

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

The rescheduled regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, September 22, 2014 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 18, 2014, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG****ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Gary Anderson, Sally Geyer, Nedward Jacob, Gregory Gebauer, Lou Radkowski, Robert Mohr, Manager David Greene and Attorney Rick Brown.

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Richard Sadley, Amy Cherry, Bill Kraus, Tina Gradizzi, Rev. Ross R. Miceli, Duncan LaValle, Mike Breindel, Warren Stewart and Mason Catalone.

**CONDEMNATION HEARING:  
441 RIGHTMEYER STREET  
(added to agenda)**

Robert Mohr made a motion to add a Condemnation Hearing for 441 Rightmeyer Street to the agenda, seconded by Gregory Gebauer and all were in favor.

A Condemnation Hearing was held for property located at 441 Rightmeyer Street and a transcription of the hearing will be on file at City Hall.

Motion - Roll call Vote - Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to proceed with the Condemnation of 441 Rightmeyer Street, seconded by Sally Geyer and on a roll call vote, all were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
September 8, 2014  
Motion**

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Final/Second  
Hearing – 2014 C.D.B.G.  
Application**

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for the 2014 C.D.B.G. Application at 7:27 p.m.

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the purpose for the public hearing was to provide for citizen participation. The public notice was duly advertised. This was the second and final public hearing for the 2014 CDBG application. Notification was received on August 27, 2014 that the City's 2014 C.D.B.G. entitlement would be \$288,311. With Council's decision to allocate \$9,500 of C.D.B.G. Program Income toward the Charles Street Reconstruction Project, the total amount was \$2,189 less than the anticipated budgeted amount.

MBE/WBE requirements, Section 3 Plan, Affirmative Action Plan and a Non Deadly Force Plan are in place.

Ms. Gradizzi requested the following projects be considered for 2014 funding:

- A. Low/Mod.: Sewer Line Replacement and Road Improvements (Charles Street) multi-year project 2013, 2014 and possible Keystone Communities

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Public Improvement funding, along with the \$9,500 C.D.B.G. Program Income  
 B. Administration: 18% to cover administration costs.

Comments

There were no public comments.

Gregory Gebauer questioned the necessity of the Non Deadly Force Plan and Ms. Gradizzi responded it was a requirement for any municipality that receives federal funding.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the above listed projects, seconded by Robert Mohr and all were in favor.

Mayor Howard closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**  
 South St. Marys Street  
 Beautification Project

Duncan LaValle, Treasurer of the Elk County Catholic High School Future Business Leaders of America, presented a slide show of the South St. Marys Street Beautification Project with the following information:

- South St. Marys Street is the main entrance into our town.
- Prior to construction, it was a beautiful tree lined street.
- Today, construction is on-going.
- The beautification project intends to return the street to its former beautiful condition, or better.
- Since the trees will be planted in PennDOT's right-of-way, the group has already met with PennDOT.
- Once permission forms are completed by each property owner a design will be submitted to PennDOT.
- A meeting is scheduled for September 28th at 6:00 p.m. to review the project with property owners.
- Grant funding applications will be prepared by Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator for the City.
- This is considered a Community Project.
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is taking this project on as an educational project.
- Their goal is to plant trees in the spring of 2015.

Council, Father Ross, advisor for the FBLA, and Ms. Gradizzi discussed further details of the proposed project.

Council thanked them for their presentation.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
 AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Howard gave the following Mayor's Report:  
 He attended the following meetings:

- Mayor's Association
- Marcellus Shale Gas Task Force
- Elk County Township Officials
- South St. Marys Beautification Project
- Early Intervention Program with the Novak Group

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**MANAGER'S REPORT**

August 18- Attended the North Central Enterprise Board of Directors meeting held in Ridgway.

August 19- Met with Nick Suplizio from GAI Consultants to discuss various funding sources for building a multi-tenant building at the Airport Industrial Park.

August 20- Met with an individual interested in purchasing a lot at the Airport Industrial Park.

August 20- Attended the Elk County Earned Income Tax meeting held at the Fox Township Municipal building.

August 28- Attended the Emergency Management meeting held here at City Hall.

September 17- Attended the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy committee meeting held in Ridgway.

Airport Industrial Park

Council and the Manager discussed details of the proposed multi-tenant industrial building at the Airport and pending Sales Agreements for lots within the Airport Industrial Park.

Zito Media Franchise Agreement

Council and the Manager discussed renewal of the franchise agreement with Zito Media.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no Solicitor's Report available.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**  
Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the Expenditures from August 14, 2014 until September 13, 2014, seconded by Nedward Jacob.

Questions

Manager Greene responded to questions from Council regarding the Expenditures.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the Expenditures.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Howard gave the following Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2014:

Total Revenue for the General Fund was 77 percent of budget, compared to last year of 80 percent of budget. Expenditures for this year were at 57 percent of budget for the General Fund and in 2013 was at 51 percent of budget. Cash flow for the General Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$3,764,378 compared to 2013 of \$3,676,000. Cash flow for the Sewage treatment Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$976,762.34 compared to 2013 of \$819,875.66. Market value for the Pension Plans increased this month and is still above market value as of the end of August, 2013.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**  
LERTA Application: Woodbed Corporation, 1022 Delaum Road

Manager Greene explained Woodbed Corporation has submitted an application to the City of St. Marys in regards to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Program for a 2,940 square foot storage Building at 1022 Delaum Road. The projected cost of the improvement is \$40,000. The request has been

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approved by the School District and the County Assessment office.

Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the LERTA Application for Woodbed Corporation, seconded by Gary Anderson.

Discussion

Sally Geyer questioned if Council could approve the application without an issued building permit and Manager Greene responded approval of the LERTA application must be made before a building permit can be issued.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the LERTA Application for Woodbed Corporation.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

There were no topics for discussion.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Mohr  
Roadside (berm) repair

Councilman Mohr questioned when the City crew would begin roadside (berm) work and Manager Greene responded this week.

Councilman Anderson  
Smoke Testing Update  
PennDOT Update

Councilman Anderson requested an update on the recent Smoke Testing at the workession in November and stated he believed PennDOT would provide an update at the workession in October and suggested they address previous construction issues with catch basins.

Councilman Radkowski  
Drug Abuse Awareness Event  
Thank you to Public Safety  
personnel  
Request for Executive Session

Councilman Radkowski reminded everyone of the Luminary for Drug Abuse Awareness on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on the Diamond. He also thanked the local public safety personnel for their work with the war on drugs. He further requested an Executive Session following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.

Councilman Jacob  
Properties with City code violations

Councilman Jacob expressed his concerns with the condemnation of the property on Rightmeyer Street and believed other properties that were in violation of the City's code be cited and made to correct the problems before the City would have to condemn any more properties.

Councilwoman Geyer  
Bavarian Fall Fest  
Thank you to the St. Marys Police  
Department

Councilwoman Geyer commented she believed the recent Bavarian Fall Fest was fabulous and the committee did a great job. She also thanked the St. Marys Police Department on the numerous recent drug arrests.

Councilman Gebauer  
Drug Arrest work  
"Trick or Treat" schedule

Councilman Gebauer commented the drug arrests take months and months of work. He also questioned if "Trick or Treat" should be re-scheduled.

Council discussed the matter and it was determined to leave "Trick or Treat" as scheduled.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

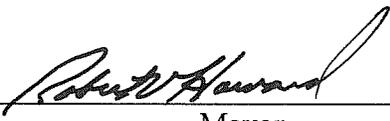
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council regular scheduled worksession will be held Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- "Trick or Treat" will be held Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.
- An Executive Session is scheduled following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.

## ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor