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CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:08 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 January 19 2017, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Gregory Gebauer, Andrew Mohny, Bob Mohr, Lou Radkowski, Nedward Jacob Manager Timothy Pearson and Solicitor Tom Wagner. Gary Anderson was excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Tom Nicklas, Gloria Mills, Matthew Mills, Josh Mills, Matt Mills, Amy Cherry and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2017

Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Citations for Echo Medical Call**

Deputy Mayor Gregory Gebauer explained individuals attending tonight's meeting were being recognized by City Council for their recent lifesaving efforts. He explained an "echo call" was when a patient was not breathing and unconscious (cardiac arrest). A favorable outcome to these types of call doesn't happen every day but this one had everything in place for a favorable outcome. This outcome was due to the immediate recognition of symptoms and to the combined efforts of EMS on-duty and off-duty, former and current firefighters and Police Officers with an Automated External defibrillator (A.E.D.) The patient was released from the hospital within days after the event and suffers no effects or deficits, which the Deputy Mayor believed, was amazing.

Chief of Police Tom Nicklas provided the following statement of the events:

"Mr. Mayor, members of Council, Mr. Manager, guests and visitors, thank you for your attention this evening. I am joined this evening by St. Marys Area Ambulance Service manager Bert Sorg and Crystal Fire Department Chief Bill Kraus. They join me as they and the members of our emergency service agencies often join together in our continued collaboration and cooperation for the citizens of St. Marys. We come before you this evening to present a story of friendship, duty to our community and service to others. This story has an exceptionally happy ending.

On the evening of November 30, 2016, Gloria Mills of Kersey had come to St. Marys to visit her friend of nearly 30 years Gail Rohrbach on Neubert St. The ladies and Gail's husband Dewayne sat down at the dining room table to have a casual conversation as they had done on so many occasions before. Gail noted that suddenly Gloria's chin had sunk into her chest and she had appeared to have fallen asleep. But Gail, a nurse of 30 years, knew immediately this was not the norm for Gloria. Gail's training and experience came to bear and she recognized that Gloria had stopped breathing, had no pulse and was beginning to turn blue.

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Gail and Dewayne moved Gloria to the floor of the kitchen where Gail began CPR as Dewayne called 911. Elk County Emergency Services dispatcher Melissa Stahli received the 911 call at 7:21 p.m. During the next minute, dispatcher Steven Biondi sent out an Echo level radio dispatch to St. Marys Area Ambulance Service pagers and to City of St. Marys Police radios. Emergency response protocol in Elk County directs that both EMS and Police respond to medical calls where the patient's symptoms may include being unconscious, unresponsive, not breathing and having no pulse.

During this time, Dewayne went next door to his neighbor's home to summon the help of Mike Goetz. Mike is a former EMT, a current member of the Board of the St. Marys Area Ambulance Service and a member of the Crystal Fire Department. Dewayne is a former member of the Crystal Fire Department. When Mike arrived in the home, he relieved Gail of performing chest compressions upon Gloria while Gail administered rescue breaths.

About a minute later, two ambulances and two police cars were en route to the Rohrback residence. At 7:27 p.m. St. Marys Police Officer Gregg McManus arrived on scene along with off duty St. Marys Ambulance EMT Devin Titchner. Titchner, who lives nearby to the Rohrback's, responded to the scene from his home.

St. Marys Police Sgt. Pete Largey then arrived and delivered his patrol unit's AED, Automated External Defibrillator, to Officer McManus. McManus prepared and applied the AED as Titchner continued to treat Gloria. During this treatment, the AED delivered two shocks to Gloria.

At 7:30 p.m., two St. Marys Ambulances arrived containing five emergency medical services personnel; Paramedics Bill Pennigton, Sara Ruehle and Brianna Chilcote and EMT's Cathy Zimmerman and Jerry Zimmerman. Also arriving on scene were off duty Paramedic Mary Pat Fleming and EMT Ed Badeau.

In all and in differing ways, a dozen pairs of hands worked frantically, but harmoniously, to revive Gloria Mills. And about a dozen minutes after she first slouched over in the dining room chair, Gloria's pulse and respiration began to return. And a little more than a dozen minutes after that, Gloria was on one of those ambulances to be transported to the care of even more hands. And happily a short time later she was able to be back into the most important hands of all, those of her family and friends in time for the holidays.

Gail and Dewayne Rohrback, Mike Goetz, St. Marys Area Ambulance Service Paramedics Bill Pennington, Sara Ruehle, Brianna Chilcote and Mary Pat Fleming, Emergency Medical Technicians Devin Titchner, Jerry Zimmerman, Cathy Zimmerman and Ed Badeau, and City of St. Marys Police Department Patrolman Gregg McManus provided an unbroken chain of care to Gloria Mills. This incident denotes the continuing excellent response and cooperation by all emergency services serving the citizens of our community. This evening we honor those who reached out with life-saving experience, skills and dedication with this recognition and citations.

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Invitations were extended to all involved on the night of this incident, and I'm glad most were able to attend tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrback asked that I express on their behalf their deepest gratitude for the expedient and professional care provided to their friend Gloria. Gail also asked that I remind everyone that in these circumstances it is so critically important to remain as calm as possible and to use the training you have. In these cases, minutes count the most, and thankfully for Gloria very few minutes were lost as her treatment started immediately.

Finally, Gloria, her husband Matt and their children Joshua and Matthew asked that I express their indefinable gratitude for the action of all involved on November 30, 2016."

Mayor Howard presented citations to the following:

Gail & Dewayne Rohrback
 Mike Goetz (accepted by Bert Sorg)
 Police Officer Gregg McManus
 Paramedics
 Bill Pennington
 Sara Ruehle
 Brianna Chichote
 Mary Pat Fleming
 Emergency Medical Technicians
 Devin Titchner
 Jerry Zimmerman
 Cathy Zimmerman
 Ed Badeau

St. Marys Ambulance Manager, Bert Sorg thanked Council for the recognition and confirmed the collaboration necessary to have a favorable outcome to the situation. He further explained he believed EMS and volunteer firemen were facing a crisis. Costs are more than revenues for the departments and he has spent the last year telling and pleading with government officials to provide relief. He suggested Council contact the state legislature and express their support of Emergency Services and the need for increased funding.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
 AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no comments on agenda topics.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor reported the following:

- Met with the representatives from the Airport Authority
- Requested an Executive Session regarding personnel matters following adjournment of tonight's meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson provided the following report:

- The Council meeting was now broadcasting on Zito Media Channel 4. The new channel would also be just for the City and should help with future broadcasts.
- I & I update and Street Light update will be provided at the next worksession.

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- EMA committee met with Elk County EMA. The City is now connected to the County's Emergency Notification System.
- The Fire Department is replacing one of their fire trucks so an advertisement requesting bids will be ran soon.
- Requested to add E. under Legislative Action, Police Department/Fire Department HVAC system – Capital Improvement Request

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Wagner stated a follow-up hearing will tentatively be held on February, 16th at 5:30 p.m. regarding Seneca Resources Zoning Appeal.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Pearson provided the following Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2016:

As for now the total Revenue for the General Fund was \$7,307,114 or 100 percent of budget and the Expenditures to date are \$5,948,966 or 95 percent of budget. All other funds are well within their budget with some carryovers to next year including the Sewage Treatment Fund. \$548,689 was transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund in 2016 for the Capital Improvement Plan. Total current Real Estate Tax Revenue received in 2016 was \$3,851,077. Total outstanding for 2016 is \$142,004. Total Earned Income collected was \$1,497,429. Pension Plans have increased from last year. As of now the City has not received the 4th quarter delinquent Real Estate Tax Revenue from the County and some outstanding invoices from vendors and other adjustments, so figures for the end of the year will change and will be adjusted. Final financial reports will be available along with the audit in May of 2017. The City's total outstanding debt as of December 31, 2016 was \$7,121,154 and did not include loans the City has guaranty agreements with.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**Consider for adoption:**

Ordinance No. 300, re:
Amending Chapter 2, part 1, of the City Code relating to the regulating of dogs found at large to be consistent with current City practices

Manager Pearson explained Ordinance No. 300 amending Chapter 2, part 1, of City Code relating to the regulating of dogs found at large to be consistent with current City practices was duly advertised and displayed and was being presented for adoption.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 300, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 301, re:
Designating Access Road as a Special Snowmobile Road

Manager Pearson explained Ordinance No. 301 designating Access Road as a Special Snowmobile Road was duly advertised and displayed. Due to concerns received from one of the businesses on Access Road the Snowmobile Association requested waiting until they could respond to the concerns. Manager Pearson requested the Ordinance be tabled.

Motion to table

Bob Mohr made a motion to table the adoption of Ordinance No. 301, seconded by Gregory Gebauer.

Nedward Jacob requested to amend the motion to have the Street Superintendent perform a traffic and engineering study before the ordinance is presented again.

Council and the Manager discussed the Ordinance.

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subdivision.

Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the Brian Dippold subdivision application, seconded by Andrew Mohney and all were in favor.

Smith/Donachy, Benzinger Road

A subdivision application was presented from Smith/Donachy for property located on Benzinger Road. The subdivision proposed to subdivide a 0.344 acre lot from a 2.06 acre parcel as a side lot addition to an existing parcel at 191 Benzinger Road owned by Travis Smith and Shaylah Kohut. The receiving parcel is served with public water and a private sewage disposal system and previously contained a house trailer that is now removed. The residual parcel contains a single family dwelling with public water and onlot sewage disposal. No new building lots will result of this subdivision. The Planning Commission had no comments on the subdivision.

Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the Smith/Donachy subdivision application, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

LERTA Application: 1013
Delaum Road Holdings, LLC,
1013, Delaum Road

1013 Delaum Road Holdings submitted an application to the City regarding the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Program for a 6,000 square foot warehouse addition at 1013 Delaum Road. The request has been approved by the school district and the county assessment office.

Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the LERTA application, seconded by Gregory Gebauer.

Discussion

It was confirmed the business was named Premier Metals, the annual pro-rated percentage of taxes was 0, 20, 40, 60 80. A request was made to provide Council with a list of the LERTA applications with a revenue breakdown.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the LERTA application.

Award of quote for replacement truck

Manager Pearson explained proposals were received for the replacement of Truck #19, a 2009 GMC 5500 DRW 4X4 dump truck. A recommendation from Street Superintendent, Steve Samick, was to accept the proposal from Lake Ford (A&H Equipment) of Lewistown, PA for a final cost of \$46,759.45.

Motion

Bob Mohr made a motion to approve the quote from Lake Ford (A&H Equipment), seconded by Lou Radkowski.

Discussion

It was noted the difference in quotes was based on the trade in value. It was suggested the accessories be included in the original quote. It was noted since it was a purchase thru COSTARS it was not needed to go out to bid. It was also suggested to make sure the local dealerships are included in the process.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the award of quote to Lake Ford (A&H Equipment).

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PD/FD HVAC Capital
Improvement Purchase (added
to agenda)

Manager Pearson explained due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to purchase a new control system for the HVAC system at the Police/Fire building. A quote was received from Renick Brothers in the amount of \$18,987.00. For various reasons Manager Pearson recommended the quote be approved.

Motion

Gregory Gebauer made a motion approve the quote from Renick Brothers, seconded by Lou Radkowski.

Discussion

It was confirmed the funds would come from the Capital Improvement Fund. It was noted a suggestion was made last year the system was in need of repair. It was also confirmed due to the long distance the company travels from the Manager was coordinating service and maintenance with the School District and CEC to provide cost savings. It was also noted to include local companies in the future for maintenance proposals.

Roll Call Vote- Motion Passed

On a roll call vote all were in favor to approve the quote, except Nedward Jacob who opposed.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

There were no topics for discussion.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jacob commented on how informative the PSAB webinars were.

Solicitor Wagner commented he may use the webinar for the upcoming Leadership Elk County presentation.

Gregory Gebauer clarified the Mayor and/or Manager will contact the necessary government officials regarding funding for Emergency Services.

Councilman Jacob commented on errors in the newspaper on the Wage & Benefit information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- An Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.
- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Lou Radkowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor