

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

August 2, 2004

- CALL TO ORDER** A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 808 South Michael Street. Notice of the meeting was sent to Council on July 29, 2004 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, and Michael L. Mullaney, Acting Manager
- VISITORS** Visitors included: Fred Haas, Richard Sadley, Joe James, Andy Swasta, Jerry Sorg, Colleen Wight and Liz Mistretta
- MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2004** Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2004, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.
- REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION** An Executive Session was held following the Council meeting of July 19, 2004 regarding personnel matters. No decisions were made but an item that was discussed will be presented later on during this meeting.
- CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
Colleen Wight  
and Liz Mistretta  
  
Colleen Wight, Manager/Editor and Liz Mistretta, Account Representative, both of General Code Publishers made a presentation to Council regarding the City's Code Book. Their proposal offered a critique, a complete revision of the Code Book, or simply taking over any future updates. Mayor Meier suggested that the Acting Manager and the Finance Director review their proposal and bring a recommendation back to Council.
- Joe James  
  
Joe James gave an update on the Summer Educational Camp which is being funded through the City's CDBG program. He requested a modification to the application. The Acting Manager and the Community & Economic Development Coordinator will review his request and bring a recommendation back to Council.
- NEW RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION**  
Resolution No. 04-13  
re: Promotions within  
the Police Dept.  
  
Robert Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 04-13 establishing the procedures for promotions within the St. Marys Police Department and repealing Resolution No. 95-61 pertaining to this subject. With the adoption of Resolution No. 04-13, it is understood that the proper amendments to the existing police collective bargaining unit will be made. These changes for establishing promotional procedures have already been approved in the 2004 budget, and are listed in the Section entitled Leadership, Recommendation #3, Page 8, of the PERF Report. The motion was seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

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**ITEMS THAT  
NEED ACTION  
LERTA Applications**

Eastern Sintered Alloys,  
126 Access Road

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the LERTA Application for Eastern Sintered Alloys, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor. This application is for the construction of an addition to an industrial building. The projected cost of improvement is \$168,113.00.

Center Carbon Co.,  
321 Wilson Road

A motion was made by Gelindo Bonfardine to approve the LERTA Application for Center Carbon Company, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor. This application is for the construction of an addition to an existing building. The projection cost of improvement is \$125,000.

**Opening of Bids**

Mayor Meier opened the following three bids for man-hole risers, covers, and frames for the Wastewater Treatment plant listing various sizes and prices:

- East Jordan Iron Works, East Jordan, Michigan
- Chemung Supply, Elmira, N.Y.
- Neenah Foundry Co., Neenah, Wisconsin

The bids will be reviewed by Lad Kornacki, Chief Operator at the WTP, and a recommendation will be submitted to Council.

**Offer of Employment -  
City Manager**

Mayor Meier stated Council held 1st and 2nd interviews for the City Manager's position. An Executive Session was held last Friday to review the last two candidates. Two citizens from the community helped Council during the selection process.

Dennis Nero made a motion to offer the City Manager's position to David Greene contingent upon Mr. Greene's acceptance of the offer and his passing of all required examinations. His starting salary will be \$60,000. per year plus benefits. The motion was seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor, except Mayor David Meier who abstained because of a personal conflict. The motion passed by majority vote.

**Free Parking**

A motion was made by Robert Roberts for free parking in the downtown area on September 10, 11, and 12, 2004 and November 25 through December 26, 2004, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Thomas Farley who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

**TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION  
Outdoor Furnaces**

Ray Garner, Zoning Officer, per his memo, requested clarification of existing regulations on outdoor furnaces.

Jerry Sorg

Jerry Sorg spoke on the stack requirements for outdoor furnaces and stated that smoke comes back to ground no matter what height the stack is on the furnace.

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Mayor Meier suggested that staff, especially the Code Enforcement Officers, and the City Solicitor review the present City Ordinance and come back to Council with their recommendation.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gelindo Bonfardine requested that property owners post their house numbers making them visible from the street as required by 911.

Acting Manager Mullaney informed Mark Kopp that the City is working on painting the crosswalks but is concentrating more on the drainage issues within the City.

Mark Kopp also stated he has received complaints of kids riding bicycles in the Stackpole Complex. He felt that the heavy truck traffic is a safety issue and a health hazard exists due to the industrial nature of the complex.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council Meeting will be held on August 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The September Council meetings will be held on the 13th and 20th of the month.
- Mayor read a letter from the Crystal Fire Department clarifying the position of the department regarding the proposed storage water tank on Rosely Road. The letter stated, "Even though the Fire Department supports the installation of this improvement to the water system and agrees that the most effective location for elevation would be in the proposed location, the department does not side with any party regarding the issues regarding the properties and engineering of the project".
- National Night Out will be held on August 3, 2004 at the Municipal Parking Lot, Benzinger Park and a community swim at the pool tonight. The Police Department and everyone involved are to be commended on the great job they have done regarding National Night Out.
- Congratulations to the Saint Marys Legion Post 103 Baseball Squad - Elk County League regular season and playoff championship.
- Thanks to the Saint Marys Little League for the Tournament weekend held July 24 and 25, 2004.

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- Council will probably be contacted by the Recreation Board concerning the restroom facilities at the parks which are in bad shape.

Gelindo Bonfardine stated that a meeting has been scheduled between the City, Tax Collector, and representatives of the Elk County Commissioners and the School District on Tuesday, August 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the Tax Collector's position.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Kopp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

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Mayor

*Shirley Dicklas*  
Recording Secretary