

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 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, January 16, 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 January 12, 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 included: Gelindo "Boots" Bonfardine, Robert Roberts, Ray Gradl, Barbara Gradl, Tina Gnan, Darlene Nortum, Richard Sadley, Susan Fledderman, Bill McCafferty, Lorrie Levenduski, and Amy Cherry

APPRECIATION AWARDS

Mayor Sally Geyer presented Appreciation Awards to the following former City Officials; Councilmen Gelindo "Boots" Bonfardine and Robert Roberts, and Tax Collector Raymond Gradl. Former Mayor David Meier was recognized, but was unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2006

Steven Skok made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2006, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mayor Geyer stated an Executive Session was held following the meeting of January 3, 2006 regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made.

PUBLIC HEARING
2006 CDBG APPLICATION

Mayor Geyer opened the first 2006 CDBG Public Hearing and turned the meeting over to Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator.

Tina Gnan, Community and Economic Dev. Coordinator

Tina Gnan stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to explain the grant program and for citizen participation.

Ms. Gnan stated the City intends to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FY 2006 CDBG Funds for the following proposed projects:

- Memorial Park Pool/Removal and Replacement of Concrete.....\$115,000.
- St. Marys Public Library.....\$ 30,000.
(Rerouting of storm water drains and replacement of floor tile)

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- Senior Center.....\$ 50,000.
(\$50,000. per year for the next five years - total of \$250,000. toward the construction of a community center to be used by senior citizens)
- Depot Street..... \$250,000.
(reconstruction project)
- Housing Rehabilitation Funds.....\$ 50,000.
(On-going HOME program)
- Downtown Facade Program.....\$ 50,000.
(funds to renovate the outside of businesses located in the Redevelopment Area)
- Administration allotment of 18% as in the past

Questions by Council were answered by Ms. Gnan as follows: Community Pool will not be shut down for the concrete replacement; facade design guidelines will probably be part of "Impact St. Marys"; bids for the Community Pool will only be let out when CDBG monies are received; if there is a 10% decrease in funding for the CDBG program, projects will be prioritized; and if the Depot Street project is funded by "Impact St. Marys", the \$250,000. will be reallocated to the Senior Center.

Citizen comments will be received until February 6, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. A second Public Hearing will be held on February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for review of the projects that are selected. The CDBG application deadline for submission is March 3, 2006. However, the City would like to submit its application no later than February 24, 2006.

Hearing Closed Mayor Geyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON AGENDA TOPICS**
Susan Fledderman

Susan Fledderman, member of the Library Board, informed Council that the library's funding was cut over the the past three years by \$45,000. This is the reason the board is requesting CDBG funds.

Bill McCafferty

Bill McCafferty, member of the Library Board, stated the library has been looking into replacing the asbestos tile for years. He also stated the storm water drains need re-routed.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- Attended open house at Innovative Sintered Metals' new building on DeLaum Road on December 15th.
- On January 4th, went to Harrisburg with Vic Straub, Joe Bologna, and Ray Klaiber to meet with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation to discuss plans for the Airport Access Road and Industrial Park.
- Tim Brennan and myself met with representatives from Baker Engineering to coordinate plans for the Airport Industrial Park.
- On January 10th, Mike Mullaney, Tim Brennan, Dwight Hoare and myself met with Dave Puncheon, Don Masisak and representatives from Emsource in reference to the Stackpole Center Act 2 remediation plans.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period December 17, 2005 through January 12, 2006, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2005. To date, the total revenue for the General Fund is \$5,482,539.15 and the expenditures are \$5,429,343.73 leaving a balance of revenue over expenditures of \$53,195.42 for 2005. All other funds are well within their budget with some carry overs to next year. Pension funds are still climbing in market value. There will be a final report for 2005 when all the information is in and the audit is finished.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
 Ordinance No. 216 re:
 Police Pension Plan

Ordinance No. 216 was presented amending the City of St. Marys Police Pension Plan to revise the service increment benefit in the plan.

Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 216, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Subdivision Applications
 John Grotzinger,
 Bucktail Road

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for John Grotzinger, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor. This application is for a second review, since the first subdivision application was not recorded by Mr. Grotzinger within the required 90 days after approval.

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North Central Enterprises,
Stackpole Complex

A motion was made by Mark Kopp to approve the Sub-division Application for North Central Enterprises and seconded by Dennis Nero. After a brief discussion, all members of Council opposed approval of the subdivision. Corrections need to be made to the deed description.

Thomas Farley made a motion to return the Sub-division Application to the St. Marys Planning Commission, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**Land Development
Application**
Elk Co. Humane Society,
East Eschbach Rd.

A Land Development Application was submitted for the Elk County Humane Society, East Eschbach Road for informational purposes only. The proposed use is to construct an animal shelter.

**Appointment to Police
Civil Service Commission**

Richard Dornisch made a motion to appoint David J. Brown to the St. Marys Police Civil Service Commission, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Letter from RDA
re: appointments

A letter was received from the Redevelopment Authority recommending the appointment of Gwen Auman and Joseph Muhitch to their board. Presently, there is only one vacancy. The letter also stated Joseph Muhitch was accepted by RDA upon the resignation of Tom Spence. Since a letter of resignation was not received from Mr. Spence, as of this date, Council decided to place the RDA's request on the February 6th agenda.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Thomas Farley

Thomas Farley was concerned about the discrepancy of numbers between the Parking Revenue Summary from the Police Department and the Financial Report submitted by the Finance Director. The figures on the Financial Report are received from National City Bank. Manager Greene will discuss this matter with Police Chief Caltagarone.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer stated the next Council worksession will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All citizens are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Stirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor