

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2009

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 21, 2009 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 17, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Haas, Gwen Auman, Dan Hepner, Tina Gradizzi, Bob Roberts, and Ken Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 7, 2009

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING Re:
CDBG Program**

Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. and turned the hearing over to Tina Gradizzi, Community & Economic Development Coordinator.

Ms. Gradizzi stated this was the second and final public hearing to be held for the solicitation of public comments concerning 2010 CDBG projects. The first public hearing was held on Monday December 7, 2009 and was advertised November 30, 2009. This public hearing was advertised December 15, 2009. The Resolution for this application will be presented to council for approval at their meeting on February 15, 2010.

Since the City has not yet received the 2010 CDBG award the following proposed projects will be based on an amount of \$350,000:

Administration; \$63,000
Housing Leverage Funding; Undetermined
30% Slum/Blight for RDA Projects; \$86,000

The application will be on display from January 15, 2010 through February 5, 2010 and on February 15, 2010 Council will be provided a copy of the

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Resolution to authorize submission of the 2010 CDBG application based on their decision made at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Gradizzi stated she received a request from the Community Nurses for grant application for the purchase of Telehealth units to supplement their Telehealth program in the amount of \$30,000 - \$35,000. This request is similar to the prior funding they received in 2004.

Gwen Auman approached Council and gave an explanation of the Community Nurses Telehealth Program.

There were no citizen comments regarding the hearing.

Dennis Nero made a motion to accept the 2010 CDBG program, seconded by Steve Skok, and all were in favor.

Steve Skok made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor. The hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Richard Dornisch enters

Richard Dornisch arrives at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: City's 2010 Budget

Thomas Farley made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Steve Skok, all were in favor.

Mayor Geyer opened the public hearing regarding the City's 2010 Budget at 7:10 p.m.

The estimated summary for the 2010 City Budget is as follows:

General Fund

Revenues-	\$5,663,293
Expenditures-	\$5,663,293

Street Lighting Tax Fund

Revenues-	\$170,273
Expenditures-	\$170,273

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Fire Protection Fund	
Revenues-	\$426,243
Expenditures-	\$426,243
Recreation Board	
Revenues-	\$352,882
Expenditures-	\$352,882
Library Fund	
Revenues-	\$123,625
Expenditures-	\$123,625
Ambulance Fund	
Revenues-	\$21,325
Expenditures-	\$21,325
Fire Hydrant Fund	
Revenues-	\$52,500
Expenditures-	\$52,500
Debt Fund	
Revenues-	\$782,350
Expenditures-	\$782,350
Sewage Treatment Fund	
Revenues-	\$2,685,909
Expenditures-	\$2,685,909
Capital Reserve Fund	
Revenues-	\$370,417
Expenditures-	\$370,417

Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Hearing Closed

Dennis Nero made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Steve Skok, and all were in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

November 13- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the new spur line that the B&P Railroad installed in Johnsonburg.

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November 18- Attended the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) meeting in Ridgway.

November 18- Attended the Elk County Tax Collection Committee meeting held in Ridgway.

December 7- Mark Jacob and I met with Gabe Uljon to discuss the lease with ATA.

December 8- Attended the North Central Transportation meeting in Ridgway. The meeting was held to approve Bridge and Highway projects.

December 10- The Mayor and I attended the retirement breakfast held for Ray Klaiber at the Silver Wing restaurant.

December 14- Sally Wilson and I met with an individual who is looking for rental space to open an office in St. Marys.

December 15- Attended the Grand Opening of the new Save-A-Lot Food Store on Bruxelles Street.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the Expenditures from November 8, 2009 to December 5, 2009, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2009. The revenue collected for the General fund was at 81.72% of budget or \$4.97 million. Last year in November we were at 99% of budget and for 2007 revenue was at 96.5% of the budgeted amount. The expenditures for the General Fund was at 76.2% of budget and last year we spent 97.6%; 2007 we were at 96.5% of the budgeted amount. Benchmark figures would be at 91.6%. The remaining funds were staying well within their budgeted amounts.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for adoption Ordinance No. 254 re: Levy and Assessment of taxes

Ordinance No. 254 was presented providing for the Levy and Assessment of taxes for the Fiscal year 2010 with the following millage rates:

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10.6982 - 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 16.4262

Motion Passed

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 254 for adoption, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor, except Thomas Farley.

Consider for adoption Resolution No. 09-24 re: 2010 City Budget

Resolution No. 09-24 was presented for adoption of the 2010 Budget for various funds (listed above) for the City. The Budget would be on display for another ten days at City Hall and at the St. Marys Public Library.

Motion

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-24, seconded by Steve Skok.

Discussion

Thomas Farley stated he felt that his prior comments on the Budget from the previous Council meeting were enough.

Mayor Geyer stated she had mixed feelings about the Budget.

Dennis Nero agreed there were more cuts that could have been made, but he was satisfied with the Budget.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve Resolution No. 09-24, except Thomas Farley.

Resolution No. 09-25 re: Sewage Rate Increase

Resolution No. 09-25 was presented to increase the sewage base rate \$2.50 per month. The current base rate is \$17.00 and deemed insufficient. The base rate would change to \$19.50 per month beginning January 1, 2010.

Motion

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve Resolution No.09-25, seconded by Sean Gabler.

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- Explanation** Manager Greene stated the increase was due to \$25,000 less in revenues than anticipated, primarily because of the decrease of industry consumption.
- Motion Passed** All were in favor to approve Resolution No. 09-25.
- Notice of Award of Bid re: Depot Street Parking Garage** Manager Greene presented the following Notices of Award for construction of a two level parking garage on Depot Street for Council's approval.
- Overdorf Mechanicals, Inc. - \$266,600.00
 - Elco Electrical - \$259,350
 - Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. - \$3,464,500.00
- Motion** Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for Overdorf Mechanicals, Inc., seconded by Steve Skok.
- Discussion** Sean Gabler questioned what affect an unfavorable decision on the Section 108 loan would have on the construction.
- Manager Greene gave an explanation of the funding already acquired and the need to still complete the Depot Street reconstruction as a match of funds, but he believed the Section 108 loan may not be needed.
- Thomas Farley questioned if the extension of contract additional fees were included in the amount of the Award of Bid and Manager Greene stated, it was.
- Motion Passed** All were in favor to approve the Notice of Award for Overdorf Mechanicals, Inc.
- Motion Passed** Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for Elco Electrical Company, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.
- Motion** Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., seconded by Mayor Geyer.
- Discussion** Thomas Farley questioned if the bid was for a steel pan system or a post tension system.

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Manager Greene stated it was for a steel pan system. The cost savings would be \$257,414 and the system would be sufficient as long as the necessary maintenance was performed.

Manager Greene also stated the developer was looking into a solar panel system to double as a cover for the second floor of the building.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the Notice of Award for Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Rotation of Deputy Mayor

Richard Dornisch stated he would like to see a rotation of the position of Deputy Mayor.

Term Limits on Authorities, Boards and Commissions

He also suggested Council consider term limits for the Authorities, Boards and Commissions for the City and possibly appoint a committee of Council members to request individuals to be appointed to the Boards.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS
Sean Gabler**

Sean Gabler stated he has been requesting that the City reactivate the fire siren system to alert residents to a natural disaster. He encouraged Council to pursue the idea with the use of grant money. He also thanked Council for their service in local government and encourages others to do the same. He also thanked the residents of St. Marys for the contact they made with him over his four year term and encouraged them to continue to contact Council members.

Richard Dornisch

Richard Dornisch expressed Christmas greetings to his peers and constituency.

Thomas Farley

Thomas Farley stated it was a very rewarding eight years as a Councilman. He wanted to thank the City staff, fellow Council members, current and previous, and residents of the Community for their support.

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Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The Council reorganizational meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with a swearing in ceremony held at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall.
- Presentation of plaques to the outgoing Councilmen, Thomas Farley and Sean Gabler.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Recording Secretary