

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 17, 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, May 17, 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 May 13, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Haas, Ken Young, Tina Gradizzi, Warren Stewart, Richard Sadley, Wendell H. Lion, Michael Keller, and Terry Straub.

Mayor Geyer

Mayor Geyer congratulated John Salter for receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the St. Marys Rotary Club. Mr. Salter is the second Non-Rotarian to win this award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 3, 2010

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2010, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Elk County Solid Waste Authority,
re: Plastic Recycling

Wendell Lion and Michael Keller from the Elk County Solid Waste Authority presented Council with the following comparison of information:

Current collection for the County:

1. Labor- volunteer
2. Equipment- roll-off containers
3. Rental- None
4. Transportation out- Cost
5. Wal-mart- provides labor for operations
6. Citizens- provides labor and donations

Proposed collection for the City:

1. Equipment- Compactor on truck- no increase
2. Routing- No cost increase for pick-up
3. Labor- Metal, glass, paper and adding plastic would increase work load/pick up time 25%. If you calculate half of that time as driving it would possibly reduce it to 12 ½ %.
4. Storage- If compacted would be minimal
5. Transportation out- If compacted 1/3 of the cost

Advantages of proposed changes:

1. More Plastic Recycled
2. Less storage for residents
3. No transporting for residents
4. Utilizing the truck compactor
5. Relieve congestion at the County pick-up site
6. Reduce the cost of transporting plastic to be recycled

Disadvantages of proposed changes:

1. Cost to City

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Council had a lengthy discussion and expressed the following concerns with adding curbside pick-up of plastic:

- Storage of the plastic
- A viable market for sale of the plastic
- Long term consistent commitment to the program
- The unfunded mandate from DEP
- An increase in expense, especially since the City currently serves approximately 5210 households and spends \$102,720.00 for their current recycling/clean-up programs.

Council thanked Mr. Lion and Mr. Keller for their presentation.

Gerster Energy, re: Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement (GESA)

George Fetchko, from Gerster Energy Services, stated he wanted to raise awareness of the Act 77, Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, and the possible cost saving benefits for the City.

Mr. Fetchko explained details about his company and how Gerster Energy Services could help the City with energy cost savings. The City would be included in the small GESA Program. This would allow the City to participate in an energy project and the savings through utility upgrades would pay for the project. There would be a third party lender and performance contracting that would guarantee savings. He recommended that Council consider the impending deregulation of electric rate caps and an aging facility. The benefits of Performance Contracting equals risk reduction, no risk to the municipality, and a better value.

He also stated Gerster Energy Services would provide a full scale audit of the City's facilities, establish key and measurable goals, provide sample LOI's, and any applicable rebates and/or grants. The program is a fiscal tool and a better value for the taxpayers because the costs are paid with the utility savings of the project.

Council had some concerns with the audit fee of \$4,000.00 per building. Mr. Fetchko clarified the audit fee would be waived if the building was placed under contract with Gerster Energy Services, and they would only perform an audit on viable projects.

Council thanked Mr. Fetchko for his presentation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

April 15- Met with Larry Segal to discuss the Parking Garage Project and discuss the CDBG funding opportunities.

April 15- Attended the Chamber Social at the Star Hill Winery store located in the Franklin Center.

April 20- Deputy Mayor Nero, Councilmen Roberts, Hepner, Skok and I attended the PLCM District meeting in Corry. We proposed our Act 167 Stormwater Resolution that was unanimously approved to send to the Annual

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Convention in Bethlehem in June.

April 22- Attended the PennDOT Million Dollar Highway improvement meeting held at the St. Marys Elementary School.

April 23- Attended the Arbor Day Ceremonies held at the Depot Street and City Hall locations.

April 26- Attended a luncheon held at the Village Peddler for Weatherman Joe Murgio. He was visiting Straub Brewery doing his "Jobs for Joe" segment that aired on WTAJ Channel 10.

April 26- Met with George Fetchko from Gerster Trane to learn more about the GESA Program. (Guaranteed Energy Savings Act)

April 29- Attended the PA Wilds Luncheon and awards presentation located at the University of Pittsburgh in Bradford.

May 10- Matt Pfeufer and I attended the Judicial Sale that was being held in the Elk County Courthouse. St. Marys had 20 properties that were sold to the highest bidder.

May 12- Councilman Hepner, Tina Gradizzi and I attended the 1st Annual North Central Communities Conference held at the University of Bradford. The main topics discussed were Community Development, Transportation, Energy and GIS Training.

Update on the Depot Street Parking Garage

Dennis Nero asked for an update on the parking garage, since Manager Greene had recently met with Larry Segal. Manager Greene responded everything had been submitted to DEP and there were two tentative dates to meet with them in Meadville to discuss the Act II clearance and stormwater management. He also stated the CDBG program had 12 items requested by MJ Smith from DCED, and he had contacted the architect from ATA to provide information for the first four of those requested items.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Expenditures from April 14, 2010 to May 15, 2010, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the following Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2010:

As of the end of April the City has collected 18.35% of the Real Estate Tax Revenue, up from last year of 17.17% and in 2008 the City collected 17.13%. Earned Income Tax collected as of April 30, 2010 was at 28.26%, up from last year of 27.36% and in 2008 was 25.03%. On May 10, 2010 the City collected \$2,241,955.00 in real estate taxes and last year \$2,203,030.00 was collected. There was an increase in market value for the pension funds for this month.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Award of Bid, re: Kaulmont Walking Path Project

Manager Greene stated the following bids were opened during a public meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

St. Marys Paving Co., Inc.	\$22,435.00
Briggs Earthwork	\$24,291.00
Highlander	\$37,979.00
Solvenson Contracting	\$24,978.00

City staff is recommending the bid be awarded to St. Marys Paving Co. Inc. as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$22,435.00.

Motion

Bob Roberts made a motion to award the bid to St. Marys Paving Company in the amount of \$22,435.00, seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Discussion

Richard Dornisch requested more data about the Walking Path, and he expressed his concerns regarding the costs.

Dennis Nero stated the project was funded with grant money.

Tina Gradizzi explained the project started with the formation of the Kaulmont Park Committee who then hired Pashek Associates to develop plans for the entire project. Funding was then sought for the Master Plan and Phase One of the project and numerous grants and commitment of funds have been received.

Mr. Dornisch restated his concerns with the economy and the project.

Ms. Gradizzi gave further details of how the project developed and the future plans for Kaulmont Park.

Council discussed the need for upgrades to the park and the need to utilize grant funding as it becomes available for projects.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to award the bid to St. Marys Paving Company in the amount of \$22,435.00, except Richard Dornisch, who opposed.

Appointment of Voting Delegate, re: PLCM Annual Convention

Council agreed to place the appointment of a voting delegate on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Request for extension of City's Curfew, re: Legion Baseball Tournament

The St. Marys Legion Post 103, requested Council to relax the current City curfew for the Region 8 American Legion Baseball Tournament at Berwind Park from July 17, thru July 21, 2010.

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to approve the request to relax the curfew from July 17, thru July 21, 2010, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Richard Dornisch commented he did not receive the invitation to attend the Memorial Day Parade. It was determined the invitation was sent electronically, and not as a hard copy as in previous years.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Terry Straub, St. Marys Little League

Terry Straub representing the St. Marys Little League approached Council and presented the Mayor and Manager Greene with a letter requesting a City administrator review the maintenance practices of Memorial Park. The letter also requested the Police Department review an issue with motorized scooters at Memorial Park.

Manager Greene will look into the maintenance issues and Solicitor Jacob will discuss the scooter matter with the Chief of Police.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Richard Gabler, Jr., had some concerns about motorized bicycles etc. and the legality of these types of vehicles being operated within the City.

Bob Roberts questioned if there was an Ordinance stating appropriate shaping of the trees when Allegheny Power trims the trees from the power lines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Primary Elections will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please exercise your right to vote.

Rotary Club Proclamation

Mayor Geyer read and signed a Proclamation for the Rotary Club declaring May 18th, 2010 as "Rotary Club Day". The Proclamation will be presented by Bob Roberts at their next meeting.

Lions Club Proclamation

Mayor Geyer read and signed a Proclamation for the Lions Club declaring May 24th, 2010 as "Lions Club Day". The Proclamation will be presented at their next meeting.

Manager Greene

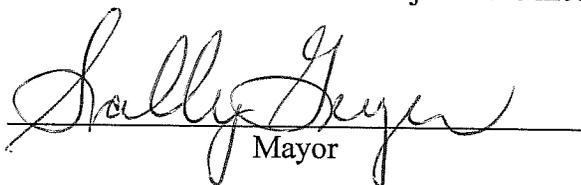
Manager Greene commented he had received phone calls and emails regarding political signage on the boulevard which is within the State's right of way, but the City maintains. He asked Council for guidance as to how to enforce signs placed within that area.

Solicitor Jacob stated the current pending revisions to the Sign Ordinance could address that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Recording Secretary


Mayor