

January 3, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Organizational Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Tuesday, January 3, 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 on December 29, 2005, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Sean Gabler Richard Dornisch, and David Greene, City Manager

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Tim Cotter, JoAnn Geci, Liz Geci, Ivan Geci, Mary Cunningham, Grace Jesberger, Paul Jesberger, Vernon VanAlstine, M. L. Kieffer, Mary C. Frey, Tina Gradizzi-Gnan, Darlene Nortum, Rebecca Schatz, John Schatz, Charles "Bud" Bloam, LouAnne Bloam, Brittany Bloam, Chelsea Bloam, Amy Cherry and Richard Sadley

**NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS INTRODUCED**

Mayor Sally Geyer introduced new Council Members Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, and Thomas Farley. Also introduced were Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Mark Kopp, and City Manager David Greene.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
December 19, 2005**

Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2005, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**Executive Session**

At this time, Manager Greene asked for an Executive Session regarding personnel matters. Council will return with action taken tonight. Mayor Geyer made a motion to hold an Executive Session, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**ORGANIZATION  
Appointment of  
Deputy Mayor**

Mark Kopp made a motion to appoint Dennis Nero as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Mayor Sally Geyer presented the following appointments:

**Police Pension Board  
Appointments**

**Police Pension Board**  
Mayor Sally Geyer  
Councilman Dennis Nero  
Councilman Sean Gabler  
City Manager David Greene and  
two Police Officers

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| Non-Uniform Pension Board Appointments  | <p><u>Non-Uniform Pension Board</u><br/> Mayor Sally Geyer<br/> Councilman Steven Skok<br/> Councilman Mark Kopp<br/> City Manager David Greene and<br/> one non-uniform employee</p>  |
| Tax Board Appointment   | <p><u>Tax Board</u><br/> Councilman Thomas Farley</p>  |
| Designee for Non-Uniform Grievances Appointment   | <p><u>Designee for Non-Uniform Grievances</u><br/> Mayor Sally Geyer</p>   |
| Appointment of Solicitor for Year 2006  | <p>Mayor Geyer stated two letters were received for City Solicitor. One from Attorney Thomas Wagner and one from the current Solicitor Stephen French.</p> <p>Thomas Farley made a motion to appoint Stephen French as the City's Solicitor for the Year 2006, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.</p> |
| Vacancy Board Chairman  | <p>A Vacancy Board Chairman was not appointed. If anyone is interested in this position, please submit a letter to Council or the City Manager.</p>  |
| Council's Committees  | <p>Mayor Sally Geyer stated Council Committees will not be abolished but not implemented. Committees will be established when needed for a specific purpose.</p>   |
| Setting meeting times and dates   | <p>Council worksessions will be held 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Regular Council meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.</p>   |
| <b>APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS<br/> COMMISSIONS &amp; AUTHORITIES</b><br>Benzinger Sewer Authority | <p>Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Mike Haines to the Benzinger Sewer Authority, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.</p>  |
| Municipal Authority   | <p>A motion was made by Mark Kopp to reappoint Victor Straub and John DaCanal to the St. Marys Municipal Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.</p>  |
| Benzinger Golf Auth.  | <p>Richard Dornisch made a motion to reappoint Robert L. Taylor to the Benzinger Township Golf Course Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.</p>   |
| Benzinger Hospital Auth.  | <p>A motion was made by Sean Gabler to reappoint Dr. Charles Haskell to the Benzinger Township Hospital Authority, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.</p>   |

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| Parking Authority   | Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Robert Makufka to the Parking Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.  |
| Airport Authority   | A motion was made by Richard Dornisch to reappoint Faisal El-Awar and Thomas Bauer to the St. Marys Area Airport Authority, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.  |
| Water Authority   | Mark Kopp made a motion to reappoint Warren G. Olson to the St. Marys Area Water Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.  |
| Redevelopment Auth.   | <p>A motion was made by Thomas Farley to reappoint Joseph Mallison to the St. Marys Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.</p> <p>A vacancy exists due to the resignation of Jerry Marshall. Two individuals have applied for the position. Their names will be submitted to the Redevelopment Authority for their recommendation.</p> |
| Zoning Hearing Board  | Sean Gabler made a motion to reappoint James Christoff to the St. Marys Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.  |
| Police Civil Service Commission   | No appointment was made to the St. Marys Police Civil Service Commission at this time.   |
| Board of Health   | No recommendation was received from the Board of Health. If any citizen or Health Care Professional is interested in this position, please write to the City Manager.  |
| Planning Commission   | A motion was made by Dennis Nero to reappoint John Schatz, Monica Kraus, and Michael Lecker and to appoint Bruce Gerber to the St. Marys Planning Commission, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.  |
| Recreation Board  | There were no terms expiring on the Recreation Board.  |
| Shade Tree Commission   | Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Irene Taylor and Jane M. Gnan to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.  |
| <b>CONSIDER FOR PUBLICATION</b><br>Ordinance No. 216<br>re: Police Pension Plan | <p>Ordinance No. 216 was presented amending the City of St. Marys Police Pension Plan to revise the service increment benefit in the plan.</p> <p>Dennis Nero made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 216, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.</p>  |

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Geyer stated the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Geyer thanked everyone who attended the meeting and the swearing-in ceremony. She would like to see more citizens attend future meetings.

Executive Session

Dennis Nero made a motion to hold an Executive Session regarding personnel matters, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sean Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held regarding personnel matters.

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Mayor

*B. Shirley Dicklas*  
Recording Secretary