

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL RESCHEDULED WORKSESSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council rescheduled worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, September 8, 2014 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 September 4, 2014, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG****ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Nedward Jacob, Gary Anderson, Gregory Gebauer, Sally Geyer, Robert Mohr, Lou Radkowski and Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Warren Stewart, Mike Brock, Duane Bucher, Edward Bucher, Richard Sadley, Tina Gradizzi, John Copelli, Katie Weidenboerner, Colin Deppen and Paul Fleming.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 18, 2014  
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2014, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

**REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held immediately prior to tonight's meeting regarding legal matters. No decisions were made.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Howard requested any additional topics of discussion for the agenda.

Under Topics For Discussion:

Robert Mohr requested:

D. Roads

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

2015 Minimum Municipal  
Obligation for Pension Plans  
(MMO)

Manager Greene explained the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the City's Pension Plans was being presented for Council's approval. This is an annual report and Act 205 requires that it be submitted and approved by the governing body of the City by September 30, 2014. Total requirements for the Police Pension are \$208,639 and for the Non-Uniformed is \$131,202 for a total of \$339,841. In 2014, the City's contribution was \$87,839.81.

Robert Mohr made a motion to approve the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

**C.D.B.G. Program Income update and approval**

Tina Gradizzi explained at the last Council meeting held on August 8, 2014, Council approved utilizing \$9,500 of C.D.B.G. program income toward a housing rehabilitation project. Upon further review the project is ineligible. Ms. Gradizzi stated she had received notification that the 2014 C.D.B.G. allocation was \$11,000 less than anticipated. Council was now being requested to approve \$9,500 of C.D.B.G. program income to be used towards an already approved project, Charles Street Reconstruction.

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the \$9,500 of C.D.B.G. program income to be used toward the Charles Street Project, seconded by Robert Mohr and all were in favor.

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**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
founding of St. Marys

Nedward Jacob stated at Council's last worksession he requested Council consider creating a line item for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Marys celebration in 2017.

Council discussed the matter.

## Motion Died

Nedward Jacob made a motion to create a line item of \$5,000 in the City's budget for the celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Motion died for lack of a second.

The matter will be discussed again after a committee has been established and a possible budget prepared. In the meantime, the Manager will obtain quotes for the purchase of banners and an estimate of other possible expenses that the City may incur for a celebration.

## Act 13

Solicitor Wagner explained the Planning Commission had reviewed the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding the recent repealed portions of Act 13 regarding Oil & Gas drilling regulations.

Council discussed the Planning Commissions suggested revisions to the zoning ordinance and additional suggestions were made by the Solicitor and Council. They were as follows:

- Conditional Use
- Public Hearing process
- Substantial evidence
- Setback standards
- Pressure stations regulations
- Processing plants regulations
- Watershed areas
- Decibel level regulations
- Population density

The Solicitor stated he will present the proposed changes at the first Council meeting in October.

## Manager's Evaluation

Mayor Howard explained the Manager's Evaluation, per City policy, is required to be completed by the end of September. Mayor Howard, Councilman Anderson and Councilman Radkowski will gather the evaluation forms from all of Council and an Executive Session will be scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> for a review.

## Roads (added to agenda)

Robert Mohr questioned when the blacktop bids will be advertised and Manager Greene responded in March of next year.

Robert Mohr questioned when the oil and chipping program would begin and Manager Greene responded it had just started.

Robert Mohr questioned the base repair and paving rotation of roads and Manager Greene responded next year's schedule includes paving projects for the roads that have had base repair completed for the last five years.

Gregory Gebauer questioned when the Diamond area would be repaired and Manager Greene responded a meeting was scheduled with PennDOT to address the matter.

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Sally Geyer commented she had received numerous complaints regarding the condition of Sugar Hill Road and Manager Green responded work was being done in that area.

Insurance Proposals for  
Brokerage Services

Manager Greene explained a request for proposal was recently advertised for the City's Insurance Brokerage Service. He asked if Council would want to be part of the interview process. Council agreed the Manager and the Finance Director were capable of choosing the City's insurance broker.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Warren Stewart  
RDA funds

Warren Stewart questioned why the RDA did not receive the C.D.B.G. program income funds and Tina Gradizzi explained since the City has a current approved open project (Charles Street Reconstruction), the funds have to be used towards that project. If the City did not have an open project, the funds could have been given to the RDA, but per the program income reuse guidelines the funds would have to be distributed in a revolving loan fund format.

Paul Fleming  
Oil & Gas Activity

Paul Fleming thanked the Solicitor for his quick action regarding Act 13. He also suggested larger setbacks for Oil & Gas drilling.

Mike Brock

Mike Brock stated Conditional Use for Oil & Gas drilling provided some control. He provided additional suggestions for restrictions regarding Oil & Gas drilling.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Anderson  
Citizenship Day  
Constitution Week

Councilman Anderson wanted Council to formally acknowledge September 17<sup>th</sup> as Citizenship Day and September 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week. A Proclamation will be composed and signed by the Mayor.

South St. Marys Beautification  
Project Update

Councilman Anderson also provided an update on the South St. Marys Beautification Project. Elk County Catholic School Future Business Leaders of America are willing to work on this project. A meeting was scheduled with PennDOT to discuss their specific requirements for planting within their right-of-way. A future meeting is planned with the homeowners in that area.

Councilman Gebauer  
Boy Scout Eddie Bucher

Councilman Gebauer recognized an attending boy scout, Edward (Eddie) Bucher from Troop 199 who was working on his communication badge.

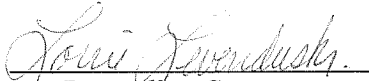
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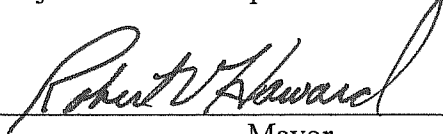
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next rescheduled Council meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- "Trick or Treat" will be held Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor