

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2020

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Honorable Richard A. Masson provided his comments and insight on how democracy works.

Honorable Judge Richard A. Masson swore in the following City elected officials:

- Councilman Andrew Mohney
- Councilman Bob Roberts
- Councilman Joe Fleming
- Councilwoman Gina Vrobel

CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganizational meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lou Radkowski, on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:11 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 2, 2020, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lou Radkowski, Andrew Mohney, Margie Brown, Joe Fleming, Bob Roberts, Gina Vrobel, Manager Timothy Pearson, Solicitor Tom Wagner and Recording Secretary Lorrie Levenduski. Chris Pletcher was excused.

City Staff: Tina Gradizzi, Community & Economic Development Coordinator.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Ben Samick, Kurt Samick, Amy Shields, Bob Shields.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 16, 2019**

Andrew Mohney made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019, seconded by Margie Brown and all were in favor.

Solicitor Wagner noted the new Council members did not have to abstain from the vote.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Radkowski announced the following City Employees were unable to attend tonight's meeting and will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their years of service to the City.

- Andy Neubert – 19 years
- Mick Pearsall – 20 years

REORGANIZATION ITEMS

	2018	2020
Setting Council meeting times and dates	<p>Council's regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Council's workshop meetings by default, on the 1st Monday of the month, subject to rescheduling as needed, for dedicated workshop purposes</p>	<p>Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the current meeting dates and times, seconded by Andrew Mohney, and all were in favor.</p>

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<p>from (Manager's Evaluation Committee) 08/20/2018</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>		<p>Chris Pletcher</p>	<p>Andrew Mohny made a motion to re-appoint Chris Pletcher, seconded by Margie Brown.</p> <p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to appoint himself, seconded by Andrew Mohny.</p> <p>All were in favor of the above appointments.</p>
<p>Finance and Budget Committee 05/21/2018</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>		<p>Lou Radkowski Chris Pletcher Ned Jacob City Manager Finance Director</p>	<p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to re-appoint himself, seconded by Andrew Mohny.</p> <p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to re-appoint Chris Pletcher, seconded by Joe Fleming.</p> <p>Andrew Mohny made a motion to appoint Gina Vrobel, seconded by Joe Fleming.</p> <p>All were in favor of the above appointments.</p>
<p>Parking Committee 05/21/2018</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>		<p>Greg Gebauer Andrew Mohny Margie Brown</p>	<p>Joe Fleming made a motion to appoint Bob Roberts, seconded by Mayor Radkowski.</p> <p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to appoint Andrew Mohny, seconded by Gina Vrobel.</p> <p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to appoint Margie Brown, seconded by Gina Vrobel.</p> <p>All were in favor of the above appointments.</p>
<p>Emergency Management Committee 06/16/2014</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>		<p>Mayor Lou Radkowski Deputy Mayor Greg Gebauer Manager Tim Pearson (plus a representative from Fire, Police, Ambulance and Elkland)</p>	<p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to appoint Joe Fleming, seconded by Bob Roberts and all were in favor.</p> <p>Mayor Radkowski made a motion to update the Council portion of the Committee to be comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one other member of Council, seconded by Margie Brown and all were in favor.</p>
<p>All other Council Committees Abolished</p>			<p>Mayor Radkowski explained there were numerous other Council Committees that were never officially disbanded or abolished. He requested a motion to approve the above 4 committees as Council Committees and all other Committees to be considered disbanded.</p> <p>Solicitor Wagner explained there are standing committees and ad hoc (as needed for a specific matter) committees. Both can be eliminated by majority vote of Council.</p>

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<p>Motion Passed</p>			<p>Bob Roberts made a motion to abolish all of the ad hoc committees and keep the above listed 4 standing committees that were established at tonight's meeting, seconded by Margie Brown and all were in favor,</p>
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PUBLIC HEARING:
Hearing Open

Mayor Radkowski opened the public hearing on the transfer of an Inter-Municipal liquor license at 7:42 p.m.

Solicitor Wagner explained the Pennsylvania Liquor Code limits the number of liquor licenses within a municipality. The governing body of the receiving municipality must approve the transfer. This request is a transfer of a restaurant liquor license from Benezette Township into the City.

Public Comment

Mayor Radkowski opened the public hearing for public comment.

Amy Shields co-owner of the Old Bull Café explained in 2013 she acquired a liquor license from Marlo's Restaurant in St. Marys and transferred the license to Benezette. Her business has since been sold and the new owner did not want to purchase the license. The time restriction to re-sell the license expires at the end of January 2020.

Ben Samick, owner of Just Ben Catering and Samick's Garage Restaurant at 220 Forestview Road, explained he intended to use the license to have beer at the restaurant during the current business hours of Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. It would not be used for a late-night bar, instead it would be to have a drink with your meal.

Margie Brown questioned if the catering business could take the license wherever they catered and Solicitor Wagner responded no, it is an establishment license and could only be used at the restaurant location.

Hearing Closed

Mayor Radkowski closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:
Resolution No. 20-01,
approving the transfer of
eating place liquor license
No. E-1423 into the City of
St. Marys from Benezette
Township

Resolution No. 20-01, approving the transfer of eating place liquor license No. E-1423 into the City of St. Marys from Benezette Township was presented for adoption.

Bob Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-01, seconded by Joe Fleming.

Solicitor Wagner noted a correction that listed the Supervisors of Benezette Township to Council of the City of St. Marys.

Motion

Margie Brown also noted a minor typo (Counsel instead of Council) that would also be corrected before it was signed.

Motion Passed
**CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON AGENDA TOPICS**

All were in favor of the motion.
There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**MANAGER'S
COMMENTS**

Manager Pearson provided the following information:

He welcomed the new members of the 14th Council in the 26th year of the City.

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The opening of the new community event park will occur this spring.

He thanked the Redevelopment Authority for the transfer of the deed for the Depot Street properties to the City and for the funds for the required permits to move forward with the demolition of the buildings which would happen as soon as May or June of this year.

The National Fitness Campaign, Outdoor Fitness Court sponsorship amount received of \$94,000 would be added to the \$30,000 from Fit Radio. This would allow the fitness court to be ordered and hopefully installed this summer.

He was hopeful that the Bavarian Fall Fest could be held in the new event park.

He met with the owners of the new Maker's Warehouse on Bruxelles St. which is an event center that could tie into the event park and the pedestrian bridge and the connection to the Bruxelles Street corridor as part of the City's Commercial Business District.

He provided a list of new businesses in the City and future businesses.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Radkowski, Margie Brown and Andrew Mohney welcomed the new Council members and thanked them.

Joe Fleming, Bob Roberts and Gina Vrobel thanked the City for a warm welcome and the voters for providing the opportunity. They were all looking forward to the next few years.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

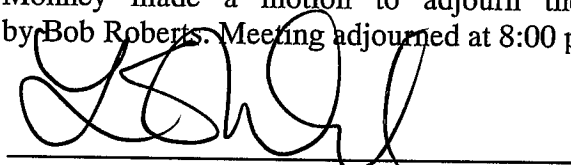
Mayor Radkowski made the following announcement:

- Council's next meeting will be held Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Mohney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Roberts. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor