

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

APRIL 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, April 7, 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 March 27, 2014, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR:
Norbert "Norb" Arnold**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Nedward Jacob, Gary Anderson, Lou Radkowski, Sally Geyer, Robert Mohr, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner. Gregory Gebauer was excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Bob Roberts, Vern Kreckel III, Mike Brock, Warren Stewart, Katie Weidenboerner, Colin Deppen, Jim Heary and Amy Cherry.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 17, 2014**

Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014, seconded by Sally Geyer.

Gary Anderson commented he wanted to clarify that his amended motion under Act 47, Early Intervention Program Proposal with Resolution (14-6), stated to include the City's Authorities and Boards. He stated the proposal should be modified to reflect his motion by including the entire City along with any Authority, Board or Commission with a guarantee and/or that is spending significant amounts of money.

All were in favor to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014.

**REPORT ON EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held immediately following Council's March 17th, 2014 meeting regarding personnel matters and no decisions were made.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: St.
Marys Rotary Club, re: Clock**

Bob Roberts from the St. Marys Rotary Club explained the club was expanding by seeking new members and doing more community projects. One of the projects was the solicitation of funds for the construction of a clock. They were asking permission from Council to accept the clock as a gift for the community. He provided details of a 16 foot tall four sided clock from the Electric Clock Company, hopefully to be placed at the beginning of General Meyer Boulevard.

Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion approving moving forward with the clock project, seconded by Robert Mohr.

Discussion

Council briefly discussed permits, maintenance and repair concerns.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve moving forward with the clock project.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR
DISCUSSION:
Letters of recognition**

Robert Mohr explained he wanted Council to consider sending letters of recognition to students for various accomplishments.

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Council briefly discussed the matter and Nedward Jacob commented he wanted to recognize Evelyn Chase for recently celebrating her 100th birthday.

City's Rating

Gary Anderson commented Standard & Poor's rating for the City was changed from A to A+ at the beginning of this year and he believed it was a very good indication of how well the City is doing.

County Tax Increase

Gary Anderson also explained he had received numerous phone calls from retired citizens that were concerned with the recent tax increase. He stated the increase was on the County's portion of the tax bill and requested signage being placed at City Hall to explain the increase.

Sewer Collections Office

Nedward Jacob commented he had received numerous negative comments from citizens regarding the possibility of moving the sewer collections office to the second floor of City Hall.

Manager Greene responded it was an option that was discussed for security reasons.

Zito Media

Nedward Jacob and Sally Geyer stated their concerns with the recent program changes to Zito Media service.

Parking information

Nedward Jacob requested information regarding parking lots, parking rates and hours of enforcement be placed on the City's website.

Road Bonding

Nedward Jacob requested an update on the road bonding of Rock, Arch and Chestnut Streets and Manager Greene responded he had contacted the contractor regarding the matter.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
Storm Water Management Act Ordinance

Solicitor Wagner provided an update regarding the Storm Water Management Act Ordinance. He stated the City had received a response from D.E.P. regarding their review of the City's Ordinance that stated the ordinance was generally sufficient but had two deficiencies pertaining to impervious surface and exemption requirements. After consulting with Matthew Pfeufer, City Zoning Officer, and a review of the model ordinance he has responded to their comments by requesting further information in order to amend the current ordinance and was waiting for a response.

Soliciting/Peddling Ordinance

Solicitor Wagner stated he had drafted an amendment to the City's Soliciting/Peddling Ordinance regarding changing the hours of operation for door to door solicitation to 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. He clarified it was for commercial solicitation.

Council discussed the option of a seasonal time change.

The Ordinance will be presented for publication at the next Council meeting.

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Industrial Park Signage

Manager Greene stated he had sent a letter to the solicitor of the Elk County Industrial Development Authority asking if the Authority was interested in the replacement of signage for the Elk County Industrial Park. He also stated the Elk Haven Industrial Park businesses questioned if they could also be considered for signage.

Council discussed the matter and stated concerns with driver's inaccurate G.P.S. devices. The Manager will handle the matter.

I & I (Inflow and Infiltration)

Travis Skrzypek, GIS Coordinator, explained a cost effective method to determine the City's I & I problems was a process called "smoke testing". The testing was previously performed in the former Borough and Township, but due to safety concerns with smoke entering resident's homes it had been stopped. He stated the process is now considered safe and with the implementation of a more efficient notification process for the residents it could be considered for Community wide testing. He provided details of how the smoke testing process would be performed and how a bid process would be utilized to move forward with the project. Once the bid packet of information was prepared it will be presented to Council at a future meeting for their consideration.

Council Mission and Vision

Mayor Howard explained Councilman Radkowski had requested the topic of Council Mission and Vision be added to tonight's agenda.

Lou Radkowski explained he wanted to have a strategic plan for City issues with short term and long term goals that included the City Manager, City staff and residents.

Sally Geyer questioned if a committee was needed and Lou Radkowski did not think one was needed.

Manager Greene suggested Council prepare a list of items containing City strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT). He provided his list of items that were already under consideration or of concern.

Council and the Manager discussed numerous items that could be listed.

Manager Greene suggested the City's Authorities, Boards and Commissions submit a mission statement to Council to provide some direction.

Lou Radkowski volunteered to "take the lead" if Council agreed.

Manager Greene commented Council could provide ideas so he and Councilman Radkowski could prepare and present Council an outline to review.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Bob Roberts

Live broadcast of worksessions

Bob Roberts questioned if Council would consider a live broadcast of the worksessions again, since they are already videotaped and then re-aired the next day.

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Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to return the worksessions to a live broadcast, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Mike Brock
Seismic testing

Mike Brock resident of Taft Road had concerns regarding a company requesting land owner's permission to perform seismic testing. (Oil & Gas Development)

Council discussed the matter and the Manager will contact Seneca Resources to obtain more information.

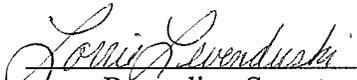
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor