

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAINT MARYS

September 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

A special Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Council was notified of this special meeting by e-mail and telephone. Notice of this meeting was published in the Daily Press and posted at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Sean Gabler, Mark Kopp, and City Manager David Greene

Absent: Steven Skok and Richard Dornisch (both excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Bob Bauer, Carol Muhitch, Tina Gradizzi, and Cole Wilson

Mayor Geyer stated the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the recycling program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
Recycling Program

Manager Greene explained that at the last Council meeting the Recycling Proposal submitted by the Recycling Task Force Committee was approved, but after the meeting, a discussion was held with Chester and Diane Cheatle, of Elk Waste. If Council agrees to recycle just clear glass, colored glass, and aluminum, Elk Waste would be willing to go back to \$1.00 per month per household instead of the current \$1.15. It was noted that plastic costs \$10.00 per ton to dispose of. Elk Waste, however, does get paid for glass and aluminum.

The Manager stated he and the Finance Director felt that if the City only collects clear glass, colored glass, and aluminum, all 5,309 residences could be served for the same amount of money the City has budgeted right now in the General Fund. If the City keeps plastic, the cost would increase an additional \$10,000.

Manager Greene also stated, the City can not go out for bids to collect curbside materials because the Collection Agreement with Elk Waste automatically renewed in September, which will go for another year. A notice by either party must be made 120 days prior to September, 2008 to terminate the contract.

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Dennis Nero expressed his concerns regarding the elimination of plastics, mainly the lack of participation.

Sean Gabler felt the City should go with the least expensive and get our mandate satisfied. He stated the City can always add plastics later if there is a market for it.

Manager Greene suggested that under services instead of listing Spring Clean Up and Fall Clean Up just list "Clean Up". Also, the user fee of \$2.00 per month per household should be removed from the proposal.

Thomas Farley expressed his concern with newspaper at the curbside. He stated the contract states the paper must be bundled, placed in a plastic bag, and kept dry.

Thomas Farley stated all households are paying for recycling on their tax bill but that some residents, even though they are paying for the service through their tax bill, do not receive the service.

After further discussion, Sean Gabler made a motion to modify our proposal to DEP to include three items; aluminum, clear glass, and colored glass. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer. On a roll call vote, Sean Gabler, Thomas Farley, Mark Kopp, and Mayor Sally Geyer voted in the affirmative and Dennis Nero voted in the negative. The motion passed by majority vote.

Motion Passed by
Majority Vote

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary