

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL RESCHEDULED WORKSESSION

July 10, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER**

The rescheduled Council worksession of the City of St. Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, July 10, 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 July 6, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press on June 30, 2006.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Sean Gabler (excused)

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Warren Stewart, Richard Sadley, Nick Thompson, Wendy Vassilarus, and Mary Cunningham

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
June 19, 2006**

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2006, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
Consider for Adoption  
Ordinance No. 221  
re: Incur Debt of  
\$160,000. for the  
100' Aerial Truck  
(PEMA Loan)**

Ordinance No. 221 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$160,000. for the purchase of a KME Custom 100' aerial truck fixing the form, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required documents; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Loan)

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 221, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

**Resolution No. 06-10  
re: PA Section 108  
Loan Consortium**

Resolution No. 06-10 was presented authorizing, approving, and ratifying the submission of an application on behalf of the City, and joining the PA Section 108 Loan Consortium.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-10, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**Award of Bid  
Court Resurfacing  
Project for City  
Parks**

The Manager stated only one bid was received and opened during a public meeting held on June 30, 2006 for the court resurfacing project for the City Parks; as follows:

Homecourt Sports, Inc.....\$63,850.26

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The Recreation Board recommended that the bid for resurfacing of courts for City parks be awarded to Homecourt Sports, Inc., in the amount of \$63,850.26. The work consists of the acrylic resurfacing of five tennis and basketball courts at Memorial, Luhr, and Benzinger Parks. Other work items will include crack sealing and miscellaneous repairs.

Thomas Farley made a motion to award the bid for court resurfacing to Homecourt Sports, Inc. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

After a brief discussion, the motion was amended with the stipulation that the bid be reviewed by the Solicitor to insure there is no conflict of interest since Homecourt Sports, Inc. is owned and operated by Erica Hayes & Dennis Posteraro and because Mr. Posteraro is employed by the Recreation Board. All members of Council were in favor of the motion with the noted stipulation.

**TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION**  
Police Department re:  
Proposed change to  
the "Use of Less  
Lethal Force Policy"

A memo was received from Police Chief Caltagarone with a proposed change to the department's "Use of Less Lethal Force Policy". The Chief noted that after reviewing the department's policy, it became evident that the methodology and language was outdated. The policy has not been reviewed since April 6, 1987. He stated that a revision of the current policy is absolutely necessary to meet the changing times and police tactics and to defend against any litigation involving the use of force.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt the changes in the "Use of Less Lethal Force Policy", seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Richard Dornisch expressed his concern over the use of e-mails for communication by Council Members. Mr. Dornisch felt exchanging ideas via e-mail is an electronic quorum becoming very close to an illegal caucus. He stated that he does not respond to the e-mails he receives and emphasized that he is in favor of discussing issues in front of the public.

Steven Skok noted that the Recycling Task Force Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2006 has been cancelled.

Steven Skok also stated there has been numerous articles in the press and ads placed by the County's Recycling Task Force regarding the contamination of the recycling bins. Mr. Skok felt residents should take notice of the news articles because the contamination is costing the City money.

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Thomas Farley referred to a letter from a resident regarding parking ticket violations and parking meters. Mr. Farley noted that once the Parking Authority's loans are paid off for the downtown parking lots, then only could the City consider eliminating parking meters downtown.

Dennis Nero asked for an update on the Sheetz project. The Manager stated the downtown traffic study is currently under review by PennDOT and that they have two areas of concern, traffic signal and entrance to the Sheetz Store.

The Manager explained that the Sheetz Project plays a major role in the City's downtown revitalization project and that the City is working with the Governor's Community Action Team to resolve PennDOT's concerns.

The Manager also informed Council that Yoder Development will be closing their loan this Friday for the Senior Housing Complex.

Also, the Manager requested that Council keep August 11th open. The Governor has been invited to St. Marys for OSRAM's 100 anniversary, a ribbon cutting ceremony at the airport's new terminal building, ground breaking ceremony for the industrial park at the airport, and hopefully an announcement on the Impact St. Marys Project.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:  
 - Next regular monthly Council meeting  
 has been rescheduled for July 24, 2006  
 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Thomas Farley.

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 Mayor

*Shirley Dicklas*  
 Recording Secretary