

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, February 3, 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 January 30, 2014, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Grace Jesberger, Paul Jesberger, Kim Zimmerman, Warren Stewart and Mason Catalone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 2, 2014

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2014, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no additional topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Consider for adoption: Ordinance No. 288, re: Amending the Police Pension Plan to comply with I.R.S. regulations

Ordinance No. 288 was presented for adoption amending the Police Pension Plan to clarify the application of certain provisions of the Plan to comply with I.R.S. requirements. The ordinance was duly advertised and displayed.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 288, seconded by Robert Mohr, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
Early Intervention Program

Act 47, Early Intervention Program was presented by Mr. Ed Fosnaught from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. Mr. Fosnaught explained the program was not just for financially troubled municipalities. The program was to provide a municipality an opportunity to review operations, look for improvement and to recognize things that were already being done well. A 50 percent match of funds would be provided by the grant. A qualified consultant would be hired by the city to perform the study and the program could be monitored by D.C.E.D.

Council discussed the program options with Mr. Fosnaught and thanked him for his presentation.

The item will be placed on the next Council agenda for consideration.

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Zito Media Franchise Agreement

The Zito Media Franchise Agreement expires on December 31, 2014. Manager Greene explained Council could consider forming a committee to review the agreement.

Council discussed details of the agreement and the need for a cost comparison. Council also expressed their dissatisfaction with the quality of the televised Council meetings. Manager Greene stated he would try to meet with Zito Media and Salter Communications before Council's next meeting.

Elk County Repository Properties

Manager Greene explained the County had recently compiled instructions regarding the sale of Repository Properties. It was presented to Council for their information. The City currently did not have any properties in the County's Repository for sale.

Solicitor Wagner commented some of the procedures and policies within the instructions were already being followed within the County. He believed the intent of the instructions was to encourage people to rehabilitate properties.

Council Room Layout

Councilman Jacob requested the layout of the Council room be changed to better accommodate the people who attend the meetings and the television audience.

Council discussed possible options and Manager Greene would try to implement some of the suggestions at the next Council meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Warren Stewart stated his concerns with a business he believed was operating illegally in the City.

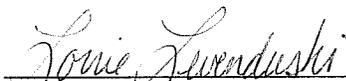
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcement:

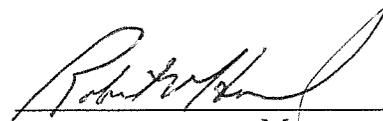
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor