

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

JUNE 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Deputy Mayor Daniel Hepner on Monday, June 3, 2013 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 May 30, 2013, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Bob Howard, Amy Cherry, Fred Haas, Paul Jesberger, Mark S. Wagner, Grace Jesberger, Richard Sadley, Warren Stewart, Katie Weidenboerner and Denny Bauer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 20, 2013

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:
Consider for publication:
An Ordinance establishing Battery and Curry Streets as one-way streets

An Ordinance establishing Battery and Curry Streets as one-way streets was presented for publication.

Solicitor Wagner explained since the streets were currently being used as one-way, but were never codified as such, the ordinance was needed to properly designate Battery and Curry Streets as one-way streets.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to publish the Ordinance establishing Battery and Curry as one-way streets, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

Awards of Bid: Erie Avenue Demolition Project

The following bids were received for the 23 Erie Avenue Demolition Project (2013-02) – CDBG funds.

The bids were opened and read aloud at a public meeting held on May 23, 2013:

Contractor Name	Base Bid
Keith White Excavating	\$21,700.00
Bucktail Excavators, Inc.	\$25,988.00
Altoona Contracting & Excavating	\$28,130.93
Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc.	\$38,879.00

City staff recommended Council award the bid to Keith White Excavating in the amount of \$21,700.00

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to award the bid to Keith White Excavating in the amount of \$21,700.00, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Award of Bid: George Street Rehabilitation Project

The following bids were received for the George Street Rehabilitation Project (2013:01)- CDBG Funds:

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The bids were opened and read aloud at a public meeting held on May 31, 2013.

Contractor Name	Base Bid
Dave Roman Excavating, Inc.	\$698,859.30
St. Marys Paving Co., Inc.	\$758,850.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$879,629.05
HRI, Inc.	\$929,640.00

City staff recommended the bid be awarded to Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$698,859.30.

Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion to award the bid to Dave Roman Excavating in the amount of \$698,859.30, seconded by Bob Roberts.

Discussion

Bob Roberts questioned if any of the savings from the previous bid for Erie Avenue could be used for this project and Manager Greene responded yes.

Richard Dornisch stated he was concerned with the huge difference in the bid amounts and he also questioned a "closing time" for the project.

Manager Greene responded the bids vary for numerous reasons and the anticipated end date for the project was weather dependent.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to award the bid to Dave Roman Excavating in the amount of \$698,859.30.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
City Hall Elevator**

Nedward Jacob commented he originally had requested a quote to replace the phone within the City Hall elevator with an alarm system due to the high cost for the phone. He had since been informed the actual cost for the phone was much lower than was originally thought. He suggested the current phone system stay in the elevator.

**City Right of Way Encroachment
(added to the agenda)**

Solicitor Wagner explained he was requested to send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board confirming that Council agreed that it was the City's policy not to allow any building to encroach the City's right-of-way.

Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the City's right-of-ways.

Motion

Bob Roberts made a motion to create a policy that does not allow building within the City right-of-way.

Council continued to discuss the topic.

The motion was then seconded by Daniel Hepner.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to create a general policy to not allow building within the City's right-of-way, except Richard Dornisch and Nedward Jacob who opposed. The motion passed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Gebauer
City Website

Councilman Gebauer commented City's website needed to be updated and Councilman Jacob agreed.

Manager Greene stated the website was being updated and he would provide more information at the next meeting.

Councilman Anderson
WWTP energy savings

Councilman Anderson questioned if the Wastewater Treatment Plant plans on implementing any of the recommended cost savings suggested by the recent energy survey and Manager Greene responded he would look into it.

Salary Survey

Councilman Anderson also questioned if the Manager had received any further information regarding the Pennsylvania Community Development Benchmarking Program for the salary survey and Manager Greene responded he was exploring the most cost effective option.

Councilman Hepner
WWTP cost savings

Councilman Hepner commented the Wastewater Treatment Plant had already begun to implement some of the cost saving suggestions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

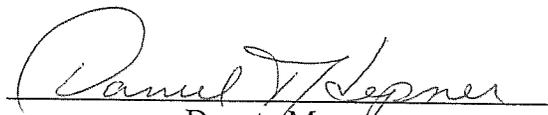
Deputy Mayor Hepner made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Our Town series will be aired on June 6th at 8:00 p.m. on WPSU

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Deputy Mayor