

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

JANUARY 3, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, January 3, 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 30, 2010, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Bob VanAlstine, Willie Hanes, Olin Tucker, Jr., Heidi Garner, Patricia Wolfe, Maria Donachy, Emily Hanes, Tina Gradizzi, John Copelli, Ned Jacob, Ken Young, Warren Stewart, Joe Frey, Delores Frey, and Richard Sadley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
December 20, 2010

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2010, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING: re: 2011 CDBG Program**

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

Tina Gradizzi, Community & Economic Development Coordinator, explained this was the second and final hearing for the solicitation of public comments concerning 2011 CDBG projects.

The first public hearing was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 and was advertised November 26, 2010. This hearing was advertised Friday, December 24, 2010. The Resolution for the CDBG application will be presented to Council for their approval at their February 21, 2011 meeting.

The proposed projects listed below are based on the City receiving a \$350,000 allocation in 2011.

Administration- \$63,000

Street Reconstruction/Improvements- \$287,000

The City solicits Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) for all projects that are bid. The City has set goals of 5% for MBE and 3% WBE for all bids.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments regarding the 2011 CDBG application.

Mayor Geyer questioned what the determining factor was in choosing which street would be eligible for improvements and Ms. Gradizzi responded the income surveys would determine eligibility and cost estimates would determine projects.

**Hearing Closed**

Mayor Geyer closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Appointments to Authorities, Boards  
And CommissionsBenzinger Township Golf Authority  
(5years)

Bob Roberts made a motion to reappoint John H. Dippold to the Benzing Township Golf Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Benzinger Township Hospital  
Authority (5years)

Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Dr. Charles Haskell to the Benzing Township Hospital Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Parking Authority (5years)  
and two vacancies to fill unexpired  
terms

Bob Roberts made a motion to reappoint/appoint Robert Makufka, Warren Stewart, and Jack Gabler to the Parking Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero.

Councilman Dornisch requested the motion be made separately for each candidate. He commented he did not agree with individuals on multiple boards at the same time and still is in favor of term limits.

Bob Roberts amended his motion to reappoint Robert Makufka to the Parking Authority, Dennis Nero amended his second, and all were in favor to reappoint Robert Makufka to the Parking Authority.

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Warren Stewart to the Parking Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch, who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote. (To fill the unexpired term of Steven Zitzler)

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Jack Gabler to the Parking Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor. (To fill the unexpired term of Elaine Friedl)

Redevelopment Authority of the City  
of St. Marys (5years)

Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Joseph Mallison to the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

St. Marys Area Airport Authority  
(5years)

Daniel Hepner made a motion to reappoint Faisal El-Awar to the Airport Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Daniel Hepner to the Airport Authority, seconded by Steven Skok.

Mayor Geyer questioned if Councilman Hepner would accept the appointment and he responded yes.

All were in favor to appoint Daniel Hepner to the Airport Authority, except Daniel Hepner, who abstained. Motion passed by majority vote.

St. Marys Area Water Authority  
(5years)

Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Michael Engel to the Water Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

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St. Marys Municipal Authority  
(5years)

Daniel Hepner made a motion to appoint Derek Wolfanger to the Municipal Authority, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

One vacancy remains on the Municipal Authority, and will be re-advertised.

Board of Health (5 years)

Daniel Hepner made a motion to appoint David Nedzinski to the Board of Health, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board (5years)

There were no letters of interest received for the Zoning hearing Board vacancy. The vacancy will be re-advertised.

Police Civil Service Commission  
(3years)

Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Anthony Celin, Jr. to the Police Civil Service Commission, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

Shade Tree Commission of the City of  
St. Marys (3years)

Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Robert Carnes to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Subdivision Application: Jason and  
Lori Croyle, West Eschbach Road

A subdivision application was presented for Jason and Lori Croyle for property located on West Eschbach Road. The subdivision proposes to divide a 1.102 acre lot with an existing dwelling and on-lot sewage disposal system from a 6.111 acre parcel for the purpose of creating a new building lot, the residual. The proposed building lot is 5.009 acres and has access to public sewage through a sewer line extension by an adjoining property owner. The residual lot maintains lot frontage along an unopened portion of Eschbach Road. The lots comply with the zoning ordinance. The recordation plats were submitted and all of the previous comments were addressed. The residual deed description was reviewed and is in agreement with the recordation plat. The plan is in compliance with the conditioned approval of the Planning Commission on December 7, 2010.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the subdivision application for Jason and Lori Croyle for property located on West Eschbach Road, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**  
Setting Council meeting dates for  
2011 Holidays (Fourth of July and  
Labor Day)

Council discussed the options for the rescheduling of Council worksessions when they occur on a Holiday. The regular monthly meetings would not be affected by the 2011 scheduled Holidays.

Motion Passed

Dennis Nero made a motion to hold one regular meeting in July and one regular meeting in September, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor, except Mayor Geyer, who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Council clarified an additional meeting could be scheduled, if needed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-  
AGENDA TOPICS**

Olin Tucker, Jr.

Olin Tucker, Jr. resident of Wilson Road approached Council and commented on numerous problems with

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residual waste from Woodbed Company. He provided Council with pictures of the residual waste issue on Wilson Road.

Bob VanAlstine

Bob VanAlstine resident of Wilson Road commented the City has a contract with the Woodbed Company for its residents, and requested the City look into the problems on Wilson Road.

Maria Donachy

Maria Donachy resident of Wilson Road commented the problems with the Woodbed Company started four years ago and she has written numerous letters to the company to try to resolve the problems.

Heidi Garner

Heidi Garner resident of Wilson Road commented there were also noise issues with the Woodbed Company.

Patricia Wilson

Patricia Wilson resident of Wilson Road commented her children have health problems that are affected by the dust from the Woodbed Company, and she was also concerned with truck traffic.

Willie Hanes

Willie Hanes resident of Wilson Road suggested a barrier may help the dust/sawdust coming from the Woodbed Company. He also commented the company was operating during third shift hours.

Discussion

Council had a lengthy discussion with the residents from Wilson Road. The City's Code Enforcement Officer would be sent out and DEP would also need to be contacted.

Mayor Geyer

Mayor Geyer stated there would be an update of the issues at Council's next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Roberts

Councilman Roberts questioned if the parking meter was replaced yet in the Municipal parking lot next to the Moose Club and Manager Greene responded it would be taken care of soon.

Councilman Roberts

Councilman Roberts commented he had a problem with his T.V. reception with the local channels and Zito Media responded they were looking into the problem. He also noted the new digital television sets seem to make the problems worse.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

  
 Recording Secretary

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 Mayor