

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 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, October 17, 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 October 13, 2016, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE** A moment of silence was observed for Edward Hornung.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Gregory Gebauer, Gary Anderson, Nedward Jacob, Andrew Mohny, Bob Mohr, Lou Radkowski, Manager Timothy Pearson and Solicitor Tom Wagner.
- VISITORS** Visitors included: June Glass, Katie Weidenboerner, Amy Cherry, Howard Lepovetsky, Jeremy Thaxter, Cecelia Blankenship, Phaedra Steele and Warren Stewart.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
October 3, 2016
Motion Passed Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor, except Gregory Gebauer and Nedward Jacob who abstained.
- REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held following Council's October 3, 2016 meeting regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS** There were no comments on agenda topics.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor reported the following:
 - Attended the Elk County Mayor's Association meeting
 - Attended the opening of the Republican Headquarters
 - Attended the re-dedication of Decker's Chapel along with City Economic & Development Coordinator, Tina Gradizzi.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** Manager Pearson provided the following report:
 - Base repair on Grandview, Martin, Birch and Wendel Roads was nearly complete. The City has a five year recurring cycle for paving, years one thru four are base repair, which is in preparation of the fifth year for paving of the repaired roads. He requested residents be patient with the process, since we are currently in year one of the cycle.
 - Leaf Collection will begin soon and the schedule will be advertised.
 - Line painting of parking spaces and center lines was also finishing up and he requested residents be aware of wet paint and stay between the lines.
 - Manager Pearson requested the budget schedule be discussed under Topics for Discussion and the Mayor agreed.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wagner had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson provided the following Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2016:

Revenues collected for the General Fund were at 85 percent of budget up from last year of 70 percent and in 2014 Revenues collected were at 87 percent. General Fund Expenditures were at 59 percent of budget and for last year it was at 69 percent and for 2014 it was at 69 percent. Real Estate tax revenue was at 97 percent of budget and last year at this time it was at 97 percent. Earned Income was at 77 percent of budget compared to last year of 76 percent of budget. Market value for the pension plans increased this month and were above market value as of the end of September, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Request for free parking from the Elk County Humane Society

Manager Pearson explained a request for free parking was received from the Elk County Humane Society.

June Glass representative from the Elk County Humane Society provided the following details:

- Free parking on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Erie Avenue and the Depot Street municipal parking lot and until 10:00 p.m. for the Parking Garage.

Motion Passed

Andrew Mohny made a motion to approve the above request from the Elk County Humane Society, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Subdivision Applications:
Meyer/Ginther, Jackson Road

A subdivision application was presented from Meyer/Ginther for property located on Jackson Road. The subdivision proposed to subdivide a 5.00 acre lot from a 21.5 acre parcel as a side lot addition to an existing parcel owned by Jude Meyer with an existing single family dwelling and public water and private sewage disposal. The residual parcel is vacant and is proposed to remain so. No new building lots will be created as a result of this subdivision. The Planning Commission had no comments on the subdivision.

Motion Passed

Bob Mohr made a motion to approve the Meyer/Ginther subdivision application, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Tate/Hodgdon, S. St. Marys Street

A subdivision application was presented from Tate/Hodgdon for property located on S. St. Marys St. The subdivision proposed to move a property line to correct a storage building encroachment. The northern point of the boundary will move 29.72 feet to the east, while the southern property point will move 13.01 feet to the west. No new building lots will be created as a result of this subdivision. The Planning Commission had no comments on the subdivision.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the Tate/Hodgdon subdivision application, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.

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Component 1 Planning Module
– Vollmer, Bucktail Road

A Component 1 Planning Module application was presented from Vollmer for property located on Bucktail Road. The parcel was subdivided previously on September 7, 2007 and was issued a non-building waiver at that time. Non-building waivers allow the subdivision of property without performing percolation tests. The developer was proposing to construct a house on the property in the near future, so the Component 1 Planning Module application must be approved to remove the non-building waiver from the property. The Planning Commission had no comments on the component.

Motion Passed

Bob Mohr made a motion to approve the Vollmer Component 1 Planning Module, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
2017 Budget Schedule

Manager Pearson requested Council to confirm the 2017 budget schedule, since one of the workshops would be on Election Day.

Council agreed to keep the schedule as follows:

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

All workshops will be in the Council Room at City Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Jeremy Thaxter had a question regarding the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Anderson requested parents have their children wear light colored clothing when going to school in the morning as a safety precaution especially until the daylight savings time change.

Councilman Radkowski stated the Strongtown event will be held on November 17th, 2016. There will be various events throughout the day that the public will be invited to attend.

Councilman Jacob requested an Executive Session following adjournment of the meeting regarding personnel matters and Mayor Howard agreed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

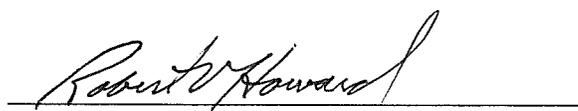
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Trick or Treat will be held Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6 – 8 p.m. by porchlight invitation only.
- An Executive Session will be held following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor