

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

FEBRUARY 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, February 1, 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 January 28, 2010, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Richard Sadley, Warren Stewart, Tina Gradizzi, Ken Young, Joe Penfield, and Bill Kraus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 18, 2010

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2010, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Re: Fire Department Annual Report

Bill Kraus, Fire Department Chief, presented the following Fire Department Annual Report for 2009.

- Responded to 301 incidents, a decrease of 42 from previous year
- Provided a breakdown of the incidents
- 42 mutual aid responses
- Received mutual aid three times
- Provided inspections and drills at 16 local schools and health care facilities
- Provided fire prevention programs to local schools and scout troops
- Held an open house at the Erie Avenue station
- Provided the Prom Promise Program
- Incidents by days of the week and an alarm time analysis
- Response time averages
- Building and Content values, losses and savings

After several comments and questions, Council thanked Mr. Kraus for a very informative presentation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Re: Appointments to Shade Tree
Commission

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint David Larkin as a member of the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Daniel Hepner made a motion to appoint Gail Shturtz to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jane Gnan, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Appointment to the St. Marys Area
Airport Authority

Richard Dornisch made a motion to appoint Dr. Maurus Sorg as a member of the St. Marys Area Airport Authority, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Parking Authority

There were no letters of interest received and the vacancy will be re-advertised.

Comment

Richard Dornisch

Richard Dornisch commented again on his interest to place term limits on the City's Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

CDBG Revisions

Tina Gradizzi requested Council's approval on submitting recommendations to the 2007 CDBG allocations and 2010 CDBG proposed projects in an effort to secure additional funding for the Depot Street reconstruction project. She also stated a public hearing would be held for public comment on the proposed recommendations and the modifications for the 2007 CDBG contract.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve pursuing the proposed CDBG recommendations, seconded by Steven Skok.

Discussion

Daniel Hepner questioned the actual monies spent and budgeted. He stated the proposed changes would still create a shortfall and questioned what plan was in place to correct the shortfall.

Manager Greene explained there were three line items that, if removed, could reduce the costs.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve pursuing the CDBG proposed revisions.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**Re: Bell & Hose Tower Condition**

Dennis Nero stated Council received information on the current condition of the Bell & Hose Tower from Mr. Bill Hoehn. There had been no funding received for repair or demolition of the tower and Council needed to be aware of the possible liability to the City.

Richard Dornisch gave a brief history of the tower and suggested the Fire Department and the Historical Society raise funds to preserve the tower.

Dennis Nero clarified the City owns the building not the Crystal Fire Department.

Manager Greene stated the tower was on the National Historical Register.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Joe Penfield approached Council and stated he had previously addressed Council regarding police misconduct. He then provided Council with a copy of results of a private polygraph test that he had received in reference to his previous allegations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bob Roberts commended the Crystal Fire Department on the excellent job they do for the community. He also stated he was very proud of them and their organization, and grateful for the services they provide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

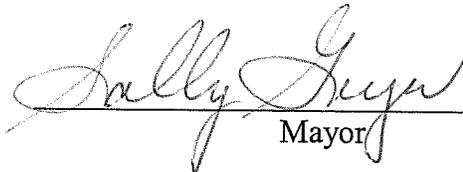
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Recording Secretary


Mayor