

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganizational meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, January 6, 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 2, 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, Louis Radkowski, Sally Geyer, Robert Mohr, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Amy Cherry, Grace Jesberger, Carter Redmond, Peggy Howard, Warren Stewart and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 16, 2013

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013, seconded by Nedward Jacob, and all were in favor except Mayor Howard, Louis Radkowski and Robert Mohr who abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

REORGANIZATION

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Gregory Gebauer as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Gary Anderson, and all were in favor except Gregory Gebauer who abstained.

Appointment of Solicitor

Mayor Howard stated the City received two proposals for the Solicitor position.

Motion

Gary Anderson made a motion to appoint Thomas Wagner of Meyer & Wagner as the City's Solicitor, seconded by Nedward Jacob.

Discussion

Sally Geyer commented one proposal was lower than the other and questioned if Council had to accept the lowest proposal.

Gregory Gebauer commented Mr. Wagner has been the Solicitor for two years; one of the original authors of the Home Rule Charter and was a local firm.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to appoint Thomas Wagner as the City Solicitor.

Comments

Solicitor Wagner commented professional services are not subject to the City's bidding requirement.

Council briefly discussed the need for the Solicitor to attend both of Council's meetings.

Police Pension Board

Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint Gary Anderson to the Police Pension Board, seconded by Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.

Motion Passed

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As stipulated by City Code, the Mayor, City Manager and two (2) Police Officers would also be on the Board.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Gary Anderson to the Non-Uniformed Pension Board, seconded by Gregory Gebauer and all were in favor.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to appoint Nedward Jacob to the Non-Uniformed Pension Board, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

As stipulated by City Code the Mayor, City Manager and (1) Non-Uniformed Employee would also be on the Board.

Designee for Non-Uniform Grievances

Gregory Gebauer made a motion to appoint Gary Anderson as the designee for Non-Uniformed Grievances.

Gary Anderson declined the appointment.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to appoint Mayor Howard as the designee, seconded by Nedward Jacob, and all were in favor.

Appointment to Tax Board
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to appoint Louis Radkowski to the Tax Board, seconded by Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.

Appointment of the Vacancy Board
Chairman
Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Thomas Farley as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, seconded by Nedward Jacob, and all were in favor.

Setting Council meeting times and
dates
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to hold Council Worksessions on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Ned Jacob, and all were in favor. Special or rescheduled meetings of Council will be advertised.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Consider for adoption: Ordinance No. 287, re: Amending City Code to extend terms of office for Recreation Board to 5 years

Ordinance No. 287 was presented for adoption amending Chapter 1, Part 2, Section 204 of the St. Marys City Code to extend the terms of office of members of Recreation Board to five (5) years. The Ordinance was duly advertised and displayed.

Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 287, seconded by Robert Mohr.

Discussion

Nedward Jacob questioned why the other Board's terms were not changed to 5 years and Manager Greene responded the other Boards did not request a change.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 287.

Consider for adoption: Resolution No. 14-1, re: Authorization for Agreements between the City and PennDOT

Resolution 14-1 was presented for adoption authorizing the Mayor and City Manager/Secretary to sign all Agreements between the City of St. Marys and PennDOT for the year 2014.

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Manager Greene explained this was an annual requirement by PennDOT.

Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-1, seconded by Sally Geyer.

Discussion

Louis Radkowski questioned if Council would still review all of the agreements and Manager Greene responded yes.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 14-1.

**APPOINTMENTS TO
AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS**

The following list of recommended appointments/reappointments to their respective Boards was presented to Council for their consideration:

Benzinger Township Golf Authority
(5 years)

Herbert Straub

Benzinger Township Hospital
Authority
(5 years)

Dr. James Hackett

Redevelopment Authority
of the City of St. Marys
(5 years)

Warren Stewart

St. Marys Area Airport Authority
(5 years)

Raymond Klaiber

St. Marys Area Water Authority
(5 years)

Randall Gradizzi
Thomas Gerg

St. Marys Municipal Authority
(5 years)

Joseph Dagher
Robert Bauer

Board of Health
(5 years)

Desiree Krise

Recreation Board
(5 years)

Aaron Straub
Matt Pasi
Darla Pollino

Zoning Hearing Board
(5 years)

Ben Kronenwetter

City Planning Commission
(4 years)

George Wendel
Matthew Quesenberry

Police Civil Service Commission
(3 years)

Anthony Celin, Jr.

Shade Tree Commission
of the City of St. Marys
(3 years)

Erica Miller

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- Motion Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint the above listing of recommended Board members, seconded by Louis Radkowski.
- Discussion Gregory Gebauer questioned if the Planning Commission vacancy would be re-advertised and Manager Greene responded yes.
- Gary Anderson questioned if Council should appoint the Fox Township representative for the Water Authority and Manager responded yes.
- Motion Passed All were in favor to appoint the above listing of recommended Board members.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS** There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.
- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**
Council Workshop meeting Gregory Gebauer requested Council consider changing the format of their workshop meetings to a true workshop. Currently, he believed, there was no difference between Council's regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month and the first meeting on the 1st Monday of the month, which is considered a worksession (workshop).
- Council discussed the issue and the following motion was made.
- Motion Gregory Gebauer made a motion as of the first meeting in February, Council try to migrate towards a true workshop meeting, with the second meeting being a regular Council meeting and if anything is a pressing matter that cannot wait until the regular meeting, Council could vote on the matter at the workshop meeting, seconded by Gary Anderson.
- Comment Sally Geyer commented the decision shouldn't be made at tonight's meeting.
- Motion Withdrawn Gregory Gebauer withdrew his motion and Gary Anderson withdrew his second.
- The item will be placed on the next Council agenda.
- Municipal Authority meeting Gregory Gebauer asked Council if the Manager could attend the Municipal Authority bi-monthly meetings to help with any issues that may arise with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Manager Greene agreed to attend the meetings.
- Executive Sessions Gregory Gebauer requested Executive Sessions be scheduled regarding personnel matters, one with the Manager present and one without the Manager present.
- Home Rule Charter Review Gary Anderson commented the Home Rule Charter review should be done with the Solicitor before the Executive Sessions are scheduled.
- Parking Committee Gregory Gebauer requested Council consider forming another committee to address the parking situation.

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Council briefly discussed the issue and the Solicitor suggested most of the parking issues should be handled by the Manager. No action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jacob
Small Games of Chance

Councilman Jacob questioned if the small games of chance matter could be reviewed and Solicitor Wagner responded he would look into the matter.

Parking meters

Councilman Jacob questioned if the parking meters on Bruxelles Street parking lot were changed yet and Manager Greene responded not yet.

Board minutes

Councilman Jacob requested Council receive the minutes from City Boards sooner.

Councilman Radkowski

Councilman Radkowski commented he looked forward to working with Council and he thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve as a Councilman.

Councilman Gebauer

Councilman Gebauer thanked his colleagues for their support for his Deputy Mayor appointment.

Councilwoman Geyer

Councilwoman Geyer welcomed the new members.

Councilman Anderson

Councilman Anderson also welcomed the new members and thanked the voters.

Councilman Mohr

Councilman Mohr encouraged the resident's attend Council meetings and thanked the voters.

Mayor Howard

Mayor Howard commented he believed he was working with the finest Council in the finest City. He stated his objective was to increase the tax base without raising taxes. He also believed attention should be paid to the Airport area and consideration should be given to further implement the recommendations in the Hyatt Palma study. He was also looking forward to working with Council.

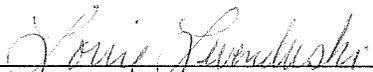
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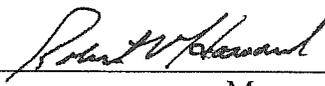
Mayor Howard made the following announcement:

- Council's next meeting will be held Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor