

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 21, 2010

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 21, 2010 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 17, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Steve Michuck, Yvonne Michuck, Tina Gradizzi, Warren Stewart, and Joe Kopp.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7, 2010

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Update on COPS Department of Justice Grant

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the previously submitted 2009 COPS Hiring Program grant application was not funded and the application was put on hold until 2010. Because 2010 applications are not currently being accepted, the 2009 application has been resubmitted. This is a three year funding source to hire police officers and after the end of the three year period the City would be required to retain the position for an additional 12 months. This update was for informational purposes only.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

May 17- Met with George Fetchko from Gerster Trane to discuss the proposed Energy Audit for various City buildings.

May 18- Attended a Memorial Tree Planting in memory of Ben Friedl. The tree was planted in Memorial Park.

May 18- Jeff Davidek from C. S. McKee met with the Pension Committee to discuss the City's quarterly report for pension funds.

May 21- Attended a meeting with the DEP in Meadville to discuss the Parking Garage Project.

June 3- Met with the State liquid fuels auditor for a close out conference in reference to our State Liquid Fuels money that the City receives for our roads.

June 11- Attended the Elk County tour of the new Elk Viewing/Visitors Center in Benezette. The facility is scheduled to open to the public late this summer or early fall.

June 15- Matt Pfeufer and I attended an Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance Workshop in Ridgway.

June 16- Attended the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the New Curves of St. Marys located in the Franklin Center.

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June 16- Met with Don Masisak from North Central Regional Planning and Development to discuss the development of the St. Marys Airport Industrial Park.

June 16- Attended the Elk County Earned Income tax Committee meeting held at the Fox Township Building in Kersey.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Expenditures from May 16, 2010 to June 12, 2010, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Mayor Geyer questioned a line item regarding payment to Penske Buick GMC. Manager Greene responded it was a budgeted amount for the purchase of a 2010 GMC Sierra truck through the State Piggy Back Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mayor Geyer presented the following Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2010:

Total revenue collected for the general fund was \$2.9 million or 51.76 percent of budget. Tax revenue collected as of May 31, 2010 was \$2.7 million or 68 percent of budget. Total expenditures for the general fund as of May 31, 2010 were \$1.8 million. This was 31.69 percent of budget. Last year's expenditures at this time were at 32.31 percent of budget.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for publication Ordinance No. 257, re: Reducing the Maximum Speed Limit on Fleming Road

Ordinance No. 257 was presented for consideration to publish, to amend Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 201 of the St. Marys City Code, pertaining to maximum speed limits established on certain streets.

Manager Greene explained the proposed Ordinance would reduce the posted speed limit on Fleming Road from the existing 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour. He had verified with the Public Works Director and Chief of Police that the change was enforceable and would still qualify for liquid fuels monies.

Motion

Bob Roberts made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 257, seconded by Steven Skok.

Dennis Nero wanted to clarify that the speed limit would be enforceable. Solicitor Jacob responded the Chief of Police stated it was.

Council had a brief discussion and agreed there was a need for reduced speed limits surrounding the City's park and recreation areas.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to publish Ordinance No. 257.

Approval of upgrade option for City roadways

Manager Greene presented Council with a three option proposal to improve the City roadways submitted by Michael Mullaney, Public Works Director. Council was requested to choose one of the following options so the PIB loan application could be submitted:

1. Resurface various roadways with a 2 inch overlay and base repair.
2. Seal coat (chip seal) various roadways with significant amounts of base repair.
3. Use the existing annual budgeted amount of

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\$350,000 and continue the present course.

Motion

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve Option 1, seconded by Bob Roberts.

Discussion

Dennis Nero stated he chose Option 1 because he felt the residents would not want a chip seal placed on already paved roadways.

Council agreed improvements were needed to the City roadways.

Richard Gabler, Jr. questioned if the proposal included any reconstruction for any of the severely deteriorating roads. Manager Greene responded no.

Bob Roberts responded some of the roads may be eligible for CDBG monies for reconstruction.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the road improvement budget concerns and the options that would be available.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve Option 1.

Appointment to Roadway Improvement Committee

Mayor Geyer appointed Bob Roberts and Steven Skok to serve on the Roadway Improvement Committee.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Raising the existing contract bidding requirement from \$10,000 to \$25,000

Manager Greene presented a request from Michael Mullaney, Public Works Director to consider increasing the existing bidding requirement from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The State is considering the same increase and a City that is Third Class or Home Rule Charter can consider an increase now.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the increase and clarified that quotes would still be required to ensure a competitive process.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Joe Kopp

Joe Kopp approached Council regarding utility pole removal on Rightmeyer Street. Manager Greene stated he would look into it.

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart representing the Redevelopment Authority gave an update regarding the Mullaney building (43 North St. Marys Street). He stated because there is not a clear title to the property, the RDA had decided not to proceed with improvements.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council re-scheduled worksession will be held Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lorrie Lewanduski
Recording Secretary

Mayor