

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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March 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, March 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 March 16, 2006, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Thomas Farley (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Ed Gleixner, Jr., Bev Cheattle, John Engel, Jr., Robert "Bert" Sorg, Warren Stewart, Richard Sadley, Charlie Marconi, Joseph Muhitch, Louis Gies, and Mike Kraus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 6, 2006

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2006, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Sugar Hill Road

Louis Gies, Robert "Bert" Sorg, and John Engel, complained about the poor condition of Sugar Hill Road.

The Manager informed them that plans for Sugar Hill Road includes the removal of clay, adding 12 inches of base material, and the installation of new drainage pipes. He stated the City plans on spending \$350,000. on dirt roads this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- Met with Dave Hazlett from the Sheetz Corp. to discuss their plans.
- Met with owners of DD's Bakery to discuss plans for the Depot St. Parking Lot.
- On February 17th, met with John Cotter and members of the Snowmobile Assoc. regarding the Rails to Trails to Emporium.
- Attended a meeting on February 21st at the hospital with Senator Scarnati, Rep. Surra, Elk Regional Management & Yoder Development to discuss "Impact St. Marys".
- Met with Kevin Wolfel, Thompson Hill Homes, to discuss "Impact St. Marys".
- Attended the Renew PA meeting at the CEC Bldg. to discuss Education & Economic Dev.

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- Met with Sheetz Engineers and all utilities involved with the project to review drawings and tour the site.
- Met with representatives from ATC Assoc. to assess the buildings that will be demolished for the Sheetz Project.
- Attended a Recycling Task Force meeting on February 28th.
- Attended a Kaulmont Park meeting on February 28th.
- On March 7th, attended a Downtown Blueprint Committee meeting.
- Met with Industrial Steel to discuss plans for the "Impact St. Marys Project".
- On March 9th, attended a CEC meeting.

Dennis Nero wished to clarify, that to improve the turning radius at the corner of S. Michael and Brusselles Streets, the City only purchased the Red Cross Building and that Sheetz will be purchasing the rest of the buildings.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period February 16, 2006 thru March 10, 2006, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2006. The City received 24.76% of the earned income revenue budgeted for this year. This amounts to \$272,394. which will help the City to get through the first three months of 2006 before the real estate tax revenue comes in. The City will start receiving the real estate revenue in March. The cost of snow removal remains a lot lower from last year. Cost of snow removal as of March 13, 2005 was \$57,421.18 and as of March 13, 2006, \$21,120.11, a decrease of \$36,301.07.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Award of Bid

Sale of 1990 Backhoe

Manager Greene stated a public meeting was held on March 10, 2006 to open the following two bids for the sale of a 1990 backhoe:

Green Township....	\$13,580.00
Blaine Erich.....	\$ 8,320.00

A confirmed quote of \$13,000. for a trade-in was received from Walsh Equipment which was included in the bid for the new backhoe.

The Manager recommended that the bid for the sale of the 1990 backhoe be awarded to Green Township.

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Dennis Nero made a motion to award the bid for the used backhoe to Green Township in the amount of \$13,580.00, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

Consider for Adoption
Resolution No. 06-4
re: Recycling Grant
Application

Resolution No. 06-4 was presented to file a grant application in the amount of \$50,000. to the Department of Community and Economic Development for grant funds to be used towards the operation of the City's current recycling programs.

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-4, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-5
re: Penn Works Grant
Application

Resolution No. 06-5 was presented to file a grant application in the amount of \$75,000. to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Penn Works grant funding to be used towards the South Michael Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

Mark Kopp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-5, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 06-6
re: Agility Agreement
with PennDOT

Resolution No. 06-6 was presented authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agility Agreement with PennDOT for services set forth in the Agility Work Plan.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-6, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

**Application for Elk
County Aid**

Manager Greene stated a letter was received from the Elk County Commissioners approving a disbursement of unencumbered liquid fuel funds for projects approved by the Department of Transportation. These funds can be utilized for expenditures on activities that are eligible under the State Liquid Fuels Program. A total of \$37,500. will be granted to the City for an approved project. The project listed by the City is for the purchase of approximately 2,500 tons of 2-A stone in the amount of \$37,500.

A motion was made by Richard Dornisch to approve the County Aid Application, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

**Fire Department's
Long Range Planning
Report**

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Long Range Planning of the Crystal Fire Department, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

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Applications for Land Development
St. Marys Tool & Die,
1003 Trout Run Road

A Land Development Application was submitted for St. Marys Tool & Die, 1003 Trout Run Road, for informational purposes only. Proposed use to be utilized as office space.

Rite Aid Corporation,
corner of S. St. Marys
and Ford Roads

A Land Development Application was submitted for the Rite Aid Corporation, corner of South St. Marys and Ford Roads, for informational purposes only. Proposed use will house a Rite Aid Pharmacy for a commercial retail business.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero noted the following statement, that he made at the last worksession, did not appear in the press. He stated "I was being told that if the City and the Authority would have addressed I/I before, we wouldn't needed to pay \$13 million dollars for the expansion of the plant". The press just stated that Mr. Nero said it was a waste of money.

Richard Dornisch presented data from Tony Pfeuffer regarding the Frey Subdivision. Mr. Dornisch turned the information over to the City Manager.

Steven Skok, on behalf of Thomas Farley, asked when the City plans on starting to clean the streets? Manager stated as soon as the weather permits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Good Luck and Best Wishes to the Elk County Catholic High School Basketball team on the road to Hershey to win the "States". Congratulations to Coach Aaron Straub for the great job he has done and to all the team players.
- City Council will be holding a worksession on April 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Sean Gabler.

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor