

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 20, 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, June 20, 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 June 16, 2016, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Gary Anderson, Nedward Jacob, Andrew Mohney, Gregory Gebauer, Bob Mohr, Lou Radkowski, Manager Timothy Pearson and Attorney Bradley Kraus.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Eileen Miller, Amy Cherry, Warren Stewart, Kurt Nesbitt, Karl Hupfer, Veronica Hupfer, Carol Muhitch, Katie Weidenboerner, Sally Geyer, Chuck Abraham, Richard Sadley, and Lance Mohney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2016
Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor, except Gary Anderson who abstained.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held after adjournment of Council' June 6th, 2016 meeting regarding personnel matters, No decisions were made.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Update on the 175th St. Marys Celebration

Sally Geyer, former Mayor, Councilwoman and current member of the 175th Anniversary planning committee, provided the following updates on the three events being planned:

Parade to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in conjunction with the Bavarian Fall Festival.

Mass to be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the St. Marys Church

Banquet to be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the Red Fern banquet facility.

The committee was working on a logo which will feature the St. Marys "German" Church clock, sending letters requesting donations for decorations and parade prizes and designing a flag and banners to be displayed throughout the downtown area.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 7th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Marys Legion. All those interested were encouraged to attend.

Council, the Mayor and Manager Pearson thanked her for the update.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson reported he had attended the last 175th anniversary meeting and believed the committee was doing a great job.

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He also reported he had attended the Bavarian Fall Fest meeting and they already addressed the issue of political signs on the Diamond by placing the political party booths along Railroad Street and the corner of Center and N. St. Marys Streets.

He requested residents send in their responses for the income surveys since a 100 % response was needed in order to apply for C.D.B.G. program funds.

He informed Council that PennDOT has denied the City's request to place brake retarder restriction signage with a different wording option other than the pre-approved PennDOT language. He requested Council's direction on the matter and when they would want to bring it back for discussion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson gave the following Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2016:

Total revenue collected for the General Fund was \$4.6 million or 73.7 percent of budget. Tax revenue collected as of May 31, 2016 was \$3.27 million or 70 percent of budget. Total expenditures for the General Fund as of May 31, 2016 was \$1.9 million or 30 percent of budget. Last year expenditures were at 32 percent, 2014 was 33.5 percent, 2013 was 30 percent of budget. Revenue in 2015 was at \$3.5 million or 46 percent of budget and tax revenue was at \$3.17 million or 68 percent of budget. In 2014 total revenue in the General Fund was \$3.4 million or 56.5 percent of budget and tax revenue was at \$3.1 million or 67.5 percent of budget. Sewage Treatment Fund cash on hand was \$836,287, in 2015 was \$1.075 million, in 2014 was \$743,261 and 2013 was \$759,140. In May of 2016, a principle and interest payment was made on the Municipal Authority's bond issue of \$321,211.57, usually only interest is paid. Fund balance for the Sewage Treatment Fund for May of 2016 was \$2,917,526, for 2015 was \$2,928,474, for 2014 was \$1,925,536 and in 2013 was \$1,851,232.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Subdivision Applications:
William and Concetta Emmert
and Teresa Gentzel, Walnut
Street

A subdivision application was presented from William and Concetta Emmert and Teresa Gentzel for property located on Walnut St. The subdivision proposed to subdivide a 7,500 square foot parcel into two, 3,750 square foot lots to be used as lot additions to adjoining parcels. The two existing parcels contain single family dwellings with public water and sewage disposal. There is no residual property. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision with the condition that the label for the southern-most property line contains the inset distance as well as the total distance. The surveyor indicated that he would add it to the recordation plats. The surveyor updated the recordation plats on June 10, 2016.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the Emmert/Gentzel subdivision application, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor.

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- Lorraine C. Gerber, Ford Road A subdivision application was presented from Lorraine C. Gerber for property located on Ford Road. The subdivision proposes to subdivide a 10.889 acre lot (Parcel 3) from a 17.172 acre parcel as a stand-alone lot. The residual parcel will be 6.303 acre and contains an existing single family dwelling with public water and onlot sewage disposal. The new lot has access to public water and public sewer, with no current plans for future development. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision with no substantial comments.
- Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the Lorraine C. Gerber subdivision application, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.
- Land Development Application A land development application was presented from Cunningham Rentals for property located on Aviation Way. The land development proposed to construct a 40' x 60' dog training facility and a 30' x 60' accessory building. Stormwater management is not required. Six parking spaces are provided. Zoning requires access road to be increased to a minimum of 24 feet in width. No other zoning issues. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the land development with no other substantial comments. The applicant has submitted a revised site plan correcting the width of the access drive.
- Motion Passed Bob Mohr made a motion to approve the Cunningham Rentals land development application, seconded by Andrew Mohney and all were in favor.
- Selection of Underwriter for refinance of bond issue Manager Pearson explained both Underwriters RBC and Janney had provided proposals for Option 3 as directed at the last Council meeting and were being presented tonight.
- Motion Passed Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve Janney as the underwriter, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.
- Appointment to the Recreation Board to fill an unexpired term Manager Pearson explained there was a vacancy on the Recreation Board due to the resignation of member Janet Krug. The vacancy was advertised and letters of interest were received. The Recreation Board recommended the appointment of Shad Boschert to fill the unexpired term of Janet Krug which expires on January 1, 2017.
- Motion Passed Gary Anderson made a motion to appoint Shad Boschert as recommended to fill the unexpired term of Janet Krug, seconded by Andrew Mohney and all were in favor, except Nedward Jacob who opposed.
- Request from St. Marys Chamber of Commerce, re: Annual "Wing Fling" Councilman Andrew Mohney explained the annual request was received from the St. Marys Chamber of Commerce for it "Wing Fling" to be held Friday, August 19, 2016. He further stated since he was the Chamber President he would abstain from voting. Those request include:
- Waiver of the Open Container Law from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (no glass containers allowed) in the Market Street parking lot and a designated area on Market Street.

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Closing the municipal parking lot between Market Street and South St. Marys Street from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th, 2016 until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19th, 2016 and a designated area of Market Street from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19th, 2016.

Motion Passed

Bob Mohr made a motion to approve the above requests for the 2016 Wing Fling, seconded by Gregory Gebauer and all were in favor, except Andrew Mohney who abstained.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: There were no topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS Lance Mohney again expressed his concerns with the weeds and condition of vacant lots along Erie Avenue.

Manager Pearson explained he did not have a date of when the matter would be addressed and further stated he believed it was a long term problem.

Eileen Miller expressed her dissatisfaction of the Manager's decision to no longer approve firework permits to individuals.

Manager Pearson explained the reasons for his decision.

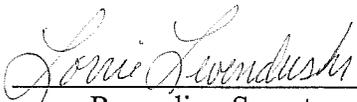
Mayor Howard and Councilman Gebauer voiced their support for the Manager's decision.

COUNCIL COMMENTS Councilman Anderson commented at the recent Pension meeting it was recommended to have an actuary study performed due to recent market trends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor