

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, August 16, 2010 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 August 12, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Richard Dornisch, Steven Skok, Daniel Hepner, Bob Roberts, Richard Gabler, Jr., Manager David Greene, and Solicitor Mark Jacob.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Haas, Ken Young, Warren Stewart, Denny Bauer and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 2, 2010

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2010, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor, except Steven Skok who abstained.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Geyer stated there was an Executive Session held prior to tonight's meeting regarding legal issues involving the lease of real estate, and no decisions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

July 22- Met with Howard Brush from the Governor's Action Team to discuss the Parking Garage Project.

August 5- Attended a meeting at the St. Marys Airport with the Airport Authority members.

August 6- Matt Young and I met with George Fethcko from Gerster Trane to discuss the ongoing energy audits for City buildings.

August 6- DEP notified the City that the permits to build the Depot Street Parking Garage have been approved and construction can begin.

Mayor Geyer asked how the ATA plans were progressing. Manager Greene responded because the original bids for their project were higher than expected, they intend to re-bid the project.

Bob Roberts asked if it would have any effect on the City's portion of the Parking Garage project and Manager Greene responded that it would not.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the Expenditures from July 15, 2010 to August 14, 2010, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the following Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2010:

Total revenue collected for the general fund was at \$3.5 million. Last year it was \$3.7 million and in 2008 the City collected \$3.7 million. Total Expenditures for the general fund as of July 31, were at \$2.6 million, down from last year of \$2.8 million. 2008 expenditures at this time were at

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\$2.9 million. Revenues collected for the general fund were at 62 percent of budget and expenditures were at 45.92 percent of budget. Last year at this time, revenues were at 61 percent and expenditures were at 45.55 percent of budget.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for Publication:

Ordinance No. 260, re: Increasing the City's Indebtedness \$118,134.00 for Street Department Equipment

Ordinance No. 260 was presented increasing the City's Indebtedness \$118,134.00 for Street Department Equipment.

Manager Greene stated that last fall Council approved in its 2010 budget, to replace Truck #8, Salt Truck, and Truck #11, the sign truck, for no more than \$120,000.00.

Motion

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 260, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 261, re: Zoning/Sign Ordinance Revisions

Ordinance No. 261 was presented amending the Code of the City of St. Marys, Chapter 27, Part 1, Section 112, Definitions; Chapter 27, Part 3, Section 315, Outdoor Signs; and Chapter 27, Attachments 1-1 through 2-3. (Zoning/Sign Ordinance Revisions)

Solicitor Jacob explained the only changes that were made to the Ordinance from the information that was previously submitted to Council were the following:

The Boulevard signs will be subject to State and PennDOT regulations and laws.

Changing a typographical error from loud to lewd.

He stated the Planning Commission had the following notable comments:

The banners that are normally hung in front of City Hall for community events were not allowable previously and would continue to not be allowable unless Council added a special exception to the current revisions.

The confiscation clause would be implemented for exceeding the specified time limit, but could be enforced for safety reasons.

Motion Passed

Dennis Nero made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 261, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch, who opposed.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Richard Dornisch stated he wanted Council to consider term limits on the City's Authorities, Boards and Commissions. He intends to discuss the issue again at future meetings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Skok commented that a great job was done on

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the Kaulmont Park Project; the park was being well used and he encouraged everyone to visit it.

Councilman Dornisch commented he was pleased that the problem with tall weeds at the intersection of Woodland Road and Washington Street was taken care within a few days after he had mentioned it at the last meeting.

Councilman Hepner commented that after Mr. Haas had explained a problem with large trucks damaging Evergreen Road he went and looked at the road. Because the right hand side of Evergreen Road appeared to have a low spot in the pavement, a large low sitting vehicle could easily scrape bottom.

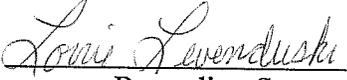
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council rescheduled worksession will be held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Recording Secretary

Mayor