

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 16, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, June 16, 2008 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 June 12, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, Richard Gabler, Jr., City Manager David Greene, and City Solicitor Mark Jacob
- Absent: Steven Skok (excused)
- VISITORS** Visitors included: John Grotzinger, Dennis Posteraro, and Richard Sadley
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
June 2, 2008 Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
Dennis Posteraro,
Recreational
Director Dennis Posteraro, Recreational Director, gave a very informative presentation. He discussed some future plans for recreation, such as: the County's plan for recreation, a fashion show, a community wellness program walk across Route 6, power wheels cruise-in, drive-in movie at the park, geo-caching, and establishing a Ben Friedl College Day. Mr. Posteraro further explained the programs that are currently offered at the parks.
- Dennis Nero thanked Mr. Posteraro and all his volunteers for their years of service.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS** There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** Manager Greene presented the following report:
- May 21st, attended the Lumber Heritage Region conference in DuBois.
 - Met with Liz Boni from the Application Arts Studio on May 27th to discuss the grant the City will be receiving from the Lumber Heritage Region to place 8 chainsaw carvings in the City parks.
 - On May 28th, attended a Transportation meeting in Ridgway at the NCRPDC Offices.
 - June 5th, met with Howard Brush to discuss various issues involving the City. We discussed, at length, the State storm drain inlets. We also toured the new St. Marys Airport Industrial Park to review construction progress to date.

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- Met with Sally Wilson on June 10th and toured the new Visitor's Center on S. St. Marys St. The offices will be the new home for the Chamber, EDC, and the Marienstadt Corp. A grand opening will be scheduled soon.
- June 11th, attended the Public Hearing held by the Recreation Bd. to discuss the Memorial Park pool.

Dennis Nero questioned the status of the State storm drains. The Manager stated a meeting has been scheduled with PennDOT this Thursday to visit the sites.

Mayor Geyer asked if the chainsaw carvings for the parks will be of deer, etc. The Manager responded the City gets to pick what they want.

Rose Garbic
Property

Manager Greene requested a motion to approve the purchase of the Rose Garbic property, as part of the parking garage project, for \$72,000. This will be added as No. 6 under "Legislative Action".

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Dennis Nero to approve the Expenditures Report for the period May 17, 2008 thru June 13, 2008. The motion was seconded by Richard Gabler.

Dennis Nero questioned an expenditure on Page 3 for Meyer and Wagner. Manager responded Attorney Meyer handled the closing of the Dippold property on Schissle Street, which was deeded to the City. The City paid for the closing cost and the deed preparation. Also on Page 8 for St. Marys Auto Body "removing of stripping off SUV". Is this for the old or new SUV? Manager responded the old SUV, which was the Police Explorer.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the expenditures.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2008. Total revenue collected for the General Fund is \$3 million or 54.37% of the budget. Tax revenue collected as of May 31st is \$2.6 million or 67% of the budget. Total expenditures for the General Fund, as of May 31st, is \$1.9 million or 34.89% of the budget. Last year's expenditures, at this time, was at 32.11% of the budget.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption:
Resolution No. 08-11
re: Community
Conservation

Resolution No. 08-11 was presented regarding the closing out of the Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project (BRC-TAG-13-209). The City has prepared a Feasibility Study and Master Plan for the Elk Creek Park area. The purpose of the

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Partnerships Grant
Project (Elk Creek
Park Study and
Master Plan)

plan was to design a community recreation area. The plan was financed in part by a Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant under DCNR. The project was completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Richard Gabler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-11, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 08-12
re: Municipal Police
Officers Education and
Training Commission Grant

Resolution No. 08-12 was presented authorizing a Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission Grant for Area Law Enforcement not to exceed \$6,000.00. The training will be conducted in accordance with the Grant Agreement and guidelines set forth by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission on October 11-12, 2008.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-12, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 08-13
re: Kaulmont Park
Grant Application
(\$50,000.)

Resolution No. 08-13 was presented authorizing the filing of a grant application in the amount of \$50,000. to DCED for grant funds to be used towards improvements at Kaulmont Park.

Dennis Nero explained the grant funds would be used to update some of the playground equipment at the park. He stated Ms. Gradizzi is applying for a \$25,000. grant from Rep. Surra and also \$25,000. from Senator Scarnati.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-13, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 08-14
re: Elm Street Grant
Application
(\$50,000.)

Resolution No. 08-14 was presented authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with DCED in the amount of \$50,000. for grant funds to be used towards the planning of an Elm Street Program.

The Manager explained this is the second time we are applying for the Elm Street Program grant. The first application was turned down. The Manager stated this is just a planning grant to get the project started.

Sean Gabler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-14, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

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Resolution No. 08-15
re: Plan Revision for
New Land Development-
Sewage Facilities
Planning Module for
Jason & Marguerite
Hanes

Resolution No. 08-15 was presented for a Plan Revision for New Land Development Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Jason & Marguerite Hanes, 1179 Johnsonburg Road. The Planning Module Component 3s will be used for the approval of a small flow treatment facility (SFTF). A SFTF is basically a smaller version of a Wastewater Treatment Plant and completely sanitizes and disinfects wastewater generated by a residence.

The Manager stated there is an agreement attached which requires a deposit of \$500.00 to the City to be held in an escrow account for repairs to the SFTF, if the property owner fails to make any necessary repairs. He felt if Council adopts the resolution, you will also be approving the agreement.

1st Motion

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-15. The motion was seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Thomas Farley stated in the project narrative, it states the site is located on the east side of Route 255, this should be on the west side.

Sean Gabler felt the \$500.00 listed in the agreement would not cover very much repairs. He also wanted to know who sets the amount and can the amount be set higher.

1st Motion Denied

After further discussion, the first motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-15 was denied.

2nd Motion made to
Table Resolution No.
08-15

Sean Gabler made a motion to table Resolution No. 08-15 until we have more information concerning the cost of the facility, repairs to the facility, and more information on the deposit. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer.

Solicitor Jacob also agreed Council should find out where the \$500.00 figure came from and that he will review the agreement and render his opinion.

2nd Motion Passed

All were in favor to table Resolution No. 08-15 pending more information.

Rose Garbic Property
1st motion

Mayor Geyer made a motion to proceed with the transaction to acquire the Rose Garbic Property on 304 Depot Street. The motion was seconded by Richard Gabler.

Dennis Nero questioned if the \$72,000. comes out of the funding the City received for the project. The Manager responded yes.

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Solicitor Jacob noted the motion should include the amount of \$72,000.

Revised Motion
Passed

Mayor Geyer revised her motion to include the \$72,000. amount for the Rose Garbic Property on Depot Street. Richard Gabler seconded the revised motion. All were in favor.

Subdivision Application
John E. & Phyllis W. Grotzinger, off of Bucktail Road

A Subdivision Application was received from John E. and Phyllis W. Grotzinger, off of Bucktail Road. This plan proposes to divide a 1.49 acre parcel identified as Lot No. 1 from parcel No. 13-13-016-2456 as a stand-alone parcel with the residual being Residual A. The plan also proposes to divide parcel No. 13-13-016-1833 into two parcels along the zoning district boundary, the residual parcel and Lot No. 2. Also, Lot No. 2 is going to be combined with Residual A to form one parcel owned by Grotzinger Equipment Co. Lot No. 1 will be retained by John & Phyllis Grotzinger and has a storage building located on it which was approved by a Zoning Hearing held on May 26, 2004.

John Grotzinger

John Grotzinger noted the correction of his middle initial was made on the original maps.

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the John and Phyllis Grotzinger subdivision, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:
- Next Council meeting will be held on
July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session regarding legal issues will be held at this time. Solicitor Jacob noted no action will be taken during or afterwards.

ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened and Sean Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Stanley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor