

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2006

ROLL CALL The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, November 20, 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 on November 16, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

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

VISITORS Visitors included: Ryan Winters, Rick Gabler, Jr., Carol Muhitch, Michael Mullaney, Jesse Szymanski, Katie Weidenboerner, Chief Todd Caltagarone, and Tina Gnan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 6, 2006** Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2006, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING
2007 CDBG Application** Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2007 CDBG Application and turned the meeting over to Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator.

Tina Gnan,
Community and
Economic Development
Coordinator

Tina Gnan stated the purpose of this hearing is to provide an explanation of the CDBG program and for citizen participation in presenting ideas for development plans for the City. This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the 2007 CDBG Application process. Ms. Gnan read a narrative explaining the CDBG Program. The following two projects are being proposed for 2007:

- Senior Center Project....\$187,253.91
- Depot Street Project.....\$140,746.09
- 18% allotted for Administration costs

A second Public Hearing will be held on December 18, 2006 to review the selected projects. The City would like to submit their 2007 application to DCED by February 15, 2007. The scheduled deadline for the application is March 15, 2007.

Citizen Comments There were no citizen comments.

Hearing Closed Thomas Farley made a motion to close the Public Hearing if there are no further comments. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp and all were in favor.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Vacating a portion
of Jones Street

Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing regarding the vacating of a portion of Jones Street and turned the meeting over to Manager Greene.

The Manager explained that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform the public and to obtain citizen input regarding the vacating of a portion of Jones Street.

The property will be sold to C/G Electodes, who will use the property to better serve ingress and egress of company traffic around the gate-house area.

It was also noted that a right-of-way must be included for a resident to obtain access to his property.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Hearing Closed

Dennis Nero made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Jones Street, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- Attended a meeting at the airport on October 30th, to discuss the Industrial Park with PennDOT Aviation Officials.
- On November 1st, I attended a recycling meeting here at City Hall at which time the County Commissioners informed me that due to financial reasons, the County Recycling Program will be eliminated from the City next year.
- The County recently amended their decision and will phase out the City's program over a period of time.
- November 2, 8, and 9, Budget meetings where held here at City Hall.
- Matt Young, Matt Pfeufer, representatives from the Fire Dept. and I met with Sheetz officials to discuss plans to demolish the buildings that Sheetz purchased to make room for their new store.
- Attended Sweet Sensations Open House on Depot Street
- Attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the St. Marys High School on Nov. 9th.
- On November 15th, attended the OEDP meeting in Ridgway.

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- November 16th, met with Tom Harley and Bob Yoder to discuss the Impact St. Marys' Project.
- Also on November 16th, Bob Yoder, Tom Harley and I met with Industrial Steel to discuss plans for their new building.

The Manager explained that rat bait bars and traps have been set throughout the buildings which will be demolished by Sheetz. The tentative date to begin demolishing the buildings is December 4th.

The Manager also noted that site preparation for the Senior Housing was scheduled to start today.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period October 15, 2006 thru November 11, 2006, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2006. The General Fund collected 89% of its budgeted revenue and spent 70.9% of the budgeted amount. Last year at this time, revenue collected was 82% and expenditures were 74% of budget. In 2004, budgeted revenue collected was 85% and expenses 72% of the budget. Benchmark figures would be 83%. Market value on the pension funds continue to climb.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
 Ordinance No. 223 re:
 vacating a portion of
 Jones Street

Ordinance No. 223 was presented vacating a portion of Jones Street. The City originally established a public street known as Jones Street leading in an easterly direction from Lincoln Avenue which was never formerly opened. The City hereby vacates as a public street all the portion of Jones Street, 50 feet in width with 25 feet thereof on each side of the Center line.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 223, seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 224
 re: Amending the
 Administrative Code
 Sections 196 & 197

Ordinance No. 224 was presented amending Sections 196 and 197 of the Administrative Code. The City desires to amend these sections to more clearly set forth the duties of the Sewage Treatment Plant and the Street Department.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 224. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

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Richard Dornisch felt the changes should be explained from the previous ordinance. Item I. "Sanitary sewer inspection, cleaning, flushing and maintenance and repairs" was under the Street Department and should have been under the Sewage Treatment Plant. Item D. "Storm drain installation, cleaning, maintenance and repair" was under the Sewage Treatment Plant and should have been under the Street Department. Both sections have been amended by Ordinance No. 224

All were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 224.

Resolution No. 06-22
Establishing an
Airport Industrial
Park Project Fund

Resolution No. 06-22 was presented establishing an account at National City Bank. Said account to be identified as the "Airport Industrial Park Project Fund" and to be used solely for the deposit of funds provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Finance Authority and local funding for the Airport Industrial Park Project.

Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-22 and seconded by Sean Gabler.

The Manager explained that the City received a loan and a grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority to develop the Industrial Park at the airport. For Audit purposes, this account is being established to receive funds from the Commonwealth Finance Authority and any other funds to develop this property.

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 06-22.

Consider for Publication
Ordinance No. 225
re: Levy and Assessment
of 2007 Taxes

Ordinance No. 225 was presented providing for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City for the Fiscal Year 2007.

Thomas Farley made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 225, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-21
re: 2007 Preliminary
Budget

Resolution No. 06-21 was presented adopting the 2007 Preliminary Budget for the various funds for the City for the Fiscal Year 2007.

Dennis Nero made a motion to publish Resolution No. 06-21, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

The Budget will be placed on display for 10 days at City Hall and the St. Marys Public Library.

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Chamber of Commerce
re: Request for Free
Parking

A letter was received from the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce requesting free parking in the downtown area beginning at 5:00 p.m on Friday, November 17th (Light-up Night) and ending on Monday, December 25th.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to issue free parking from November 17th and ending December 25th. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp.

Amended Motion

After a lengthy discussion, Richard Dornisch amended his motion to grant free parking from November 23rd thru December 25th. The amended motion was seconded by Mark Kopp. On a roll call vote, Mark Kopp, Richard Dornisch, Steven Skok, and Sean Gabler voted in the affirmative for free parking. Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, and Mayor Geyer voted in the negative. The motion for free parking passed by majority vote.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
Nestor Resources
Study re: Recycling

Manager Greene noted that Michele Nestor, of Nestor Resources, met with the Recycling Task Force and a couple members of Council. Ms. Nestor was hired by Elk County, with grant monies, to perform a study to suggest methods to make the County's recycling program more efficient. She is also willing to come to St. Marys and look at the City's recycling program. There would be no charge to the City for her services.

The Manager explained that the County plans on removing the roll-off containers from the City because the County's recycling budget has been cut from \$100,000. to \$60,000. and the roll-offs in St. Marys cost the County approximately \$27,000. per year.

The County has provided the roll-off containers since 1992. Since the City is mandated by State law to recycle, the County felt the City should take care of their own roll-off service. The State awarded a 904 grant to the County in the amount of \$24,000. which included \$13,000. for St. Marys. The County retained the \$13,000. to help with their budget.

It was noted that the City would be able to submit applications to receive their own funding for their recycling program.

Mike Mullaney suggested that the Solicitor review the Recycling Act.

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After a discussion, Steven Skok made a motion that the City go with the Nestor Resource study that they plan on doing for the County. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp.

On a roll call vote, Steven Skok, Mark Kopp, Sean Gabler and Richard Dornisch voted in the affirmative. Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, and Mayor Sally Geyer voted in the negative. The motion to go along with the County's study passed by majority vote.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Ryan Winters

Ryan Winters, of Winters Auto Repair, brought Council up-to-date regarding the cleaning of tar from the Rosely Road residents' vehicles.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero questioned the status of the Aquifer Ordinance. Solicitor French stated he is waiting for direction from Council. The Manager noted a current door-to-door survey with a list of questions was requested, but that no response was received.

Steven Skok reported that a street light on Depot Street, across from the recycling bins, is out.

Mayor Geyer wished all the citizens a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:
- Next Council worksession will be held
on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary