

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, February 2, 2015 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 January 29, 2015, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Nedward Jacob, Gregory Gebauer, Gary Anderson, Lou Radkowski, Sally Geyer, Bob Mohr, Manager David Greene, Finance Director Carol Muhitch and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Richard Sadley, Amy Cherry, Colin Deppen, Mike Brock and Warren Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
January 19, 2015

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE  
SESSIONS:

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held immediately prior to tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR  
DISCUSSION:

Nedward Jacob requested the following be added under Topics for Discussion:  
B. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward voting at City Hall

Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to add the above item, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:  
Appointment to Board of Health  
(5 years)

Name of Authority, Board or Commission and length of term	Number of Vacancies	Letters Received From:	Status of recommendation
Board of Health (5 years)	1 Vacancy	Jennifer Asti	RECOMMENDED

Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Jennifer Asti to the Board of Health, as recommended, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

Forming an Economic  
Development Committee

Manager Greene explained during the budget workshops it was decided to form an Economic Development Committee. Council needed to now officially approve the committee and its members.

Nedward Jacob clarified that the on street parking money collected would be used for downtown economic development.

Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to form an Economic Development Committee with Lou Radkowski, Nedward Jacob and Bob Mohr as members, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:  
Council Committee Updates

Solicitor Wagner explained he was reporting for the Oil and Gas Committee that recently met with representatives from Seneca Resources. The meeting was held to discuss

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- Oil and Gas Committee the objections that Seneca Resources had to the City's proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Maps were provided to Council members showing Seneca Resources Oil and Gas and land interests within the City. The maps showed the proposed set back requirements of one thousand feet and how much land would be prohibited from development. The maps also showed different setbacks and an outlined area that was a "no-drill" zone. Solicitor Wagner suggested the Committee hold a private meeting with selected citizens to address their issues and gage the other side of this issue. A public meeting and public hearing would be held before Council would take any action.
- Emergency Management Agency Committee Gregory Gebauer stated the Emergency Management Committee recently met and in the future the Emergency Management Coordinator, Tim Pearson, would be providing updates. The committee is working on a community wide emergency alert notification system and modifications to City Hall for the EMA control center. The next meeting will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- 2015 City Goals Committee Lou Radkowski stated a mission and vision statement had been drafted by the 2015 City Goals Committee and sent out to Council members. It will be presented to the public at the next Council meeting.
- Economic Development Committee Lou Radkowski explained one of the tenants of the mission and vision statement was economic development. The committee would be trying to come up with some innovative ways to make the downtown more vibrant. The Redevelopment Authority had invited Council to their last meeting and Councilman Jacob and he had a dialogue with the RDA as to how they see them in the scope of future economic development within the downtown. Councilman Radkowski was hoping the committee could partner with the RDA and other organizations. Grant guidelines would hopefully be drafted for presentation to Council in March.
- Early Intervention Program Committee Manager Greene stated the Novak Group had informed him that they would be contacting DuBois, Sandy Township, Bradford and Warren to update and expand the benchmarking in the Early Intervention Study. The updates would be available in about ten days.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ward voting at City Hall (added to agenda) Sally Geyer explained she had received numerous phone calls regarding the use of City Hall as the 9<sup>th</sup> ward polling place. She was told complaints were filed regarding numerous problems with the location; parking, privacy and accessibility.
- After a brief discussion, most of the Council members stated they had also received phones calls stating concerns with the location. It was determined to have the Director of the Elections Office provide more information before making a decision.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Warren Stewart suggested the City's snow removal ordinance be revised to state the snow should be cleared from sidewalks after 3 inches of snow instead of 24 hours after the snow event ends.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Radkowski  
Thank you to Road Crew

Councilman Radkowski thanked the road crew for their efforts and the Manager for keeping Council informed of the work performed.

Councilman Jacob  
Thank you to Road Crew

Councilman Jacob also thanked the road crew and asked residents to be patient.

Councilwoman Geyer  
Oil & Gas Committee meeting

Councilwoman Geyer commented the recent meeting of the Oil & Gas Committee and Seneca was a good meeting.

Councilman Gebauer  
Thank you to Road Crew

Councilman Gebauer also thanked the road crew.

Mayor Howard  
Thank you to Solicitor

Mayor Howard thanked the Solicitor for his upfront work regarding Oil & Gas activities. The work on the proposed ordinance was going in a positive direction and the citizens would have the best ordinance possible.

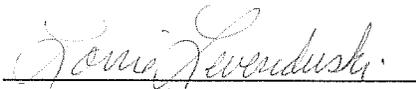
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcement:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT

Sally Geyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor