

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

OCTOBER 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

A Council scheduled worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, October 3, 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 September 29, 2016, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Richie Lecker, Tom and Patty Hasselman, John Zelt, Amy Cherry, Warren Stewart, Katie Weidenboerner, Tina Gradizzi, Lance Mohny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 19, 2016
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2016, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Howard asked for any additional topics for discussion and Bob Mohr requested Zito Media be added and Gary Anderson requested Noise Ordinance – Conduct also be added.

Mayor Howard approved the additional items to be added.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

John Zelt questioned the Noise Ordinance – Conduct topic for discussion and Gary Anderson responded the item was to discuss the possibility of amending the ordinance regarding vehicular noise.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:
Consider for adoption:
Resolution No. 16-13: Keystone Communities Public Improvement Grant

Resolution No. 16-13, re: Keystone Communities Public Improvement Grant was presented for adoption.

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the resolution is authorizing resubmitting the application for the Charles Street project in the match amount of \$500,000.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-13, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 16-14: Keystone Communities Planning Grant

Resolution No. 16-14: Keystone Communities Planning Grant was being presented for adoption.

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the resolution is authorizing resubmitting the application on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority for a match amount by the authority of \$10,000 for an Elk Creek Park Plan.

Manager Pearson clarified the Redevelopment Authority confirmed the match amount of \$10,000 and the plan was to provide feedback on the possibility of a convention center/amphitheater in addition to the Elk Creek Park.

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- Motion Passed Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-14, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.
- Resolution No. 16-15: Keystone Communities Façade Grant Resolution No. 16-15: Keystone Communities Façade Grant was being presented for adoption.
- Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the resolution is authorizing resubmitting the application on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$50,000. The grant will cover up to \$5,000 per project submitted with the applicant to be responsible for the match amount.
- Motion Gary Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-15, seconded by Lou Radkowski.
- Ms. Gradizzi stated a public meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for all of the grant applications being presented at tonight's meeting.
- Motion Passed All were in favor to approve Resolution No. 16-15.
- Approval of Downtown Economic Development Program Project: Beautiful YOU, 105 N. St. Marys Street – Award Adjustment Approval of Downtown Economic Development Program Project: Beautiful YOU, 105 N. St. Marys Street – Award Adjustment in the amount of \$344.50 was being presented for approval.
- Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the Downtown Economic Development Program Project: Beautiful YOU, seconded by Andrew Mohny.
- Solicitor Wagner suggested the motion reflect the approval is an extension of the prior project approval and an increase in the original approved amount of \$344.50.
- Motion Passed Lou Radkowski amended his motion to reflect the Solicitor's suggestion, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.
- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**
Zito Media (added to agenda) Bob Mohr explained he had received numerous complaints regarding the phone service and other customer service issues with Zito Media. Some residents had no phone service for five days and he believed that was unacceptable.
- Manager Pearson responded as part of the last signed franchise agreement the City was given an advocate phone number to provide to residents after they have logged an issue with Zito Media through their normal customer service phone number. If the resident has an ongoing issue, they can call City Hall and request the advocate phone number.
- Noise Ordinance – Conduct (added to agenda) Gary Anderson explained since, during previous discussions regarding engine brakes, the possibility of enforcement under the motor vehicle code or the sound ordinance was considered. He believed the following language could be added to Chapter 6, Part 1, Section 101 Disorderly Conduct Prohibited, Item B: Unreasonable noise to include noise from a vehicle which causes an unreasonable disturbance to the residents along the roadway.

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Solicitor Wagner stated he would want to look into the suggestion further before providing an opinion, since enforcement of this language would be under the Pennsylvania Crimes Codes and the use of general terms to describe misconduct would make it difficult for the violator to know where the line is drawn. He stated he would like the opportunity to look at case law before moving forward.

Gary Anderson stated in the event the language is not acceptable then he suggested adding greater than 81 decibels, which is also the OSHA standard.

Manager Pearson stated the Chief of Police was also reviewing this suggestion.

Solicitor Wagner explained sound level limits were within the Oil and Gas activity restrictions, so it could possibly be applied for other uses. He further explained the issue with a decibel readings is having the manpower to read the levels.

Mayor Howard stated it appeared Council would have more discussion on this matter.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Joh Zelt stated he believed the noise from trucks was a health hazard.

Patty Hasselman, resident of Airport Road, described an issue with tractor trailer truck getting stuck in her yard and requested additional signage on her road.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Mohr requested an Executive Session regarding personnel matters immediately following tonight's meeting and Mayor Howard agreed.

Councilman Mohny described his concerns with the pedestrian crosswalks in the downtown. He would like to see additional signage and/or flashing lights.

Mayor Howard commented on the recent theft of political signs, particularly Donald Trump. He believed the penalty for this theft should be enforced. He further commented he believed everyone has issues with the political process but it is an important process for entire community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

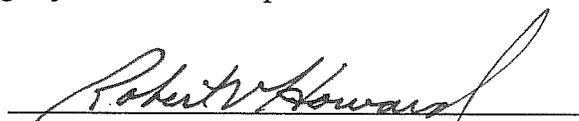
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- An Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor