

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2005

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, June 20, 2005 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 16, 2005. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press and posted at City Hall.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, David Greene, City Manager and Solicitor Stephen French
- Absent: Dennis Nero (excused)
- VISITORS** Visitors included: Andy Swasta, Gretchen Rokosky, Jerry Sorg, Larry Wendel, Richard Sadley, and JoAnn Struble
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
June 6, 2005 Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2005, seconded by Robert Roberts and all were in favor.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS** JoAnn Struble again expressed her displeasure with Council's decision to assess property owners, especially senior citizens, for the paving of roads.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** Manager Greene presented the following report:
- Attended OEDP meeting in Ridgway and presented our proposal for EDA Funding.
 - Met with Bill Conrad about funding for a consultant to the Downtown Committee.
 - Met with Harry Carr in reference to storm drainage at the airport.
 - Met with Lavern Kreckel about this year's Hometown Festival.
 - Met with representatives from PHFA about the new Senior Housing Project.
 - Attended a meeting in DuBois to discuss future plans for the various state agencies.
 - On June 6th through June 10th, City Hall moved to its new downtown location.
 - Met with Randy Albert to discuss paving Wilson Road.
 - Met with Lou Coppa regarding old City Hall property.

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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Gelindo Bonfardine to approve the Expenditures for the period May 12, 2005 thru June 15, 2005, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Meier presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 15, 2005. As of the end of May, the City collected 82% of Real Estate Taxes and 41% of the Earned Income Tax. For the Emergency Municipal Tax, the City collected 77% of the budgeted amount. The General Fund has collected 51.45% of revenue and expended 32.15%. Last year, the City collected 54% of revenue and expended 33.6% of budget. For May, the City should be at the 42% mark. Both pension funds have increased from last year's figures.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Subdivision Application
 Marshall & Melissa
 Aloï

Steven Skok made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for Marshall D. and Melissa A. Aloï, intersection of Joseph and Cross Roads, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor.

Consider for Adoption
 Ordinance No. 199 re:
 Outdoor Furnaces

Ordinance No. 199 was presented amending Ordinance No. 115 and the St. Marys City Code to further regulate the use of outdoor furnaces.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 199, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Gelindo Bonfardine who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Resolution No. 05-8 re:
 Outdoor Furnaces
 Permits/Fees

Resolution No. 05-8 was presented changing and/or amending the City of St. Marys Fee Schedule. The fee for outdoor furnace permits shall be set at \$50. and the fee for a building permit shall be imposed and set pursuant to the current fee schedule imposed by Guardian Inspection Services.

Robert Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-8, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 201
 Re: Special Improvement
 District Benzinger Rd.

Ordinance No. 201 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting Benzinger Road between Theresia Road and Bavarian Hills Road.

Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 201 seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Mayor David Meier who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

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Ordinance No. 202
Re: Special Improvement
District West Theresia

Ordinance No. 202 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting West Theresia Road between Townview Road and the Fox Township line.

Gelindo Bonfardine made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 202, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor, except Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 203
Re: Special Improvement
District West Eschbach

Ordinance No. 203 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting West Eschbach Road between South Michael Street to terminus of West Eschbach Road.

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 203, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor, except Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 204
Re: Special Improvement
District S. Michael Street

Ordinance No. 204 was presented establishing a Special Improvement District, consisting of all lands abutting South Michael Street from a point at the end of existing pavement of SR 2008 to Lecker Road.

Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 204, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor, except Mayor David Meier who opposed. Motion passed by majority vote.

Ordinance No. 205
Re: \$1,000,000. Loan

Ordinance No. 205 was presented to amend Ordinance No. 198 increasing the indebtedness of the City of St. Marys, by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 205, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 206 re:
Police Pension
Amendment

Ordinance No. 206 was presented amending the City of St. Marys Police Pension Plan to provide for an enhanced service increment for certain Police Officers retiring on or after September 1, 2002, and prior to January 1, 2004, with more than thirty-one (31) years of completed service with the City of St. Marys Police Department.

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 206 seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

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**Consulting and
Development Agreement**

Manager Greene presented a Consulting and Development Agreement from the Yoder Group of Turbotville, Pa. for Councils' approval. The Yoder Group has been involved with the Impact Pennsylvania Program which aids in downtown redevelopment. The Yoder Group wishes to work on developing the area between Washington and Bruxelles Streets and Fourth and South Michael Streets. The development group uses a combination of private and public funds, which are secured from State and Federal sources.

One aspect of the agreement should be cleared up dealing with the termination process. If the Yoder Group pulls out of the deal, the City has to pay development costs, which is stated in the current proposal. The Manager was instructed to clear up this portion of the agreement.

A motion was made by Robert Roberts to authorize the Manager to enter into the agreement providing the provisions for termination are clarified. The motion was seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**Additional Permitted
Parking Spaces**

A memo was received from the Public Works Director regarding additional permitted parking spaces. He stated City staff recommends placing an additional 21 permitted parking stalls in the lower end of the Depot Street Parking Lot immediately south of the existing permitted area. These stalls are currently under utilized. Other parking is available for businesses along Depot Street and within other areas along the Depot Street section of the lot. This would be the most convenient place and will not require an ordinance change. If favorable, the City could bag the meters for a few weeks, place proper signage, and then remove the heads and poles.

Manager Greene stated not all of the permitted parking spaces are being used at all times. Also, if all permitted stalls are full, the permit holder may park in metered stalls without receiving a ticket.

It was decided that Council should review Parking Ordinance No. 187, which was adopted October 4, 2004.

Robert Roberts made a motion that the additional permitted parking be tabled until the worksession in July and that we have the ordinance that was passed available to us, seconded by Steven Skok and all were in favor.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Arriving late during the meeting, Larry Wendel of Grandview Road wished to speak on an agenda item. He owns property on West Eschbach Road and felt property owners should have had the right to vote on the paving of their roads.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mark Kopp commended the Code Enforcement Officer for addressing high grass issues around town.

Robert Roberts thanked the Public Works Director for having the lines repainted downtown.

Mayor Meier questioned the Solicitor regarding high grass violations. Mr. French stated the City has to follow the proper procedures before filing a citation. (i.e. proper notice with a date to comply sent to the property owner). A health hazard because of high grass is a separate violation and may receive a quicker course of action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Council's July worksession has been rescheduled for July 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street.
- Congratulations to Elk County Catholic Boys Baseball - District 9 Class A Champs, Elk County Catholic Girls Softball, District 9 Class A Champs, and to the Masons on their 100 year anniversary.
- June 25th has been proclaimed White Cane Safety Day.
- City Hall Ribbon Cutting will be held on July 1st at 12:00 noon. Open house will be held on August 5th to coincide with the summer concert and September 9th during the Hometown Festival.
- National City Bank will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
- Downtown Blueprint community meeting will be held on July 7th at 7:00 p.m. on the Diamond, weather permitting. If raining, meeting will be held at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

Shirley Nicolas
Recording Secretary

Mayor