

CITY OF SAINT MARYS VACANCY BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Vacancy Board meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Chairman Robert Ordiway on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to members on February 16, 2012, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE OF THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Robert Ordiway, Mayor Sally Geyer, Councilmen Bob Roberts, Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Gregory Gebauer, Solicitor Tom Wagner and Manager David Greene. Nedward Jacob was excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: E.J. Friedl, Paul Jesberger, Grace Jesberger, Gary Anderson, Jerry Hanes, Marie Gahr, Richard Sadley, Lyle Garner, Tom Farley, Bert Sorg and Sam Shefcyk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012, seconded by Councilman Hepner.

Mayor Geyer commented there were a few names misspelled.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the minutes with the above noted corrections.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Chairman Ordiway explained the purpose of the meeting was for the Vacancy Board to interview candidates who had submitted their name for consideration to fill the vacant Council position and to vote at tonight's meeting. He explained there were originally six interested candidates, but two had withdrawn their names which leave four for consideration.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Chairman Ordiway informed the candidates a system will be used to randomly choose the order of speaking. When their name was called they were instructed to approach the podium and tell the Board something about themselves, work experience, Community involvement, reason for wanting to serve on Council and any other information that they believed would benefit their candidacy.

INTERVIEWS**Marie Gahr**

Marie Gahr approached and presented her information and reasons why she wanted to serve on Council.

Tom Farley

Tom Farley approached and presented his information and reasons why he wanted to serve on Council.

Gary Anderson

Gary Anderson approached and presented his information and reasons why he wanted to serve on Council.

Lyle Garner

Lyle Garner approached and presented his information and reasons why he wanted to serve on Council.

DISCUSSION**Mayor Geyer**

Mayor Geyer commented she was surprised to see how many

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people had applied. She commended everyone who did apply.

Councilman Dornisch

Councilman Dornisch expressed his reservations with the next step in the process. He believed a silent vote should be performed instead of what he thought could be a "popularity contest". The candidate who received the most votes would be the only candidate who would be voted on.

Solicitor Wagner

Solicitor Wagner requested to respond to Councilman Dornisch's comments. Mr. Wagner stated he shared Councilman Dornisch's sentiments, unfortunately there was a current Court Case involving a School Board Vacancy. A silent ballot was rejected by the Commonwealth Court because under the Sunshine Act members of a public body are required to express their votes publicly.

VOTE OF VACANCY BOARD

Chairman Ordiway explained the vote would be performed the same as the interview selection. If there were no objections his intentions were to proceed with a system of randomly choosing a candidate to consider for a motion. There were no objections.

Lyle Garner

Mayor Geyer made a motion to appoint Lyle Garner, seconded by Councilman Gebauer.

Motion Died

On a roll call vote, four voted in the negative and two in the positive. Motion Died.

Tom Farley

Councilman Roberts made a motion to appoint Tom Farley, seconded by Councilman Hepner.

Tie Vote- Motion Died

On a roll call vote, three voted in the positive and three in the negative. Tie vote. Motion Died

Marie Gahr

Councilman Dornisch made a motion to appoint Marie Gahr.

Motion Died

The motion died for lack of a second.

Gary Anderson

Mayor Geyer made a motion to appoint Gary Anderson, seconded by Councilman Dornisch.

Motion Passed

On a roll call vote, four voted in the positive and two in the negative. Motion Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ordiway announced Gary Anderson had been appointed to the vacant Council position.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Geyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


Chairman Robert Ordiway