

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, February 20, 2006 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 Members on February 16, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, David Greene, City Manager, and Solicitor Stephen French
- VISITORS** Visitors included: Tina Gnan, Charlie Marconi, Kurt Frey, Connie Frey, Richard Sadley, Tim Frey, Norbert Frey, Joe Muhitch, Warren Stewart and Rob Dixon
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2006** Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2006 and seconded by Richard Dornisch. It was noted that Sean Gabler made the motion to appoint Joseph Muhitch to the RDA and to advertise the open position, not Steven Skok. All were in favor.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS** There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.
- MANAGER'S REPORT** Manager Greene presented the following report:
- Tina, Darlene, and I met with Phil Scrimenti and Jack Machek from DCED to discuss the Impact St. Marys Project.
 - Met with Greg Patryna to discuss plans for the Impact St. Marys Project.
 - Met with Greg Patryna and owners of Industrial Steel.
 - Mike Mullaney and I met with Evo Facchine in reference to a stormwater detention pond in the Villa Rd. area.
 - Attended the Zoning Hearing Board meeting in reference to the Depot Street Parking Lot development.
 - Police Chief and I attended the Collaborative Board luncheon in Ridgway.
 - Attended the Stackpole-Hall Foundation Kick-Off meeting at the Red Fern.

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- Police Chief and I met with Pete Bauer in reference to parking concerns.
- Met with Jeff Reams from Gannet-Fleming to discuss plans for the Airport Industrial Park Project.
- Met with Bradley Swidler to discuss locating a Walgreens in St. Marys.
- Tim Brennan and I attended the Airport Authority meeting to discuss plans for the Airport Industrial Park.
- Met with DEP to discuss various issues pertaining to the City.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures Report for the period January 13, 2006 thru February 15, 2006, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2006. Expenses are down this year due to the mild winter. Snow removal last year was \$10,635.53 in overtime costs. So far this year the cost is \$3,057.76. In January, 2005, salt and anti-skid cost \$13,771.08 and this year \$7,044.98. The cost for snow removal is down from last year by \$14,303.87. Revenues will be down during the first few months of 2006 with real estate tax invoices only going out March 1st. Market value on the Pension Plans remain strong.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Award of Bids:
Benzinger Park
Restroom
Improvement
Project

Manager Greene read a memo from Tim Brennan, City's Engineer. On February 8, 2006, the Recreation Board recommended awarding the contract for the Benzing Park Restroom Improvement Project to D&L Contracting of St. Marys. All the bid documents were reviewed and everything is in order. Mr. Brennan also recommended that Council accept the bid from D&L Contracting in the amount of \$39,800.

The Recreation Board has a tight schedule and would like the project completed by the end of April in time for the park opening. The purpose of this project is to modify the existing park restrooms for ADA compliance. The interior of the existing restrooms will be gutted and enlarged. New fixtures drain lines, water lines, electrical fixtures and partitions are to be installed. A new outer brick wall and roof line extensions are also planned.

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The following four bids were opened during a public meeting held on February 7, 2006:

- D&L Contracting..... \$39,800.
- Daghir Construction.....\$39,900.
- Overdorf Mechanical.....\$67,200.
- Dasco Plumbing.....\$68,300.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to award the bid to D&L Contracting in the amount of \$39,800., seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Tina Gnan,
Community and
Economic Development
Coordinator

Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, explained the funding for the park project. Funds being utilized for the project are from the 2005 Community Development Block Grant monies. The entire project was allocated \$70,000. for the renovation of restrooms at Benzinger, Memorial and Luhr parks. The cost of the Benzinger Park project is \$39,800.

JCB Backhoe
and Elgin Pelican
Street Sweeper

Memos were received from Mike Mullaney, Public Works Director, recommending that the bid for a JCG Backhoe be awarded to Walsh Equipment under the State contract for \$63,332.67. and also award the bid for the Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper to A & H Equipment under the State contract for \$120,864.

Dennis Nero made a motion to accept the recommendation of staff for the purchase of the sweeper and the backhoe, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Appointment to RDA
Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart presented a letter of recommendation from the Redevelopment Authority to appoint Gwen Auman as a member of the board.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at this time concerning personnel matters.

After returning from the Executive Session, Mark Kopp made a motion to appoint Robert Roberts as a member of the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor, except Sean Gabler who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

Subdivision Applications:
Vollmer/Heiberger,
South Paul Road

A Subdivision Application for Vollmer/Heiberger, South Paul Road, was resubmitted because the application was not recorded at the Courthouse within the required time period.

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Steven Skok made a motion to approve the Vollmer/Heiberger subdivision application, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor, except Thomas Farley who abstained. The motion passed by majority vote.

Kreckel to Reedy/
Brennen to Reedy,
1044 Windfall Rd.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for Kreckel to Reedy/Brennen to Reedy. Dennis Nero stated he would second the motion if Mr. Dornisch amends his motion to include Attorney Geci's revised deed. Mr. Dornisch amended his motion.

Thomas Farley expressed his concerns regarding the deed descriptions. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was passed by majority vote with the stipulation that a 50' easement be included in the deed for Parcel 1.

Norbert Frey,
190 Horseshoe Drive

Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for Norbert Frey, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mark Kopp questioned the status of the parking on Washington Street. The Manager stated City staff is reviewing the parking and that he is waiting for their comments.

Thomas Farley stressed that it is very important for the public to sign their names when submitting letters to Council.

Richard Dornisch stated he understands some residents wish to remain unidentified and that he takes their comments into consideration in addition to the letters received from identified persons.

Mayor Geyer suggested that the residents at least include their phone number so they can be contacted with their concerns.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart stated the Redevelopment Authority submitted a letter of recommendation to fill the vacancy on their board. He stated Council went into Executive Session, came back with a different name than was submitted by the RDA. He would like an explanation.

Solicitor French

Solicitor French stated Council is not bound by any decision of any board or authority. It is up to Council who they want to appoint.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer stated the next Council worksession will be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion made by Steven Skok, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary