

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 21, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, March 21, 2016 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 March 17, 2016, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG  
MOMENT OF SILENCE  
FOR JOSEPH E. KOCH**

Mayor Howard requested a moment of silence for former Elk County Commissioner Joseph E. Koch.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Heather Conrad, Betty Kruger, Melinda Marconi, June Glass, Bob Roberts, Paula Weyant, Kindra Aschenbrenner, Amy Cherry, Chuck Abraham, Richard Sadley, David Larkin, Tina Gradizzi, Mason Catalone and Warren Stewart.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
March 7, 2016  
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

**REPORT ON EXECUTIVE  
SESSIONS**

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 following the Council meeting at City Hall regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:  
Certificates of Appreciation to  
Outgoing Board Members**

Mayor Howard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following outgoing board members:

Erica Miller – Shade Tree Commission – 2 years of service  
Janet Krug – Recreation Board – 4 years of service

David Larkin accepted on behalf of Erica Miller and Manager Pearson accepted on behalf of Janet Krug.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:  
Presidential Volunteer Service  
Awards**

Mayor Howard stated, "Tonight we celebrate not only new volunteers, but the volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to the community as well. Community members were invited to nominate active citizens of Elk County to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. This award honors both individual and group volunteers who have served anywhere from 250 hours to 4000 hours in their lifetime. Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, the selected nominees will receive a personalized certificate, an official medallion, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States. I am pleased to have the opportunity to present the certificates of achievement this evening to those who have worked so hard to make this community a better place."

Bri Pursley, from Headwaters Charitable Trust Living Greener Project and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers and Mayor Howard presented awards to the following:

Bob Roberts, Melinda Marconi, June Glass and Paula Weyant.

They all received a round of applause.

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The following recipients were not in attendance:

Ray Beimel, Veronica Conrad, Elk County Catholic High School Future Business Leaders of America, Elk County Community Recycling Center volunteers and Guardian Angels Center volunteers.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Howard had nothing to report.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Pearson provided the following report:

St. Marys Police Officer Peter Largey was promoted to Sergeant.

Manager Pearson had met twice with the Airport Authority, met with Al McPherson, Airport Manager and was provided a tour of the Airport. He is working hard with all involved to come up with a long term strategy to protect the Airport.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no report available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Manager Pearson gave the following Treasurer's Report for February 29, 2016:

Total Revenue for the General Fund as of February 29, 2016 was \$481,314 or 7.65 percent of budget and total Expenditures were at \$775,752 or 12.34 percent of budget. Last year at this time, Revenue was at \$463,158 and Expenditures were \$754,030. Benchmark figures would be at 16.67 percent. The City should be receiving a portion of the Real Estate Tax Revenue by the end of March. Pension Plans decreased in market value for February, 2016. As of February 29, 2016 the City had collected in Earned Income \$333,909 or 22.6 percent of budget and last year at this time the City collected \$319,225 or 22 percent of budget. The City has spent \$7,676 or 22 percent of its budget on overtime for snowplowing and spent \$76,836 or 53 percent of its budget for salt, stone and supplies as of March 11, 2016. Last Year at this time the City spent \$18,641 or 62 percent of budget on overtime for snow removal and \$51,744 or 38 percent of budget for material. Balances for February 1, 2016 were adjusted to actual with the 2015 year end adjusting entries.

Nedward Jacob questioned the I & I fund balance and when projects would begin and Manager Pearson responded he would place the item on a future agenda to provide an update. He stated preliminary work for possible projects has been done.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

There were no items on the agenda for legislative action.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

There were no items on the agenda for topics of discussion.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

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## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Anderson noted an increase of 4 percent in Earned Income Tax collection, which he believed was a sign of a vibrant and growing community.

Councilman Jacob stated he had received numerous complaints regarding manholes that needed raised within last Fall's paving project and Manager Pearson responded he was aware of the issue and temporary cold patching was done, but a long term resolution to the problem was a significant problem that was being addressed.

Councilman Gebauer questioned if the Manager could provide a breakdown of parking meter revenue collected between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. compared to 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Manager Pearson responded he would try to obtain that comparison.

Councilmen Gebauer and Jacob then debated parking meter matters.

Councilman Radkowski commented on parking meter matters.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

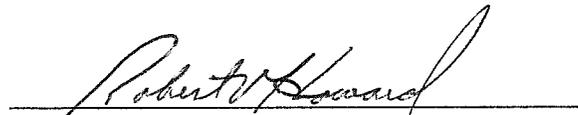
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Executive Sessions will be held immediately following tonight's meeting and again on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. regarding personnel matters.

## ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor