 GMC Sierra 3500 HD, and a 2008 GMC TC5500 Truck for the Street Department. The loan for these three vehicles is for a six year term.

Thomas Farley made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 241. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nero.

Daniel Hepner had several questions regarding the budget.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to publish Ordinance No. 241.

Ordinance No. 242
re: Airport Road
Weight Limits

Ordinance No. 242 was presented removing the vehicle weight limit restrictions on Airport Road in the City. The ordinance amends Chapter 15, Part 3, Section 301 by "deleting" the following entry; Airport Road for the entire length, maximum gross weight of 10 tons.

A motion was made by Steven Skok to publish Ordinance No. 242, seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 243
re: Establishing
Additional Stop
Intersections

Ordinance No. 243 was presented amending Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 213 establishing additional stop intersections. The following additions are:

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- Erie Ave. intersection with Fourth Street, easterly direction
- Erie Ave. intersection with Depot Street Parking Lot, easterly direction

Richard Dornisch made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 243, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Consider for Adoption
Resolution No. 08-8
re: Elk Creek Dev.
Grant Application

Resolution No. 08-8 was presented authorizing the City to apply to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a grant for the purpose of carrying out the Elk Creek Development Project in the amount of \$101,000.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-8. The motion was seconded by Sean Gabler.

Dennis Nero questioned how is the City going to match the grant? Manager Greene stated the project total is \$274,463.50. The City received a Growing Greener grant in the amount of \$72,200. The DCNR grant is for \$101,000., leaving \$101,263.50 the City needs to come up with. He noted the project is scheduled for 2009/10. If the City receives the \$101,000. grant from DCNR, we will try for additional grant monies for the City's share.

Because of a citizen's inquiry, Manager Greene stated maintenance of the park would be about \$3,000. annually.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 08-8.

Employee Appraisal

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Non-Uniformed Employee Performance Appraisal System, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Police Contract

Manager presented the Agreement between the City of St. Marys and the St. Marys Police Department for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012. The agreement is for four years with a 3% wage increase for each year of the contract.

Sean Gabler made a motion to ratify the Police Contract, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

PLCM Annual
Convention

Manager Greene noted the PLCM 109th Annual Convention will be held June 25-27, 2008 at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel. PLCM is requesting a Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate. He stated Steven Skok and himself will be attending the convention.

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Dennis Nero made a motion to appoint Steven Skok and David Greene as the City's delegates for the PLCM Convention, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

Manager Greene stated William Zelt would like to do a bronze statue of the early settlers of St. Marys (a man and a woman) for a cost of between \$60,000. to \$70,000. for the new Elk Creek Park. The Historical Society would like it noted they are in favor, but that the price is the draw-back.

Thomas Farley stated an elk statue was listed for \$8,000. and questioned if this statue was bronze. Manager Greene responded it was not bronze and did not know what type of material it would be.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS OF
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**
Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart, once again, expressed his displeasure with the 12-hour metered parking on Depot Street and presented a few suggestions.

After a discussion, Sean Gabler felt this issue is the Manager's and the Police Chief's responsibility to resolve.

Barry Lemmert,
Pattison Street

Barry Lemmert expressed his concern regarding snow removal on his street. In checking with the City, he was told it was a private road. Mr. Lemmert stated the City owns all the way past Roosevelt Street to behind Berwind Park. He presented documentation to the Manager.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Thomas Farley requested an Executive Session be held regarding personnel issues.

Dennis Nero requested the status of the junk vehicles on North St. Marys Street. Solicitor Jacob stated the defendant was going to appeal but that he did not receive any papers to this effect.

Mayor Geyer asked about the burned out Howell Building. Manager explained a structural engineer from Lee Simpsons Engineers will be coming tomorrow to check the building.

Dennis Nero also asked if the Code Enforcement Officers are reviewing the City Ordinances regarding burnt out buildings. Manager Greene responded, they are.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at this time regarding personnel issues.

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Council Reconvened

Mayor Geyer reconvened the meeting and stated no decisions were made or action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Arbor Day Ceremony will be held at City Hall on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Public is invited to attend.
- City's spring clean-up day will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Graphite Road. Electronic recyclables should be taken to the electronic center in the Stackpole Complex.

Dennis Nero stated he received a note from Elaine Friedl, Dolly Wehler, and Mary Petrucci thanking the City for the Memorial Service held for the Brockway fire victims. Mayor Geyer stated the Mayor of Brockway also called and would like to thank the City's Fire and Police Departments for their assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Stanley Dicklas
Recording Secretary