

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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November 21, 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, November 21, 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 November 17, 2005 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Meier, Mark Kopp, Dennis Nero, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, Thomas Farley, David Greene, City Manager and Solicitor Stephen French

Absent: Robert Roberts (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Tim Cotter, Richard Sadley, and Sally Geyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 7, 2005

Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2005, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, 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:

- Met with Overbeck Corp. to discuss plans for locating a new industry in the City.
- Met with the Quade 3 Group re: Phase I Environmental for the Depot St. parking lot.
- Attended the Airport Authority meeting to discuss plans for the new terminal bldg.
- Attended open house at Sylvania.
- Attended meeting with Sheetz and PennDOT to discuss driveway entrances and road enhancements.
- Met with members of the Hometown Festival Committee on Market St. to see if that area would accommodate the festival.
- Attended the Planning Commission meeting with David See. Mr. See presented a minor subdivision plan for Depot St. parking lot.
- Attended a Rails to Trails meeting to discuss future plans for the abandoned rail-line between St. Marys and Emporium.
- Attended a Shade Tree Commission meeting.
- Met with John Grossman from E.G. & G. Inc. to discuss Downtown Revitalization.
- Attended open house at Mountain Metals.
- Attended meeting with PennDOT and Gannett Fleming to discuss traffic enhancements.

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- Met with Sheetz and Gannet Fleming to discuss traffic improvements around the proposed Sheetz Development.
- Attended the Veterans Day Ceremony.
- Met with Bob Yoder, Tom Harley, Gabe Uljon and KTH Architects to discuss plans for the Inter-Modal Transportation Center for St. Marys.
- Met with the Railroad to discuss the opening of Erie Avenue on the right side of the tracks down to Fourth St. and possibly using the railroad tracks for a passenger trolley.

Manager Greene also noted that there would be no rent for the new senior center building on Depot Street. Mr. Yoder would only be asking \$200./month to offset the cost of utilities. At the current location on Chestnut Street, the seniors earn \$600. per month in rent from several apartments and a barber shop. If they move into the new center, the seniors would still have the option of renting or selling the Chestnut Street property.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Thomas Farley to approve the Expenditures for the period October 13, 2005 thru November 18, 2005, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Meier presented the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2005. The General Fund shows the \$1 million loan proceeds for the road project under revenues. The City spent \$416,195.60 so far on the paving project. The balance of the \$1 million will be spent in November when the project is finished. The General Fund has collected 82% of its budgeted revenue and expended 74%. Last year, at this time, the City collected 85% and spent 72% of the budget. Market value on pension funds dropped this month from last month but still are up from last year at this time.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
 Ordinance No. 214
 re: EMS Tax
 (\$5,000. Exemption)

Ordinance No. 214 was presented amending portions of Chapter 24 of the St. Marys City Code renaming the "Occupational Privilege Tax" as the "Emergency and Municipal Service Tax", increasing the amount of the tax, and instituting collection procedures for the Tax Collector.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 214, 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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**CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no comments from citizens on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Steven Skok stated at the recent Recycling Task Force meeting, the group is looking into how other communities are funding their recycling programs.

Mark Kopp noted that junk cars are starting to be removed within the City.

Thomas Farley stated according to the Parking Revenue Summary, the City is behind in revenues compared to last year. He also noted that this is why he voted no to free parking.

Executive Session

Solicitor French requested that an Executive Session be held following the meeting regarding a legal matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- Council will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held regarding a legal matter.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary