

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL RESCHEDULED WORKSESSION

September 12, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

A Council rescheduled worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, September 12, 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 September 8, 2005 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, and David Greene, City Manager

Absent: Mark Kopp (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Gretchen Rokosky, Andy Swasta, Mike Herzing, Richard Sadley, Sally Geyer, Rich Herzing, Bob Kirchner, and John Cotter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2005**

A motion was made by Gelindo Bonfardine to approve the minutes of August 22, 2005, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor. On Page 5 last paragraph change wording to read "property the City purchased from the Red Cross" removing "Harry Hauber".

POW/MIA PROCLAMATION

Mayor Meier read a POW/MIA proclamation declaring the month of September 2005 POW/MIA Recognition Month for all those unaccountable from all wars. The Mayor thanked Gary Schreiber for his help with the proclamation. Signing will take place after the Council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**ITEMS THAT NEED ACTION
Resolution No. 05-18
PACC Automotive and
Equipment Contract**

Resolution No. 05-18 was presented permitting the City of St. Marys to participate in the PACC (PA Capital City) Automotive and Equipment Contract which will permit the City of St. Marys to purchase supplies, services from the contract based upon the terms and conditions of the contract and at the same prices.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-18, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

The Manager clarified that Resolution No. 05-18 allows the City to piggyback on the PA Capital City Automotive and Equipment Contract to purchase any type of equipment. A decision to purchase the Vac Truck has not been made.

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Resolution No. 05-19
Request for Grant
Funding for Airport
Terminal Building

Resolution No. 05-19 was presented requesting grant funding on behalf of the St. Marys Airport through the Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$103,250. to be used for the construction of the new airport terminal building.

Mayor David Meier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-19, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor.

**2006 Minimum
Municipal Obligation
for Pension Plans**

The calculation for the 2006 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans was presented. This report is prepared every year. Act 205 requires that the report be submitted and approved by the governing body of the City by September 30, 2005.

Steven Skok made a motion to approve the calculation regarding the 2006 Minimum Municipal Obligation, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**Cadmium
Contamination Issue**

A memo was received from the Public Works Director regarding the cadmium contamination issue. Attached was a proposal from KLH Engineers, Inc. to provide engineering services necessary to comply with DEP requirements concerning the cadmium contamination issue of approximately 18 acres of property located within Saint Marys. The proposal was estimated at \$12,500.

Manager Greene stated DEP requires testing of all the sites involved again because they increased the amount of cadmium that can be in the soil. DEP also felt the same procedure for the testing should be followed as before.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the cadmium contamination proposal from KLH Engineers in the amount of \$12,500., seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORT
Administrative
Affairs Committee

Dennis Nero requested that an Executive Session be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. for the Manager's evaluation.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Travel Expenses Policy

Manager Greene requested that the Travel Expenses Policy "Personal Auto Use" of 34.0 cents per mile be increased to 40.5 cents per mile due to the increase of gasoline per gallon. The Policy will be amended to include gas reimbursement to follow Federal IRS guidelines and brought back to Council for their approval.

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Budget Meeting Schedule
A tentative budget meeting schedule was presented to Council for the year 2006. Council will be presented the budget on October 17th. First reading scheduled for December 5th. A Public Hearing and 2nd reading of the budget will be held on December 19th. Newly elected officials are encouraged to attend the budget discussions but will not have a vote.

St. Marys Area Snowmobile Association
re: Request to open DeLaum Road as a legal Snowmobile Road
A letter was received from the St. Marys Area Snowmobile Association requesting Council to open DeLaum Road as a legal snowmobile use road. This would connect Wilson Road to the Elk Casino. The Association has created snowmobile trails through private and public lands, which has allowed them to connect to Smethport and the Keating Summit areas. From there the trails connect to the DCNR trails around Emporium and points further west to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. Opening DeLaum Road to the Elk Casino would create a trailhead from other areas for a place to eat and get warm.

John Cotter, St. Marys Area Snowmobile Association
John Cotter, Secretary/Treasurer of the St. Marys Area Snowmobile Association, stated the opening of DeLaum Road to snowmobiles will connect Wilson Road and the Elk Casino through a lumber yard. The opening of the road would create a trailhead area.

Robert Roberts made a motion authorizing the Manager to prepare an amendment to the ordinance to include DeLaum Road as a snowmobile road, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Gelindo Bonfardine
re: T.V. rate increase
Gelindo Bonfardine, as a private citizen, complained about the 23.56 percent rate increase in his T.V. cable bill.

Mayor Meier questioned if the City could build something into the T.V. Cable Franchise Agreement concerning rates?

Elk County Association of Elected Township Officials annual convention & banquet
Robert Roberts stated he would like to attend the Elk County Association of Elected Township Officials annual convention and banquet on Wednesday, September 21st. Gelindo Bonfardine will attend later in the afternoon, Mayor Meier will attend the banquet, and David Greene will attend the convention only.

Baumer Road
Manager Greene stated that a petition was received from Victoria Detsch Barker and Nathan Detsch asking that Baumer Road be included in the paving of Thunder and Sumar Roads.

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A motion was made by Dennis Nero to pave Baumer Road if funds are available, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on September 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- Clean-up Day is scheduled for September 24, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- September 26, 2005 is "Family Day" throughout the country.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary