

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

OCTOBER 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, October 7, 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 October 3, 2013, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Grace Jesberger, Bob Howard, Katie Weidenboerner, Amy Cherry, Colin Deppen, Richard Sadley, John Copelli, Tina Gradizzi, Lou Radkowski and Steve Millsop. Shade Tree Commission members; Clythera Hornung, Kathy Herzing, Gail Shturtz, David Larkin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 16, 2013

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013, seconded by Bob Roberts and all were in favor.

September 26, 2013 – Special Meeting

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013, seconded by Daniel Hepner and all were in favor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was held immediately following the September 16, 2013 Council meeting regarding legal matters. No decisions were made.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission members Gail Shturtz, Kathy Herzing, Cly Hornung and David Larkin provided a presentation regarding the Commission with the following details:

The Commission was formed in 1995 and has 5 members and one consultant. They provide educational programs to the local 4th and 5th grade students including giving tree seedlings for them to plant. St. Marys earned the status of "Tree City USA" because of the formation of the Shade Tree Commission, an Ordinance for tree care (Ordinance No. 31), a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, the hosting of an Arbor Day Program and Proclamation and the documentation of monthly volunteer hours. (An average of 37 hours per month)

The Commission keeps a detailed inventory of 700 City Shade trees which assists in managing the trees. Residents can complete a "Concern Form" to bring concerns or safety issues to the Commissions attention. The Commission also keeps a "to-do-list" which contains their goals and helps them "keep on track".

The Commission has an annual budget, but also seeks additional sources of funding. These additional funds have assisted them with various projects at the local City parks.

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Council thanked them for their dedicated service.

There was a discussion regarding the Shade Tree Commission's list of prohibitions, which limits the property owner's rights regarding City Shade Trees.

Residents, Grace Jesberger, Steve Millsop and Phil Hoh stated their concerns with City trees.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Consider for adoption:

Resolution No. 13-16, re: Stackpole Hall Foundation Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Resolution No. 13-16 was presented for adoption regarding the Stackpole Hall Foundation Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained there were three Resolutions being presented tonight for the Recreation Board's Multi-Park project (Phase II).

Motion Passed

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No., 13-16, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 13-17, re: Palumbo Charitable Trust Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Resolution No. 13-17 was presented for adoption regarding the Palumbo Charitable Trust Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Motion

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13-17, seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Discussion

Nedward Jacob asked if Phase I of the project was for Memorial Park and Chestnut (Luhr) Park and Ms. Gradizzi responded that was correct, Phase I was for milling of the courts (basketball and tennis), replacing the posts and drainage issues around the courts. Phase II will be the milling of the courts, replacing the posts and drainage issues around the courts at Benzinger Park, plus restroom renovations at Chestnut Street (Luhr) Park and at Memorial Park.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve Resolution 13-17.

Resolution No. 13-18, re: Elk County Community Foundation Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Resolution No. 13-18 was presented for adoption regarding the Elk County Community Foundation Grant application for the Recreation Board Multi-park project.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13-18, seconded by Daniel Hepner and all were in favor.

Subdivision applications:
Alice L. Snelick, etal, Mulligan Road

A subdivision application was submitted for approval by Alice L. Snelick, etal, for property located on Mulligan Road. The subdivision proposes to divide a 0.936 acre lot from a 30.923 acre parcel as a side lot addition to an adjoining parcel. The receiving parcel contains a single family dwelling with public water and private sewage disposal. The residual parcel is 29.987 acres and contains a single family dwelling and public water and private sewage disposal. There is a label missing from the eastern property line of the residual parcel, at the south-most end. The surveyor has added it to the recordation maps. The

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Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision with no comments.

Motion Passed

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the Alice Snelick subdivision, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

Robert Magistrelli, etal, Rock Street

A subdivision application was submitted for approval by Robert Magistrelli, etal, for property located on Rock Street. The subdivision proposes to divide a 500 square foot lot from a 6,500 square foot parcel as a side lot addition to an adjoining parcel. Both parcels are developed with single family dwellings and public utilities. The residual parcel does not have sufficient size for compliance with the minimum lot area. The City of St. Marys Zoning Hearing Board approved a dimensional variance to this effect on September 25, 2013. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision with no comments.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Robert Magistrelli subdivision seconded by Bob Roberts and all were in favor.

Request for use of City Hall as a polling place

The Elk County Board of Elections requested the use of City Hall as a polling place for St. Marys 9th Ward for the upcoming Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Motion

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bob Roberts.

Discussion

Council discussed the possible parking issues for the voters.

Lou Radkowski approached and stated he already received his notification to vote at City Hall.

Grace Jesberger commented complaints were received by the Elections Office regarding the previous polling place and now had to find an alternate location with the nominal funds available.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the request for use of City Hall.

Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to honor a sticker stating "I voted in the 9th Ward on November 5, 2013", in lieu of payment for a parking ticket on Election Day, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

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 Jacob

Councilman Jacob commented at the last Council meeting there was a discussion on changing the sewer rates for multi-tenant buildings and the Solicitor was asked to research the matter.

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Solicitor Wagner responded he had discussed the matter with the City Manager along with additional issues regarding the way the sewer rate is assessed. A recommendation would be provided in the near future.

Councilman Jacob questioned what options the City had if a resident refuses to allow a Compliance check and Solicitor Wagner responded a search warrant was possible, but in the past residents cooperated with the Compliance checks.

Mayor Geyer

Council discussed the Compliance forms and reports.

Mayor Geyer announced the new store "Persnickity" would be holding a children's costume contest on Oct 31st from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mayor Geyer announced there would be a dedication ceremony for the General Edward Meyer Boulevard historical plaque on Friday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Geyer commented five dogs from the Elk County Humane Society were being trained at the Marienville Prison for the "Wags for Warriors" project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

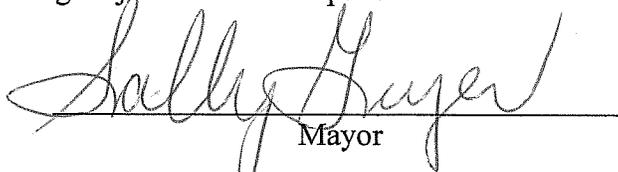
Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- An Executive Session will be held Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. regarding personnel matters.
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Trick or Treat will be held Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor