

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

DECEMBER 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, December 2, 2013 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 November 27, 2013, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Gregory Gebauer, Daniel Hepner, Nedward Jacob, Richard Dornisch, Gary Anderson, Bob Roberts, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Joe Boylan, Ken Young, Colin Deppen, Lou Radkowski, Amy Cherry, Booka Hanes, Bob Mohr, Karen Capiello and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 18, 2013 and
November 22, 2013 – Special
Meeting

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2013, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the minutes of November 22, 2013, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was held immediately prior to tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Elk County Humane Society

Joe Boylan and Karen Capiello from the Elk County Humane Society presented information regarding the increase in the local cat population. They provided details of the issues of an increased population and the costs for neutering and spaying. They requested Council consider providing \$2,000 from the City's budget to help defray the costs for a "medical room".

Council discussed the request and it was suggested they consider a fundraising campaign.

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion if the Humane Society does a capital fundraising campaign they may place a sign in the Boulevard/Diamond area as determined by the City Manager, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Consider for publication:
An Ordinance amending St. Marys
City Code, Chapter 27, Zoning
Creekside Investments, LLC

An Ordinance was presented for publication amending the City of St. Marys Zoning Ordinance of 2005, City Code Chapter 27, Zoning. A rezoning application was received to re-zone a piece of property off South St. Marys Street owned by Lemans Properties, LLC. The rezoning application had been slightly revised to include the adjacent property to the south of the Lemans Properties, LLC land to be rezoned from Residential Suburban to Highway Commercial. A public hearing will be held to solicit comment on the request and is scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with possible adoption at the Council regular meeting immediately following.

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- Motion Daniel Hepner made a motion to publish the rezoning ordinance, seconded by Gary Anderson.
- Discussion Nedward Jacob stated he was concerned that the Planning Commission had not reviewed the revised application and Manager Greene stated it would be reviewed at the Planning Commission December 3rd meeting, which is before Council would be asked to adopt the Ordinance at their December 16th meeting. Council could approve the original or revised rezoning at their next meeting.
- Motion Passed All were in favor to publish the rezoning ordinance.
- Cooperation Agreement, re: Creekside Investments, LLC A Cooperation Agreement was presented for Council's approval between North Central, the City of St. Marys, Creekside Investments, LLC and Creekside Hospitality, LP regarding the downtown hotel project.
- Solicitor Wagner stated he recommended Council authorize the Mayor and the Manager to execute the document.
- Motion Daniel Hepner made a motion to enter into the Cooperation Agreement with Creekside Investments, LLC, seconded by Bob Roberts.
- Council was concerned with the liability to the City regarding any RACP Grant ineligible expenses.
- Solicitor Wagner commented prevailing wage rates and the bid process were the two items that could be an issue, but he believed North Central was very familiar with both items and contractually would be required to properly administer the RACP Grant.
- Roll Call Vote- Motion Passed On a roll call vote all were in favor to enter into the Cooperation Agreement with Creekside Investments, LLC, except Gary Anderson who opposed.
- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**
Line Painting of City Roads Mayor Geyer stated she agreed with Councilman Jacob's previously stated concerns regarding the cost of line painting on City roads.
- Richard Dornisch commented the City Engineer should review the list of roads, when needed.
- Pay Increases for Management Employees Motion Daniel Hepner made a motion that Management increases be limited to \$14,000 subject to discussion with the Manager, seconded by Nedward Jacob.
- Richard Dornisch commented the increases were discussed at length in an Executive Session.
- Motion Passed All were in favor to approve the increase for Management Employees, except Gregory Gebauer who opposed.
- Mayor Geyer stated an Executive Session would be held immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss the increases.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Gebauer
Street Department

Councilman Gebauer commended the Street Department employees who responded to the recent snowfall.

Councilman Anderson
City Police

Councilman Anderson questioned when the City Police respond as backup for the State Police does the City receive any reimbursement for those services and Manager Greene responded no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

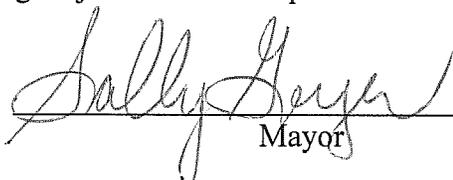
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Council will adjourn to an Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor