

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

JUNE 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, June 1, 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 May 28, 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, Acting Managers Todd Caltagarone and Tim Brennan. Solicitor Thomas Wagner was excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Katie Weidenboerner, Colin Deppen, Richard Sadley, Mason Catalone, Mark Greenthaner and Warren Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18, 2015
Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor, except Gary Anderson who abstained.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Mayor Howard stated an executive session was held on Monday May 18, 2015 following the Council meeting regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Gregory Gebauer requested C. Grass cutting at Memorial Park be added to the agenda.

Gregory Gebauer made a motion to add C. Grass cutting at Memorial Park to Topics for Discussion, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

There were no legislative action items.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Parking Authority

Nedward Jacob stated at the April 6, 2015 Council worksession he had brought up the idea of creating or modifying an operating Parking Authority. He restated the responsibilities for the Authority. He was asking Council to consider the matter for the next meeting. If approved, the revenue and expenditures for the Parking Authority would need to be considered when preparing the 2016 City budget.

Sally Geyer questioned if this would be a volunteer board and Nedward Jacob responded yes, except for the Bookkeeper, Parking Enforcement Officer and Meter Repair positions. He also suggested the Authority be comprised of a total of 5 board members; 2 members from a downtown business, 2-3 from the general public and initially 1 member of Council.

Bob Mohr questioned if the parking revenue could affect already approved projects and Nedward Jacob responded it could be the Authority's decision for any future projects.

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Council discussed the already committed parking revenue funds for the Economic Development Committee projects. It was determined the committed funds were for 2015 and the Authority could determine any future financial commitments to the committee's projects.

Nedward Jacob explained the Parking Authority would be responsible for all parking areas and would need to budget for all maintenance issues.

Nedward Jacob estimated the parking revenue for 2014 was approximately \$115,000. Estimated expenses were \$113,000, which included an estimate for snow plowing and maintenance of parking lots and the parking garage, but did not include any paving, sealing of lots or major repairs.

Lou Radkowski commented the expenses did not include unknown expenses that were being paid from the General Fund.

Nedward Jacob stated the Authority would need to budget for any major repairs or necessary paving, tar and chip or sealing or they could obtain loans for these items. He further stated the biggest expenditure would be for the Parking Garage due to maintenance issues.

Nedward Jacob stated he would ask for Council to vote on forming the Authority at Council's next meeting.

Council discussed the Authority's responsibility for setting fines and rates.

Gregory Gebauer questioned if the Parking Enforcement Officer would be a City employee or an authority employee since currently it was a union position and Nedward Jacob responded he would ask the Solicitor.

Council Committee Updates
Early Intervention Committee

Gary Anderson stated the committee had drafted their list of recommendations to be considered and would be requesting comments from Council.

Emergency Management
Committee

Gregory Gebauer stated the Emergency Management committee will be meeting later this week. Most of the construction is completed and hopefully a tour of the operation center will be offered at the next Council meeting.

Oil & Gas Activity Committee

Sally Geyer stated the committee was waiting for the Solicitor to provide information to present to Council.

Council discussed the time line of the process and the involvement of the Planning Commission. It was determined to have the Solicitor, Oil & Gas Committee and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission meet to discuss the matter.

2015 City Goals Committee

Pending a new Manager.

Capital Improvement Planning
Committee

Capital Improvement Planning Committee -- Will be addressed at 2016 budget discussions.

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Economic Development Committee Lou Radkowski stated the committee had discussed various possible projects and received information from Tina Gradizzi regarding the Small Business Group out of Clarion PA and how they assist people interested in starting a small business.

Liaison Committee between Council and Acting City Managers Nedward Jacob stated the committee meets weekly with the Acting Managers and a report is sent out to Council members.

Search for new Manager Committee Gary Anderson stated the committee was reviewing applications and setting up interviews.

Grass cutting at Memorial Park Council discussed recent issues with the grass mowing at Memorial Park. The Little League maintains the area within the ball field fences. The issue was with the areas which the Recreation Board had hired someone to cut the grass.

Mark Greenthaner, President of the St. Marys Little League, described issues with when the grass mowing was being done.

It was determined that representatives from Council and Acting Manager Todd Caltagarone would attend the next Recreation Board meeting to address the issue.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Councilman Jacob
Hospital

Councilman Jacob commented that due to the recent presentation and discussion with the hospital people were under the impression Council could resolve the situation at the hospital. He wanted to clarify that it was up to the people of Elk and Cameron counties to come together to save the hospital.

Mayor Howard

Mayor Howard commented the community is concerned with the situation at the hospital.

Councilman Radkowski

Councilman Radkowski commented there were things that needed stabilized and corrected and the hospital board was working on correcting those items. He stated he believed that Council could work with the citizens of St. Marys to help to create good housing opportunities, a good economy, provide available jobs and good businesses to help create a place that the doctors and others will want to come to live and work.

Councilman Jacob

Councilman Jacob was concerned with services being performed at the other facilities within the Penn Highlands system instead of St. Marys.

Councilman Radkowski

Councilman Radkowski commented the citizens should have the option to receive care in the facility of their choice and was willing to listen to any concerns from citizens.

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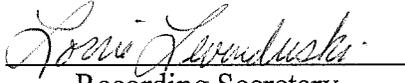
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcement:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- An Executive Session will be held immediately following tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Sally Geyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor