

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

A Council scheduled budget workshop of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:00 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 7, 2017, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

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

VISITORS

Visitors included: Christopher Smith

City Staff – Tom Nicklas, Chief of Police, Tim Brennan, Public Works Director, Travis Skrzypek, Public Works Deputy Director and Carol Muhitch, Finance Director.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Manager Pearson explained as discussed at the last Council meeting, the City Directors were in attendance to answer any questions that remain on the 2018 City budget.

Gary Anderson questioned which of the City's authorities have not had the required audit of financial statements and Nedward Jacob responded the Airport and Golf Authority.

Carol Muhitch believed the Golf Authority and the Golf Association audit were done together.

Nedward Jacob responded he believed not all of the Golf Authority financials were listed and Carol Muhitch responded she would check the last audit submitted.

Gary Anderson believed the Airport Authority should pay for their audits that have not been done and the funds to pay for those audits should not be included in the Airport Authority's budget.

Carol Muhitch confirmed the funds would be held by the City and would not be placed in the Airport budget.

Bob Mohr restated he did not approve of the Sidewalk program for those that did not qualify for the CDBG portion of the program.

He suggested the Humane Society funds be reduced from \$5,000 to \$1000, and the full time officer be replaced by part time positions.

Nedward Jacob suggested the Humane Society funds be transferred to the Police Department to offset their capital expenditures. He wanted to see a reduction to the capital expenditures.

Bob Mohr commented the Police Activity report listed numerous call outs for the police department for dog complaints and Chief Nicklas responded most of those complaints were for the Animal Control Officer and not handled by a Police officer.

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Nedward Jacob restated his proposal to reduce the capital improvement fund expenditures by transferring the Humane Society funds to the Police Department.

Gary Anderson asked what the individual monetary threshold for a purchase was and Carol Muhitch responded \$5,000 with a useful life of one year. She clarified she was following the GFOA best practices.

Bob Mohr commented Warren (Stewart) had informed him that the Elk County Fair had not approached any other entities for funding.

Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion not to fund the Elk County Humane Society in the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Bob Mohr.

Roll Call Vote - Motion Failed

On a roll call vote Bob Mohr, Gary Anderson and Nedward Jacob voted in the positive and Lou Radkowski, Andrew Mohny, Gregory Gebauer and Mayor Howard voted in the negative.

Lou Radkowski stated, for the record, the \$5,000 line item for the Humane Society would remain in the budget.

Motion

Nedward Jacob made a motion to reduce the Humane Society amount to \$2,000, seconded by Bob Mohr.

Roll Call Vote- Motion Failed

On a roll call vote Bob Mohr, Gary Anderson and Nedward Jacob voted in the positive and Lou Radkowski, Andrew Mohny, Gregory Gebauer and Mayor Howard voted in the negative.

Gregory Gebauer suggested a set amount for capital expenditures be agreed upon and the Manager would need to stay within that amount.

Manager Pearson clarified the total amount of \$886,000 included the Recreation Funds of \$47,000 as a pass through which would reduce the total to \$839,000.

Gary Anderson commented \$690,000 was a five year average, which included the Recreation Funds.

Motion

Gary Anderson made a motion to limit the capital funding to \$700,000, seconded by Nedward Jacob.

Manager Pearson explained the reduction does not address the revenue gap and will just push the purchases to the next year.

Roll Call Vote – Motion Failed

On a roll call vote Bob Mohr, Gary Anderson and Nedward Jacob voted in the positive and Lou Radkowski, Andrew Mohny, Gregory Gebauer and Mayor Howard voted in the negative.

Council, the Manager and City Director's discussed the capital expenses, the need for additional revenue in the future and the possible options to generate that revenue.

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Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to zero out the Elk County Fair funds, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor, except Nedward Jacob who opposed and Andrew Mohney who abstained.

Carol Muhitch clarified a total of \$1,000 was taken out of the budget.

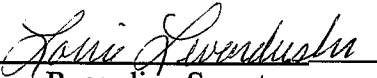
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

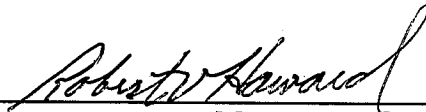
- An Executive Session will be held following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding personnel matters.
- The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor