

CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, July 25, 2005 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 July 21, 2005 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, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, and David Greene, City Manager

Absent: Mark Kopp and Solicitor French (both excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Todd Caltagarone, Andy Swasta, Gretchen Rokosky, and Arielle Rokosky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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Gelindo Bonfardine stated that the verbiage in a motion made by Steven Skok during the July 11th meeting should be changed from "dog shelter" to "Humane Society Shelter". Mr. Skok was in agreement.

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2005, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, with the noted change to a previous motion.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE
SESSION

An Executive Session was held on Monday, July 11, 2005 to discuss a personnel matter. No decisions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS

Chief of Police Todd Caltagarone will speak later regarding the police motorcycle.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Greene presented the following report:

- Met with Bob Yoder and Tom Harley in reference to Downtown Development.
- Attended a meeting at the CEC to hear future plans for Pitt-Bradford and the CEC.
- Attended the PLCM Convention in York, PA.
- Attended a meeting at North Central for Deputy Secretary John Lori. John is in charge of business development for the State.

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- Met with Bob DeLullo about the compost site on Wilson Road.
- Met with Bob Makufka and Joe Stefanelli regarding shelter location for the Elk County Humane Society.
- Met with Chuck Johnston from the American Water Company.
- Attended the OEDP meeting in Ridgway located in North Central Offices.

Chamber of Commerce Request

Manager Greene stated the City received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the closing of the Market Street area for their annual "Wing Fling" September 16, 2005. They also requested that Council wave the Open Container Law during the hours of the event, approximately 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The event will be held on Market Street, the Municipal Parking Lot between Market Street and So. St. Marys Street and the sidewalks along the perimeter. The Manager will request Solicitor French's opinion on the Open Container Law and bring back to Council on August 8th.

Parking in Cul-de-sacs

Manager Greene stated there is a problem with vehicles parking in cul-de-sacs, causing potential problems for emergency vehicles, snow plows, etc. Mr. Greene requested Councils' permission to have the Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting parking of vehicles in a cul-de-sac.

Vine Road Covered ditches

Mr. Greene also stated on Vine Road, vehicles park on the newly covered ditches between Wehler Road and Benzinger Park (both sides). The Manager would like to have "no parking" signs erected on Vine Road from Queens Road to Hemlock Road. He will have the Solicitor prepare an ordinance for Councils' review.

Bid Policy

Manager Greene requested that Council review the present "Bid Policy". Mr. Greene also presented a revised Bid Policy for Councils' consideration. After a lengthy discussion, Robert Roberts made a motion to accept the Bid Policy as presented by the City Manager, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor, except Mayor Meier who opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

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House Numbering
Ordinance

Manager Greene explained that the City does have an ordinance stating residents must have visible house numbers on their homes for emergency service personnel.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Expenditures for the period June 16, 2005 thru July 20, 2005, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Meier presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2005. The end of June is half-way and the City collected 94% of the real estate taxes for this year. Last year's collection at this time was also at 94%. For earned income, the City collected 54% of the budget in 2004 and for 2005, collected 50.5% of the budget. Total revenue collected for the General Fund is at 61%. Last year was at 65% and for the expenditures, the City expended 41.4% of the budget for 2005 and last year 43.7% for June. As of June 30th, total outstanding real estate taxes to be collected is \$246,928.99 and per capita tax is at \$6,670.00.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Opening of Bids:
re: Swimming Pool
Filtration System

Mayor Meier opened the following two bids for the swimming pool filtration system at the Memorial Park Pool:

Solveson Contracting, Inc., Emporium, PA
Base Bid.....\$89,900.
Alternate Bid...\$10,400.

Specialty Contractors, Pittsburgh, PA
Base Bid.....\$87,305.
Alternate Bid...\$11,600.

The bids will be forwarded to the Recreation Board for their review and recommendation.

2005 Chip Sealing Bids

Mayor Meier read a memo from the Public Works Director regarding the 2005 Chip Sealing Bids. The City was advised by Solicitor French to reject all bids and to rebid. Tentative schedule for the rebid opening will be August 8, 2005 with award on August 22, 2005.

Dennis Nero made a motion, per the recommendation of the Public Works Director, to reject all bids for the 2005 Chip Sealing and to rebid. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

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Consider for Adoption:
Resolution No. 05-13
Amending Fee Schedule

Resolution No. 05-13 was presented amending Resolution No. 04-3 as it pertains to certain permit fees.

1st Motion

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-13 and seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine.

Amended Motion

After a brief discussion, Thomas Farley amended his motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-13 with the added text to the Outdoor Furnace Permits that states a "one time fee only". Gelindo Bonfardine seconded the amended motion and all were in favor.

Ordinance Change
Chapter 15,
Part 5, Sections
501 & 502

A memo was received from the Public Works Director requesting Ordinance changes to Chapter 15, Part 5, Sections 501 & 502 of the City Code.

Robert Roberts made a motion to forward the changes to the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance for adoption, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

It was noted that any section of the proposed Ordinance that can be changed by a Resolution should be included by the Solicitor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
Chief of Police
Todd Caltagarone
re: Motorcycle

Todd Caltagarone, Chief of Police, stated the Police Department received a motorcycle on loan from the Harley Davidson store in DuBois. The department has the vehicle for a six-month evaluation period, after which time, the motorcycle may be purchased. Chief Caltagarone stated the motorcycle would be used primarily for community outreach and that it would be used in the downtown area where speeding problems exist.

The purchase of the motorcycle would have to be placed in next year's budget or could possibly be purchased through a grant.

After the evaluation period, if the City decides that the motorcycle is an asset worth purchasing, it can be done at a reduced cost. Additional costs such as equipment, training, and insurance could also be budgeted.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Gelindo Bonfardine

Gelindo Bonfardine stated the St. Marys Servicemen's Detail will be holding an American Flag disposal ceremony on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Kaulmont Park. The public is invited and anyone with a worn American Flag who wishes to have it disposed of can bring it to the ceremony. Mr. Bonfardine also stated there is a year-round receptacle for worn flags at the American Legion on Center Street.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting has been rescheduled for August 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- National Night Out Community Swim will be held on August 1st and on August 2nd there will be activities throughout the community.
- Regional 8 Baseball Tournament is going on in St. Marys this week.
- Thanks to Elaine Friedl and her 80 plus volunteers to make someone smile this past week. They delivered bouquets to the residents of Elk Haven and Pinecrest Manor.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor