

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, December 19, 2011 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 December 15, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Greg Gebauer, Ned Jacob, R. Sadley, Mike Brock, and Steve Michuck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 5, 2011

Daniel Hepner, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2012 City Budget

Mayor Geyer opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Geyer closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

November 18- Members of the Pension Committee met with Jeff Davidek from CS McKee to receive an update on the status of our pension funds.

November 21- Attended the David Plants hearing held at Judge Wilhelm's office on South Michael Street.

November 22- Carol Muhitch and I met with Sean Gabler and Cyndi Anderson from First Commonwealth to discuss the City's hospitalization plans.

November 23- Matt Young, Ted Polinski and I met with representatives from Elcam to review plans for a new project that they are developing for next year.

November 29- Met with Floyd MacAfoose a resident of Jackson Road to discuss drainage issues on his property.

December 5- Carol Muhitch and I met with representatives from Nicklas Insurance to discuss the City's hospitalization plans.

December 7- Paul Hanes from the Reschini Group met with City employees to discuss the UPMC health plan that the City is considering.

December 8- Matt Pfeufer and I met with Attorney Tony Alfieri to discuss the pending Rice Family Trust legal matter. Attorney Alfieri will be handling the case for the City. Mark Jacob will be the new District Judge starting in January and has resigned from the City Solicitor's position.

December 12- Representatives from St. Marys Insurance

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met with City employees to discuss the Health America hospitalization plan that the City is considering for our employees.

December 14- Met with representatives from ATA to discuss the entrance to the new ATA Transit Center. Construction on the new center is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

Update on City Hospitalization Plan Manager Greene gave an update on the City's hospitalization plan. He stated Blue Cross/Blue Shield Highmark had found out the City was considering other plans and notified the City of a 4 percent decrease for 2012. The total increase in cost went from 42 percent to 38 percent for a net savings of \$38, 132.00. The City will still be paying \$229,000 more than last year. The City was considering making a change to the 2012 hospitalization plan but for various reasons will revisit the issue in 2013.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Expenditures from November 17, 2011 to December 17, 2011, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the following Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2011:

The Revenue collected for the General Fund was at 99.98 percent of budget or \$6.878 million. Last year in November Revenue was at 90.02 percent of budget and for 2009 revenue was at 81.72 percent of the budgeted amount. The Expenditures for the General Fund was at 87.98 percent of budget and last year was 83.53 percent and in 2009 was at 76.2 percent of the budgeted amount. Benchmark figures would be a 91.6 percent. The remaining funds are staying well within their budgeted amounts.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for adoption: Ordinance No. 272, re: Levy and Assessment of 2012 taxes

Ordinance No. 272 was presented providing for the Levy and Assessment of taxes for the City of St. Marys for the Fiscal year 2012 with the following millage rates:

12.6082 - General Revenue
1.908 - Debt Service
.80 - Street Lights
1.2 - Fire Department
.24 - Fire Hydrants
.58 - Library
.10 - Ambulance Service
.90 - Parks and Recreation
Total millage of 18.3362

Motion

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 272, seconded by Dennis Nero.

Mayor Geyer stated there was no tax increase for 2012.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 272.

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2012 Wage and Benefit Schedule
(added to agenda)

Manager Greene stated that within the budget there was approximately \$24,000 in unallocated funds. The Wage and Benefit Schedule would provide an annual increase of \$1,500 for each Management employee which would utilize \$18,000 of the unallocated funds. The Management employees had not had an increase since 2009.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the Wage and Benefit Schedule for 2012, seconded by Dennis Nero and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch who opposed.

Consider for adoption Resolution
No. 11-25, re: 2012 City Budget for
various funds

Resolution No. 11-25 was presented for the 2012 Budget for the following various funds for the City of St. Marys.

GENERAL FUND	REVENUE	\$6,050,459
	EXPENDITURES	\$6,050,459
STREET LIGHTING FUND	REVENUE	\$174,260
	EXPENDITURES	\$174,260
FIRE PROTECTION FUND	REVENUE	\$262,389
	EXPENDITURES	\$262,389
RECREATION BOARD	REVENUE	\$369,751
	EXPENDITURES	\$369,751
LIBRARY FUND	REVENUE	\$126,339
	EXPENDITURES	\$126,339
AMBULANCE FUND	REVENUE	\$21,782
	EXPENDITURES	\$21,782
FIRE HYDRANT FUND	REVENUE	\$52,635
	EXPENDITURES	\$52,635
DEBT FUND	REVENUE	\$856,941
	EXPENDITURES	\$856,941
SEWAGE TREATMENT FUND	REVENUE	\$3,213,769
	EXPENDITURES	\$3,213,769

Motion Passed

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-25, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Subdivision Application: SGL
Carbon LLC, Rear of Theresia
Street

A subdivision application was presented for SGL Carbon LLC, for property located at the rear of Theresia Street. The subdivision plan proposes to divide a 3.34 acre lot from an adjoining parcel for the purpose of a new lot. The residual parcel contains an industrial office building and is connected to public water and sewer. The new building lot contains several industrial buildings and is connected to public water and sewer. The new lot does not seem to have the required minimum lot frontage or the required minimum access to a public or private street, however if you count the lot width along the new proposed access easement and the 5.26 feet of public street frontage, it has over the required minimum of 125 feet. The Planning Commission had one comment on the plan, and that was the parcel ID number for the subject parcel should be 13-13-223-8516 and not 13-13-239-8516. The corrected maps were received on Friday, December 16, 2011.

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- Motion Passed Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the subdivision application, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.
- Revised Family Medical Leave Policy Manager Greene explained the Family Medical Leave Policy needed revised due to the language regarding when to request leave, because of the availability of 13 weeks of short term disability and 12 weeks of Family Medical Leave. The revised policy clarifies the Family Medical Leave runs concurrent with the Short Term Disability Leave.
- Motion Passed Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the Revised Family Medical Leave Policy, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.
- Revised Police In-Car Video Policy Manager Greene explained the Revised Police In-Car Video Policy needed additional language added to the Operating Procedures under Section 4.
- Motion Passed Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the Revised Police In-Car Video Policy, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
2012 Open Council Position

Councilman Gabler requested an overview of proper protocol, due to the open Councilmember position as of January 1, 2012.

Manager Greene explained at Council's Reorganizational meeting the two newly elected members will be present. At that time the newly formed Board will have to decide on how to proceed with the vacancy. If Council cannot fill the vacancy within 30 days the Vacancy Board Chairman would then be the 7th member of Council to assist. If a decision still cannot be reached the Court of Common Pleas would decide who would fill the vacancy.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS
Mike Brock

Mike Brock addressed an unresolved issue regarding the recent Oil and Gas Ordinance. He was concerned with Zoning in the Rural Conservation Zone within the City. He wanted Council to request the Planning Commission to revisit the issue.

Council had a brief discussion with Mr. Brock and believed Conditional Use was still the best solution for the issue.

Steve Michuck

Steve Michuck, resident, stated he was in agreement with Mr. Brock and suggested the City review prior Deeds and Subdivisions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmen Nero, Gabler and Skok thanked the City staff, past and present Councilmember's, and residents, for their support during their time as Councilmen. The rest of Council thanked the outgoing members for their service to the Community.

Councilman Dornisch commented he still was waiting for the City to provide a memorial for Merle Lecker for his lifetime of service to the Community. He also commented he would like to see a plaque at Memorial Park to commemorate the servicemen and servicewomen from St. Marys and possibly an explanation of how the park was

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named.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Council's Reorganizational meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Presentation of Plaques and Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Geyer and Manager Greene presented plaques to outgoing Councilmen Nero, Gabler and Skok and Solicitor Jacob thanking them for their years of service.

Mayor Geyer and Manager Greene also presented a plaque to Norbert Arnold as a founding and longstanding member of the Parking Authority for his years of service

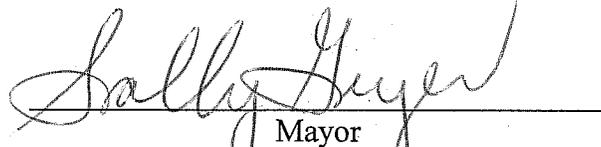
Michael L. Mullaney, Public Works Director, would receive a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service, since he was retiring at the end of this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Recording Secretary



Mayor