

CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER The rescheduled regular monthly Council meeting of the City of St. Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, October 23, 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 October 19, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Thomas Farley, Sean Gabler, Steven Skok, Richard Dornisch, Manager David Greene, and Solicitor Stephen French

Absent: Dennis Nero and Mark Kopp (both excused)

VISITORS Visitors included: Ryan Winters, Doreen Rhines, Donna Herbstritt, Patti Poulliott, Missie Otteni, Sandy Coudriet, Michael Poulliott, Karen Rieder, Katie Weidenboerner, Rick Gabler, Jr., Warren Stewart, Shawn Buerk, Allen Wehler, Sandy Wehler, Monica Radkowski, Richard Sadley, Louise Johnson, Marcy Meyer, Toby Pesce, Tom Meyer, Tanya Bonifay, Rick Eckert, Darlene Eckert, Joyce Long and Alvin "Butch" Reinrad, from Jefferson Paving

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 9, 2006** A motion was made by Richard Dornisch to approve the minutes of October 9, 2006, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor, except Steven Skok who abstained.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Growing Greener II
Application** Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing regarding the Growing Greener II application and turned the meeting over to Manager Greene.

Manager Greene stated this Public Hearing is being held for citizen input regarding the Growing Greener II Application. The City is desirous of obtaining funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars for improvements in the "Impact St. Marys" area for various projects. These projects could include streetscaping, parking garage, and road reconstruction in the redevelopment area.

Citizen Comments There were no comments from citizens.

Hearing Closed Mayor Geyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Patti Poulliott,
Rosely Road Patti Poulliott, spokesperson for residents of Rosely Road, questioned if the residents will be reimbursed for the damage to their vehicles because of the tar and chip application on the road.

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Alvin "Butch" Reinrad,
Jefferson Paving

Alvin "Butch" Reinrad, of Jefferson Paving, was present to address questions and concerns of residents. He apologized for the problem and inconvenience created by the oil and chipping of Rosely Road. Jefferson Paving's insurance company, Penn National, has been contacted and will be taking care of the situation.

Ryan Winters,
Winters Auto & Truck
Repair & Detailing

Ryan Winters, of Winters Auto & Truck Repair and Detailing, was also contacted to take care of cleaning the vehicles. If a resident wishes to have another garage clean their vehicle, they will have to get approval from the insurance company which would take about 2 weeks.

Joyce Long,
Jefferson Paving

Joyce Long, from Jefferson Paving, stated residents can call her office and she would give them the insurance adjuster's name and phone number.

Patti Poulliott

Patti Poulliott asked if the insurance company plans on paying a flat rate or will they handle each case separately? She was informed that each case will be handled differently.

Ryan Winters

Ryan Winters stated he will clean the cars affected. His first goal is to clean vehicles making them safe to drive. Cosmetic damage can be addressed later. He currently has a list of 100 names of individuals affected. Mr. Winters noted that if anyone has questions regarding their vehicle, they can call him.

Meeting to be
scheduled

A meeting will be set-up between Cutting Edge, Jefferson Paving and City Officials to discuss the next step to correct the problem. Meanwhile Jefferson Paving will be looking at the road to see what can be done until the problem can be solved.

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart questioned, when the Senior Housing Project begins, will all the material and trailers be kept on their property? The Manager noted that the area will be chained off for all the materials and that a trailer will be parking in a two stall area because of an available electrical hook-up.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager presented the following report:

- Attended a Rails-to-Trails meeting here at City Hall on September 26th.
- Called Fox Township, Ridgway Borough, Johnsonburg Borough and North Central to discuss the proposed rate change for a demolition permit from the Elk County Solid Waste Authority.

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- It was noted that the Elk County Solid Waste Authority has reconsidered the fee schedule for a demolition permit.
- The suggestion by the Recycling Task Force to make curbside recycling City wide needs to be addressed.
- On October 6th, attended the ATA annual conference held in St. Marys.
- Tim Brennan and I held a conference call with a Gannett-Fleming representative on October 11th to discuss the Airport Industrial Road.
- October 11th thru 16th, I had various conference calls with representatives from Rite-Aid to work out the details for an easement for the new traffic light to be installed by Rite-Aid at the Ford Road & Million Dollar Highway intersection.
- Matt Pfoefffer and I met with David Mastrostefano on October 12th to review plans and to discuss the final permits required for Sheetz to build in St. Marys.
- On October 16th, I spoke with Keith Pongalek who will be the job superintendent on the Marienstadt Place Senior Housing complex. Yoder Builders held a pre-construction meeting in Pittsburgh with PA Housing Finance Agency on Monday. Construction should begin in the next two weeks weather permitting.

Letter from Bill Marshall re: Sewer Bill

A letter received from Bill Marshall was discussed regarding his sewer bill which was due on October 19, 2006. Mr. Marshall would like a credit, due to the fact a turf lawn was installed at his home and he needed to water the lawn constantly. Thomas Farley felt the City should abide by the present ordinance which does not allow credit for watering lawns, filling swimming pools, etc.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Sean Gabler to approve the Expenditure Report for the period September 17, 2006 thru October 14, 2006, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report. The payroll and expenditures were accrued to the end of September making this month's expenditures high. Revenues collected for the General Fund was at 86% of the budget up from last year at this time which was 78.7% of the budget. Expenditures are at 62.5% of the budget and last year the expenditures were at 68.9% of the budget.

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The Recreation Fund along with the Capital Reserve Fund shows a negative balance, both funds are waiting for reimbursements either through grants or loans. Tax revenue is at 97% of the budget which is the same as last year. The outstanding balance for real estate and per capita tax is at \$207,365.47. In 2005, the balance was \$173,775.89 and in 2004 \$173,971.98.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
 Resolution No. 06-19
 Growing Greener II
 Application
 (\$1.5 million)

Resolution No. 06-19 was presented authorizing the filing of a Growing Greener II application for funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development. The City is desirous of obtaining funds in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars for improvements in the "Impact St. Marys" area for various projects.

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-19, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-20
 Redevelopment Capital
 Assistant Program
 Application
 (\$4. million)

Resolution No. 06-20 was presented authorizing the filing of a Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program Application for funds with the Office of the Budget in the amount of \$4,000,000. for construction of a parking garage, an integral part of the overall "Impact St. Marys" Project.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-20, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**Schedule of Budget
 Meetings**

A tentative schedule of meetings was presented listing a timeline of dates for meetings to be held for the 2007 City Budget. Council decided to hold budget meetings on the following dates: November 2, 8, 9, and 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

**Purchase of the Ed
 Burkett Property**

A Standard Agreement for the Sale of Vacant Land was presented to Council for the purchase of Ed Burkett's property on Environmental Drive in the amount of \$75,000. for the relocation of Industrial Steel and Pipe. The City needs to pay for the property up-front to get the project started and will be reimbursed later by a grant.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Standard Agreement for the Sale of Vacant Land for Ed Burkett, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
 Land Development
 Application - Adam
 Herzing, N. Paul Rd.

A Land Development Application was submitted for Adam Herzing, North Paul Road for informational purposes only for the construction of a building to be used for fabrication purposes.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
ON-AGENDA TOPICS**Monica Radkowski
re: Trick or Treat

Monica Radkowski expressed her opposition of holding Trick or Treat on October 28th. She felt it should be held on Halloween, October 31st. She noted several events that were planned for October 28th, well in advance, and felt that no consideration was given to the greater community.

Solicitor French said, in Borough government, the Mayor usually sets the trick or treat night and that a discussion does not have to be held. He also noted it would be impossible to change the day at this late date.

Sean Gabler thanked Ms. Radkowski for coming and expressing her opinion. He invited Monica and other concerned citizens to come to a Council meeting next year in August to voice their concerns.

Mayor Geyer would like to go on record noting that she received nothing but positive comments and received only one negative comment plus Monica's.

After a lengthy discussion by Council Members, trick or treat night will remain on October 28th this year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Thomas Farley would like to know by Cutting Edge if South Paul Road will hold up during the winter months without a sealer. This will be addressed at the meeting which will be scheduled shortly.

Sean Gabler thanked the Elk County Solid Waste Authority for revoking the increases of the demolition permit fees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council worksession will be held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday October 28th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Richard Dornisch.

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor