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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, July 16, 2012 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 July 12, 2012, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG****ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Bob Roberts, Nedward Jacob, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner. Gregory Gebauer and Gary Anderson were excused.

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Steve Michuck, Yvonne Michuck, Warren Stewart, Ashley O'Dell, Richard Sadley, Carl and Helen Green, and Mark S. Wagner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 2, 2012

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

June 19 – June 22- Councilman Hepner and the Manager attended the Annual PLCM Conference in Pittsburgh.

June 28- Matt Young, Ted Polinski, and the Manager along with John Shaffer from Harley Architects and Henry Wolf from Fiore Contractors completed a final punch list for the Parking Garage.

July 9- Manager attended a meeting of the Elk County Earned Income Tax Committee to discuss the problems we are having with our current earned income tax collector and the procedures to correct the problems.

July 10- John Reilly and Manager met with both unions to discuss contract negotiations. The current AFSCME and Police contracts terminate at the end of 2012.

Discussion  
Street Lights

Manager Greene explained at the last meeting Council requested him to review the number of private street lights in the former Benzinger Township. He stated approximately 14 private lights that could be considered City lights. Council will be provided with the listing of the 14 lights.

## Earned Income Tax Collection

Richard Dornisch questioned if there was anything Council should be made aware of regarding the Earned Income Tax Collections and Manager Greene responded the committee would be meeting again at the end of the month and currently the committee had requested quotes to collect the E.I.T. from three other companies to be submitted within the next 7 – 10 days. The committee will meet and review the quotes. The committee does not intend to stay with the current collector (Centax).

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Nedward Jacob questioned if the City was anticipating losing any money and Manager Greene responded no, the company was bonded and the funds have been collected, just not allocated yet. The change to the new collector would occur for the third quarter and the new collector would be asked to review the first and second quarter collections.

## PLCM Conference

Mayor Geyer questioned if the Manager or Councilman Hepner had any information to present to Council regarding the PLCM convention and Manager Greene and Councilman Hepner responded Act 47 regarding distressed municipalities and pension reform were the main topics.

## Water Bills

Manager Greene explained the City has agreed to collect the St. Marys Water Authority's water bills in the City's Sewer Collections office starting July 1, 2012. This would provide a drop off center for the water customers only. Any inquiries regarding a water bill would still be directed to the Water Authority.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

## Motion

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the Expenditures from June 17, 2012 to July 15, 2012, seconded by Bob Roberts.

## Discussion

Nedward Jacob questioned a line item regarding a bill for trees from West Creek Nursery and Manager Greene responded the bill was for the replacement of two memorial trees along Erie Avenue. One tree was damaged during a car accident and would be reimbursed by the driver's insurance company. The other tree had died and needed to be replaced. The trees were originally planted by the Marienstadt Corporation, but since they are no longer active and the Shade Tree Commission does not take responsibility for the trees, City funds had to pay to replace the tree.

## Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the Expenditures.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Geyer gave the following Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2012:

June is the half-way mark for the City. Total revenue collected for the General Fund was \$3.9 million or 65 percent of budget. Last year at this time the City collected \$4.1 million or 59.62 percent of budget. Total expenditures for the General Fund were at \$2.5 million or 42 percent of budget. Last year expenditures were at \$2.55 million or 37.12 percent of budget. Total real estate taxes collected were 95.5 percent of budget with 95.1 percent for last year. Earned Income collected is 45.6 percent of budget and for the last year 54.75 percent of budget was collected. The E.M.S tax or Local Service tax the City had collected 50.5 percent of budget for this year and for 2011 at this time 50.35 percent of budget was collected. The market value of the pension plans has increased since last month.

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**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Consider for adoption:

Resolution No. 12-9, re: Establishing procedures for promotions within the St. Marys Police Department

Resolution No. 12-9 was presented establishing the procedures for promotions within the St. Marys Police Department and repealing all prior resolutions pertaining to this subject.

Solicitor Wagner explained the Police Civil Service Commission and the Chief of Police had reviewed the Resolution and all were in agreement.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-9, seconded by Richard Dornisch and all were in favor.

Request from the St. Marys Chamber of Commerce, re: "Wing Fling"

The following requests were presented from the St. Marys Chamber of Commerce for the "Wing Fling" to be held on Friday, August 17, 2012:

Waive the Open Container Law during the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. along the designated area of Market Street and the Municipal Parking Lot between Market Street and South St. Marys Street.

Closing the Municipal Parking Lot Thursday, August 16 after 5:00 p.m. to allow for set-up.

Closing of Market Street at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012 to also allow for set-up.

Richard Dornisch noted the date is earlier than in prior years.

Bob Roberts requested that Market Street not be closed before 1:00 p.m.

Motion Passed

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the above listed requests, seconded by Daniel Hepner and all were in favor.

Appointment to Recreation Board

Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Michael E. Kronenwetter to the Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Tami Catalone, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Tobacco Free Park signs

Mayor Geyer commented she received a phone call from a resident stating there were signs in the City parks stating "Tobacco Free Park". She questioned who gave authorization to erect the signs.

Manager Greene stated the Recreation Board may have authorized the signs.

Council had a discussion regarding the signs and it was determined the issue had been presented to a previous Council, but was rejected.

Manager Greene stated he would determine who erected the signs and by what authority.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS  
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Steve Michuck

Steve Michuck questioned if the City's Civil Service employees were drug tested and Manager Greene responded yes, for any new hires for the Police Department and also there was a policy of mandatory

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random drug testing for any City employee that holds a CDL.

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart commented according to the Agreement with the City's Developer, Streetscape work within the redevelopment area would need a release from the Developer and the Manager agreed but further stated only if grant funds were used would a release be needed.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

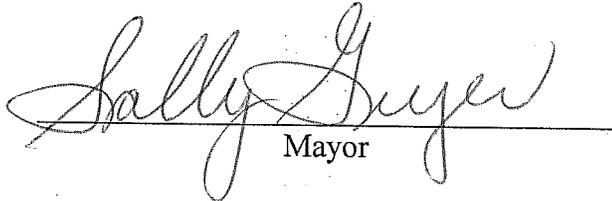
Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (107 days notice)

## ADJOURNMENT

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor