

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, February 20, 2017 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 February 16 2017, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Gregory Gebauer, Gary Anderson, Andrew Mohny, Bob Mohr, Lou Radkowski, Nedward Jacob, Manager Timothy Pearson and Solicitor Tom Wagner.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Thom and Faith Ruehle, Tim Ruffner, Warren Stewart, Matt Young, Amy Cherry, Richard Sadley, Margaret Satterwhite Brown, Jeff Chileski and Luke Chileski.

Chief Tom Nicklas did not sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 6, 2017

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

SWEARING IN

CERERMONY: New Police Officers

Chief of Police, Tom Nicklas, presented two new police officers, Derrick Welsh and Derek Mattiuz. He explained the new officers were hired after a selection process performed by the Civil Service Commission. Officer Welsh was moved into the full time position and Officer Mattiuz was placed as part time.

Mayor Howard swore in the new Officers and they were given a round of applause.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Matt Young, EMS Building water leak

Matt Young, City Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Department member, provided the following statement of events:

In the early morning hours of Saturday, February 11th, 2017, around 4:00 AM, I was notified via telephone, alerting me to a water leak at the EMS building at 319 Erie Avenue. I arrived at the EMS building around 4:15 AM, and saw that water had been running from the second floor into the first floor. It was determined that a leak in the heating system had occurred above the ceiling of the kitchen, on the second floor, at some time over night.

The leak was detected by a police officer, who immediately made notification for the fire chiefs to respond. The leak was isolated by turning valves off to the heating coil that was leaking. Once the leak was stopped, the heating system was checked for operation throughout the rest of the facility.

From the very beginning the fire chiefs and some department members started showing up, and went to work without even being tasked to do so. Members were moving equipment, using "shop-vac's" to remove water from the floor, removing ceiling tile to access the leak, isolating the leak, mopping the floors, all without being asked. These members took the initiative, worked diligently and quickly to prevent further damage.

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During this cleanup effort, the fire department was dispatched to a rescue call for a vehicle accident. These members responded to the call, managed the situation, and returned to the EMS building to continue their work efforts. These members worked for hours, some staying until after 12:00 pm.

I feel that a great thank you is in order to these members of the fire department as well as the police department for their work that went above and beyond. Those members are:

Bill Kraus	Ken Weidow	Police Officers:
Mike Kraus	Nathan Yost	D.J. Marconi
Tom Kerchinski	Doug Mawn	Anthony Pistner
George Simbeck	George Ehrensberger	Pete Largey
Andy Klaiber	Bob Goetz	

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no comments on agenda topics.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howard had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson provided the following report:

- Congratulated the new Police Officers
- Thanked those involved with the water leak
- The recent good weather has allowed the street sweeping to get a head start on spring clean-up
- Reminder of the Rotary Club annual auction on Sunday, February 26th

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wagner reported the Zoning Hearing Board denied the Seneca Resources challenge to the Oil and Gas Zoning Ordinance and the appeal was dismissed. Seneca Resources has the right to appeal the decision to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson provided the following Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2017:

Revenue for the General Fund was at 1.8 percent of budget and Expenditures were at 6.3 percent of budget for January. Last year at this time the City collected 1.5 percent of budget for revenue and expensed 6.7 percent of budget. Revenue will be low for the first few months of the year, since the Real Estate tax bills are not mailed until March 1 of each year. Market value in pension plans has increased for January and increased from January, 2016 by at least 8 percent. Earned income collected for January was \$73,643 or 4.9 percent of budget and for January, 2016 the City collected \$68,634 or 4.6 percent of budget. Balances for January 1, 2017 were adjusted to actual with 2016 year end adjusting entries.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**Consider for adoption:**

Resolution No. 17-04, re: Elk County Act 13 Grant Applications – Police Department

Manager Pearson explained Resolution No. 17-04 was an Elk County Act 13 grant application for the Police Department. The grant was in the amount of \$4,428 for a Speed Alert Radar Message Sign Project on S. St. Marys Street near the Vine Road intersection.

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Motion Passed Bob Mohr made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-04, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

Subdivision Application: A subdivision application was presented from D'Amore for property located on W. Joseph Road. The subdivision proposed to subdivide a 4.579 acre lot, Lot 1, from a 41.629 acre parcel as a new residential building lot. The new lot has access to public water and private sewage disposal. Lot 1 will be accessed via W. Joseph Road and will contain a right-of-way to the residual parcel to the rear. The applicant requested a waiver of the scale requirements and for generating a residual deed description at the present time. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision.
 D'Amore, W. Joseph Road

Motion Passed Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the D'Amore subdivision application, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

Award of fire truck offer Manager Pearson explained the request for offers for the retired fire truck was duly advertised and the results were as follows:

One offer received from DeLullo Trucking Amount - \$4,000

Crystal Fire Department representatives recommended to accept the offer from DeLullo Trucking in the amount of \$4,000.

Motion Passed Nedward Jacob made a motion to award the offer as recommended, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Appointment to Planning Commission Manager Pearson explained there was still one vacancy on the Planning Commission and the following letter of interest was received:

NAME OF AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION AND LENGTH OF TERM	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	LETTERS RECEIVED FROM:	STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION:
Planning Commission (4 years)	1 Vacancy	Rebecca Schatz	RECOMMENDED

Motion Passed Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint Rebecca Schatz to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: There were no topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS Councilman Anderson stated a debt of gratitude was owed to those who helped with the water leak. He also noted the vitality of the City due to the 7.6 percent increase in the Earned Income Tax (Wage Tax) for the last few years.

Councilman Radkowski commented a discussion of revenue and capital improvement planning should be coming up soon and Manager Pearson responded budget workshops need to be scheduled, an update on the Bond refinance would be provided to Council soon, and the Capital Improvement

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Committee needs to meet and discuss possible projects.

Councilman Mohr questioned if a new heating system should be budgeted for the Fire/Police building and Manager Pearson responded the water leak was not a system failure and the damage was covered by insurance.

Council and the Manager discussed the heating system and possible reasons for the water leak and the Manager will follow up with their concerns.

Councilman Jacob commented he was in favor of the proposed fee for municipalities that utilize the State Police for coverage and encouraged writing to the Congressmen.

Mayor Howard commented he wished the Rotary Club great success with their auction and encouraged everyone to support the event.

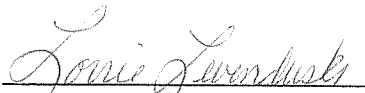
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcements:


- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7: 35 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor