

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

August 7, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER** A Council worksession of the City of St. Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of the meeting was sent to Council Members on August 3, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, and City Manager David Greene
- VISITORS** Visitors included: Fred Haas, Tina Gradizzi-Gnan, Warren Stewart, Bob DeLullo, Diane Krise, Benjamin Bennett, and Rich Sarginger
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 24, 2006** Dennis Nero would like the following statement added to the minutes of July 24, 2006, Page 2, regarding the drilling of water wells on contaminated property. "Mr. Nero asked for information from DEP and why is DEP supporting this ordinance?"
- Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2006, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor with the above addition.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON AGENDA TOPICS
Warren Stewart** Warren Stewart felt that the request by the Chamber of Commerce to waive the "Open Ordinance Law", should be the City Manager's decision.
- LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Queen of the World
re: Parish Family
Picnic** Mayor Geyer stated a letter was received from the Queen of the World Church requesting that Queens Road be closed from the entrance of Queens Road from S. Michael Street to the end of the church's small parking lot by the parish office building at 134 Queens Road on August 20, 2006 for a Parish Family Picnic.
- Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Queen of World Church's request to close a portion of Queens Road, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.
- Chamber of Commerce
re: Wing Fling** Mayor Geyer stated a letter was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting that a portion of Market Street, the municipal parking lot (between Market Street and So. St. Marys Street) be closed on Friday, September 15, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for their annual "Wing Fling". The Chamber also requested that Council waive the "Open Container Law" during the hours of the event.

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The Manager stated that the street will not be closed at 6:00 a.m. in the morning like last year. He felt around noon would give the vendors time to set-up their tents as the event only starts at 5:00 p.m.

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce's requests which also includes waiving the Open Container Law during the event in the area requested, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Hometown Festival

An e-mail was received from the Hometown Festival, with a follow-up letter, requesting that Erie Avenue be closed on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Antique and Classic Car Show and Sunday, September 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Motorcycle Toy Run.

They also are requesting that LaFayette Street be closed on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Municipal Parking Lot be closed from Thursday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 10th at 8:00 p.m.

The Hometown Festival Committee also stated that it is the City's responsibility to block off the construction area.

The Manager stated that if construction on the Senior Housing and Center begins before the festival, the Susquehanna Developers would block-off the area. If construction only starts after the event, the festival could use their portion for vendors or parking.

Dennis Nero made a motion to honor all the requests of the Hometown Festival, with an amendment to include the closing of Depot Street. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

**Land Development
Application**
Marienstadt Place
Depot St. Parking Lot

A Land Development Application was presented for the Marienstadt Place, Depot Street Parking Lot, for informational purposes only. The Marienstadt Associates will be constructing a Senior Housing and Senior Center building in the lot.

Subdivision Applications
Aaron & Tristin Bleggi

A Subdivision Application was presented for Aaron and Tristin Bleggi, 250 feet southwest of the intersection of N. Michael and Maurus Streets. This subdivision will divide the Bleggi lot into four parcels. Lot one is to be retained and the remaining three lots will be lot additions to neighboring properties.

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St. Marys Precision
Homes, Inc.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Sub-division Application of the Bleggis, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

A Subdivision Application was presented for St. Marys Precision Homes, Inc. located north of SR 0120 in St. Marys. The proposed land use will be commercial. The St. Marys Planning Commission stipulated that St. Marys Precision Homes must conform to all zoning regulations concerning flood plains when the property is developed.

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the St. Marys Precision Homes' Subdivision Application, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Rescheduling Council
Meetings

Rescheduling of Council meetings for September and October was discussed. Due to Labor Day falling on September 4th, Mayor Geyer suggested that the worksession be rescheduled for September 11th and that the regular September meeting be rescheduled on September 25th. To avoid a back-to-back meeting in October, she also suggested that October's meetings be rescheduled to October 9th and 23rd, returning to the normal schedule in November.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to reschedule the September's meetings to the 11th and 25th and October's meetings to the 9th and 23rd. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nero and all were in favor.

Compost Site

Manager Greene explained that previously the compost site was located on Graphite Road. Later the material was taken to the landfill site on Robin Road. DEP informed the City that they could no longer deposit material at this site because of a possible future clean-up under the superfund.

A compost site was then established by Bob DeLullo on Wilson Road which was closed on September 7th. The Manager stated the site was closed because the City's contract with Mr. DeLullo has expired. The contract is on a yearly basis. The City did send a notice to DeLullo 90 days in advance of the contract deadline.

Information was received from DeLullo stating that starting January 1, 2006, he would require \$1,500. per month for the compost site and also that a five-year contract is needed, with the fifth year amount being \$2,100. per month.

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Bob DeLullo,
Woodbed Co.

Bob DeLullo questioned if the City could find a business to provide the same service for less than \$20,000. a year.

Mark Kopp noted that any project over \$10,000. would have to be bid out.

Denise Krise

Denise Krise, visitor, stated that her information states leaves, branches, and grass clippings are to be recycled.

Manager Greene explained that according to Act 101 the City is mandated to recycle leaves but not mandated to recycle branches and grass clippings.

Tina Gnan

Tina Gnan asked Bob DeLullo if he had to keep the compost site open for any length of time because he received grant funding. Mr. DeLullo did not know.

Dennis Nero requested more information regarding the compost site for Council's review at the next meeting. Steven Skok, a member of the Recycling Task Force, will obtain more information for Council.

Bob DeLullo

Bob DeLullo was concerned about the unpaid invoices he sent to the City. Dennis Nero suggested that Mr. DeLullo and the City Manager get together and review the invoices and how to continue with the compost site until the issue is resolved.

Dennis Nero stated Council has to decide at the next meeting if they are going out for bids or not.

Executive Session

Thomas Farley requested an Executive Session be held at this time for personnel matters.

Council returned from the Executive Session. No action was taken.

Mayor Geyer noted that Council will be holding an Executive Session on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Thomas Farley stated he received a complaint today from a resident on Center Street concerning an awful stench emanating from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Manager Greene will check into this matter.

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Thomas Farley also questioned the status of the Code Enforcement Officer's position. The Manager stated the City received 20 applications and that they will start interviewing this Thursday.

Steven Skok inquired about the paving on Fourth Street. The Manager stated hopefully the contractor will be coming in sometime this week to start the binding coat from the bridge up to Brusselles Street so the parking lots can be opened. The other portion of the street needs more work before the binding coat can be placed.

Richard Dornisch asked if someone could repair the clock on the City Hall building or have the clock removed because it never has the correct time on it. Mr. Dornisch also expressed his concern regarding the pile of railroad ties near the railroad tracks which could be a liability for the City. He stated the pile is stacked as high as 8 to 9 railroad ties and may pose a danger to children should they play on them. The Manager will check to see what can be done.

Sean Gabler inquired about the status of the Rite-Aid Project. The Manager stated someone should be there this week to do sample core boring for the traffic light at Ford Rd. and S. St. Marys Street. The site plans are being prepared, and as soon as the plans are completed, the project should move forward.

Mark Kopp asked the status of the core drilling of the dirt roads. The Manager stated the coring has been completed and specifications to go out for bids for the reclamation of the roads are being prepared.

Mark Kopp also stated Louis Street is sinking near the catch basins and manhole. It is like the ground is settling under the asphalt. The Manager stated the Public Works Director is aware of the problem and that a solution is being sought.

Dennis Nero stated in regards to the water drilling ordinance, he would like to have DEP comments why they are supporting this ordinance and he would also like the Water Authority's Manager's and their Solicitor's opinions. The City's Solicitor should also have an opinion.

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Dennis Nero also inquired about the status of a Traffic Enhancement Study that was done with PennDOT. The Manager stated a meeting has been scheduled in September at North Central. The City submitted a request for \$250,000. for preliminary design work and will attend the meeting to make sure that this continues to move forward. The City will need another \$250,000. for the final design and then we can go out for bids. About \$3. million dollars will be needed to complete the project.

Dennis Nero inquired about the Montage Partners' Agreement. The Manager stated we are waiting for the original agreement which should come by Fed Ex for the City's signature. A check should then be forthcoming.

Dennis Nero also questioned the Parking Revenue Summary Report which has been revised. He questioned if the 2006 totals in the center include the 2006 permits and tokens? If not, another column should be added.

Dennis Nero commended the Street Department and anyone that was involved for the great tar and chip job that was done on Forest Road.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:


- The next Council meeting will be held on August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Greene stated DEP will be attending the August 21st meeting to discuss the Aquifer Ordinance. DEP's Solicitor, City's Solicitor and the Water Authority and their Solicitor will be invited. It was noted the ordinance should include that if any changes are needed, they can be done by a resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Mayor


Recording Secretary