

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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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, June 19, 2006 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 Members on June 15, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Dennis Nero, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, City Manager David Greene, and Solicitor Stephen French

Absent: Mark Kopp (arrived later)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Richard Sadley, Warren Stewart, JoAnn Mohney, and Cliff Mohney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 5, 2006**

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2006, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING
2006 CDBG Application
Tina Gnan, Community
and Economic Dev.
Coordinator**

Mayor Geyer introduced Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, to explain the reason for the modification of projects for the FY 2006 CDBG application.

Ms. Gnan explained that the City was notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to reallocate the funds in the amount of \$90,000. for the removal and replacement of the concrete decking project at the community pool. According to DCED, the project cannot be undertaken as a "Removal of Architectural Barriers" activity, as the main beneficiaries would be the general public and not handicapped citizens. City Council was asked to consider granting the funds to the St. Marys Recreation Board to continue their restroom renovation projects from 2005 and renovation of the bathhouse for handicap accessibility. In addition to the renovation projects, the City would also like to allocate some of the funds towards the Recreation Board's resurfacing of courts project, which consists of adding pathways to each court for handicap accessibility required by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in order to access their funding.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

After a discussion, Steven Skok made a motion to modify the 2006 Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

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Hearing Closed

Mayor Geyer closed the hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- On May 17th, attended the OEDP meeting in Ridgway.
- Attended a dinner with Steven Skok at the Red Fern where Senator Joe Scarnati was the quest speaker.
- Ray Klaiber, Tina Gnan, and I met with Phil Scrimenti on May 18th to discuss regional economic development programs.
- On May 18th, attended a West Creek Rails-to-Trails meeting.
- Attended a LTAP on May 23rd at North Central in Ridgway.
- On May 24th, attended the St. Marys Economic Development meeting.
- Attended a Stackpole Hall Planning Com. meeting on May 31st.
- June 2nd, Steve Skok, Mark Kopp, and I attended a Wind Power Conference in Pgh.
- On June 5, attended a meeting with the Elk Co. Commissioners and the Elk Co. Planning Dept. to discuss economic development in the County.
- Met with Bob Roberts and Clark Pearson to discuss plans for the former Hoy's bldg.
- On June 13th, attended a meeting with Council and the Municipal Authority.
- Attended Parking Authority meeting on June 13th.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period May 13, 2006 thru June 16, 2006, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2006. Most of the Real Estate Tax Revenue was received in May totaling to date \$1,260,500.71. This represents 82% of the budget same as last year. Earned income is at 54% of the budget and for the EMS tax, the City collected, so far, \$307,353.50. Total revenue collected for the General Fund as of May 31st was \$2,456,647.62 or 52.25% of the budget. Total expenditures for the General Fund is at \$1,492,767.52 or 30.24% of the budget. Market value was down for the Pension Funds for May but still greater than last year at this time.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
Ordinance No. 220
Amending Chapter 21
Streets & Sidewalks

Ordinance No. 220 was presented amending Chapter 21, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 302 Construction Requirements, Section 303 Maintenance, and adding Section 304 Penalties. Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 220, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-9
Benzinger Twp.
Hospital Authority
Note (\$1,500,000.)

Resolution No. 06-9 was presented approving a note to be issued by the Benzinger Township Hospital Authority in connection with the Elk Regional Health Center, Inc. Project.

The Benzinger Township Hospital Authority has approved the Authority's participation in a project involving the Authority's issuance of a Revenue Note, Series of 2006, in a total approximate principal amount of \$1,500,000. The proceeds of which shall be used for the following: (a) the construction of an addition to and renovation of the Pinecrest Manor located at 763 Johnsonburg Road, St. Marys for the purpose of providing a 10 bed Alzheimer's Unit; (b) the renovation and construction of a primary care and outpatient services facility located at 111-113 Cobb Street, Johnsonburg, PA; and (c) pay the costs of financing the project.

A meeting was held tonight at 6:30 p.m between City Council, the Benzinger Township Hospital Authority, and representatives of the Elk Regional Health Center. The project was discussed in detail.

The Manager noted that the City would not be obligated financially or in any form whatsoever. The reason for Council's approval is so the hospital can get a better interest rate by having a non-taxable bond for the Benzinger Township Hospital Authority and the Elk Regional Health Center.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-9, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

LERTA Application
LaVaMati, LLC,
1145 DeLaum Road

A LERTA Application was submitted from LaVaMati, LLC for 1145 DeLaum Road. The Manager explained that under City Ordinance No. 35, the City established a program for real property tax exemptions for improvements to industrial, commercial, and other business property within designated deteriorated areas within the City. This application also has to be approved by the School Board along with the County. For the first four calendar

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years following the completion of the improvement, the following percentage of the assessed valuation of the improvement shall be exempt from real property taxation:

- First Year.....100%
- Second Year.....100%
- Third Year..... 75%
- Fourth Year..... 50%

After the fourth year, the exemption shall terminate.

Mark Kopp entered

Mark Kopp entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the LERTA Application with the stipulation that the property is not KOZ/KOEZ, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

This application is for the erection of a new 5,888 square foot building located in an Industrial Zone. The projected cost of improvement is \$245,000.

Subdivision Application
Wolfe Lot Addition,
between Woodsmoke Rd.
and Rosely road.

A Subdivision Application was submitted for the Wolfe Lot Addition between Woodsmoke Road and Rosely Road. Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for the Wolfe Lot Addition with the stipulations from the Elk County Planning Commission and the St. Marys Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
Municipal Authority
Meeting of June 13th

A meeting was held between City Council and the St. Marys Municipal Authority on June 13, 2006. The purpose of the meeting was to update Council on the Authority's various projects and to open up the lines of communications between the two entities.

Public Works Director
to attend Authority
Meetings

Thomas Farley made a motion that the Public Works Director attend all future Municipal Authority meetings, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Dennis Nero commented that Council still plans on pursuing the possibility of the Municipal Authority becoming an operating Authority.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**
COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

Thomas Farley would like to see a few more columns added to the first page of the Parking Revenue Summary Report, listing the permits and tokens for the previous year vs this year. The second page of the report just lists the permits and tokens for 2006.

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Sean Gabler and Mark Kopp thanked the Crystal Fire Department for organizing a very nice parade on Saturday.

Dennis Nero stated he and Mark Kopp were approached by a resident who questioned the possibility of eliminating the stop sign located at the corner of Chestnut Street and Mill Street making Chestnut Street a throughway. Mr. Nero requested that Steve Samick and Mike Mullaney review this intersection.

Richard Dornisch expressed his concern regarding the deplorable condition of the railroad tracks and street in front of City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held regarding personnel matters. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:

- City Council's worksession has been rescheduled for July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Berley Dicklas
Recording Secretary