

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

January 14, 2008

ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING

“Lucky Dawgs of St. Mary, LLC D/B/A Lucky Dawgs”
5:15 p.m.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS’ OATH OF OFFICE

5:30 p.m.

FIRST QUARTER – TOWN MEETING

6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- A. Mayor Pro Tem
- B. Council Committees..... “A”
- C. 2008 Municipal Court Calendar..... “B”

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AMENDED
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION *William P. Shanahan, City Manager*
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL QUORUM: YES ___ NO ___
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *December 10, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
December 18, 2007 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007 Property Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE:..... “C”
Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC D/B/A Lucky Dawgs
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. RESOLUTION: *Transfer City Property and Easement to Chuck Trader*..... “D”
 - B. RESOLUTION: *Workforce Housing*..... “E”
 - C. EMC TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROPOSAL: *Colerain and Winding Roads*..... “F”
 - D. ALCOHOL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: *Servers Training* “G”
 - E. JANUARY 28TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING: *GMA Conference Discussion*

- F. **GMA CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE:** *Appointment Discussion*.....“H”
 - G. **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *Construction Fee Change*.....“I”
 - H. **BUDGET ORDINANCE:** *Office Furniture City Attorney*.....“J”
 - I. **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *First Annual Meeting*“K”
 - J. **BOARDS AND AUTHORITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:** *Discussion*
 - K. **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *City Attorney Expenses*“L”
 - L. **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *Towing (REMOVED)*
 - M. **FUND ALLOCATION:** *Police Department Vehicle*“M”
 - N. **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** *Police Department (REMOVED)*
 - O. **SBR SELECTION FOR POINT PETER WWTP 4.0 DESIGN**“N”
 - P. **AIRPORT ENGINEER SELECTION**“O”
- IX. REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**
- A. **PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT**“P”
 - 1. **Schedule Property/Planning Committee Meeting** to discuss the following items:
 - a. St. Marys Rail Road Building Traffic Circle on Osborne
 - b. Veterans Memorial Park Concept
 - c. Disposition of City Smitty Drive as related to the proposed renovation plans for Kings Bay Shopping Center
 - d. Naming of live oak trees located on City property
 - e. Proposed sketch of parking area at rear of existing City Building
 - 2. **Pt. Peter, LLC** requests preliminary plat approval for a 14lot/3 tract subdivision known as Cumberland Harbor Phase Thirteen Tax Map 160C. The property is zoned PD, R-1.
 - B. **ST. MARYS CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY:**“Q”
Appointments
- X. REPORT OF MAYOR:**
- XI REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**
- XII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**
- XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Personnel*
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Organizational
Meeting*

1/4/2008

**City of St. Marys, Georgia
CITY COUNCIL**

MATRIX Council Committees 2008						
COMMITTEES	<i>William DeLoughy</i>	<i>Larry Johnson</i>	<i>Gull Weaver</i>	<i>Greg Bird</i>	<i>Deborah Hase</i>	<i>Chuck Trader</i>
PUBLIC WORKS				X	X	X
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE		X			X	X
PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE	X		X	X		
WATER / SEWER / SOLID WASTE	X				X	X
BUDGET / FINANCE / TAXES	X	X				X
TOURISM / DOWNTOWN / WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT		X	X		X	
PLANNING / BUILDING / CITY PROPERTIES	X		X	X		
PERSONNEL / BENEFITS		X	X	X		

*Chairmen of committees will be elected at their next committee meeting.

SCHEDULED COURT DATES FOR 2008

*JANUARY 11, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
JANUARY 18, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
FEBRUARY 01, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
FEBRUARY 15, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
MARCH 07, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
*MARCH 14, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
APRIL 04, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
APRIL 18, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
MAY 02, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
MAY 16, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
JUNE 06, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
JUNE 20, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
*JULY 11, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
JULY 18, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
AUGUST 01, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
AUGUST 15, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
SEPTEMBER 05, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
OCTOBER 03, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
OCTOBER 17, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
NOVEMBER 07, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
NOVEMBER 21, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
DECEMBER 05, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS
DECEMBER 19, 2008	PLEA & ARRAIGNMENTS, & TRIALS
COURT DATES ARE NORMALLY 1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS	
*COURT DATE CHANGED NOT ON NORMAL COURT DATE	

Minutes

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2007
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, December 10, 2007 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Rowland Eskridge
Councilmember Gary Blount
Councilmember William DeLoughy
Councilmember Larry Johnson
Councilmember Jerry Lockhart
Councilmember Gull Weaver

ABSENT WERE: Councilmember LJ Williams

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: William Shanahan, City Manager
Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Alyce Thornhill, Economic Development Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Marsha Hershberger, Asst. Finance Director
Kathe Loeffler, Municipal Court Judge
Lt. Roger Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The City Manager gave the invocation. Mayor Eskridge led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Council roll call indicated a quorum of council members present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *November 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minute*
November 26, 2007 Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Regular City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Water/Sewer Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 26, 2007 Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

PROCLAMATION: *USS Georgia (SSGN729) Day*

Mayor Eskridge read a proclamation designating March 28th 2008 as USS Georgia SSGN 729 Day to support and welcome the crew members, families, and friends.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to move the appointments of Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions after the approval of the agenda and remove Item "K" from the agenda. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY: *Three Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that eight (8) prospective Candidates were interested in serving on the Airport Authority and each Councilmember will vote three times until the appointments were filled. Voting was recorded as follows:

Robert Becker: 0

Roger Rillo: 0

*James Starline: Councilmember's Lockhart, Blount and Johnson

Ronnie Smith: Councilmember DeLoughy

Stan Smith: Councilmember's Blount and Johnson

James Steele: Councilmember's DeLoughy and Weaver

*Steve Swanson: Councilmember's Lockhart, Blount, DeLoughy and Weaver

LJ Williams: Councilmember's Weaver and Johnson

The last seat was tied between Stan Smith, Jim Steele and LJ Williams. Voting was recorded as follows:

Stan Smith: Councilmember's Blount

*James Steele: Councilmember's Lockhart, Weaver and DeLoughy

LJ Williams: Councilmember Johnson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: *Two Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that four (4) prospective candidates people were interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission and each Councilmember will vote two times until the appointments were filled.

George Beaver requested to address Council before voting on the Historic Preservation appointments.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to grant audience to Mr. Beaver. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Beaver spoke in support of reappointing Tom Cyphers and Ann Stacy to the Commission.

Voting was recorded as follows:

*Thomas Cyphers: Councilmember's Blount, Weaver and Johnson

Kyle Lewis: Councilmember's Lockhart and DeLoughy

*Ann Stacy: Councilmember's Blount, Lockhart and Weaver

Rob West: Councilmember's DeLoughy and Johnson

TREE BOARD: *Two Appointments*

Mayor Eskridge stated that only one of the incumbents, Jim Greer was interested in serving another term on the Tree Board. Councilmember Blount made a motion to reappoint Jim Greer to the Tree Board. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandy Feller, resident thanked the administration for being very forthcoming with his request for information regarding the bond issue. Mr. Feller quoted the approximate figures for the water/sewer bond as \$43,000,000 bond and debt service \$2,700,000 for expenditures. On the revenue side, payments will be funded through Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and capital recovery fees. He also questioned whether the tap fee increase was implemented to \$9,900 per house.

Councilmember DeLoughy stated that tap fees were on a fee schedule to increase in the beginning of each fiscal year. Councilmember Blount stated that the incremental scale was based on the previous bond issue, which could be readdressed after the new bond is completed. The City Manager stated that the \$9,900 also includes a construction fee.

OLD BUSINESS: *NONE*

There was no "Old Business" for Council consideration at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2008 ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS

The City Manager and City Clerk recommended approval of the 2008 Alcohol License renewals. This year, 38 businesses renewed their alcohol licenses, totaling \$62,370 in revenues. Businesses conducting Sunday sales of alcohol provided annual sales records for prepared meals or food which derives at least 50% of their total annual gross income.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the 2008 Alcohol License renewals. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. 2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The City Manager stated that the City Clerk requested approval of the City of St. Marys 2008 Holiday Schedule. The City's Personnel Policy provides the terms for the holiday schedule each year. Twelve paid holidays are observed for full-time employees in accordance with this policy. Holidays that fall on Sundays will be observed the following Monday. While holidays that fall on Saturdays are observed the preceding Friday. Each year a new holiday schedule is approved on or before the first City Council meeting in January. The City Manager recommended approval because it is a continuation of the current Policy.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the 2008 Holiday Schedule as presented. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. SATILLA PROBATION CONTRACT: St. Marys Municipal Court

The City Manager recommended approval of the contract to provide probation supervision and rehabilitation services for St. Marys Municipal Court. Satilla Probation Management Corporation provides general probation supervision, fine collection services, counseling and other probation services for persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses in the Municipal Court of the City of St. Marys. This contract is renewed annually beginning on January 1, 2008 and expires December 31, 2008.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Satilla Probation Contract for St. Marys Municipal Court. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember Weaver recommended approving the contract for six months so the City could go out for bid, see what else is available and resolve some issues. The City Manager stated that the contract is set up so it could be terminated with 30-days notice and the City is researching whether probation could be done in-house. Councilmember Blount stated that serious consideration should be given to an in-house program because he is dissatisfied with the escalating fees associated with the service, especially for those who cannot afford to pay the fines.

Judge Loeffler stated that the Court has a good working relationship with Satilla. There was an in-house program in another city but that program failed and they are back with a private probation service. She further stated the court is interested in the "Victim Impact Panel" (VIP) that Satilla has implemented recently. The program is an added requirement for those on probation for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) convictions. Anyone who has been sentenced with VIP must come to listen to people whose lives have been negatively impacted by DUI's. Judge Loeffler urged Council to sign the contract with Satilla. The City Attorney read the clause in the contract regarding termination. Following much discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE: Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC d/b/a Lucky Dawgs

The City Manager and City Clerk recommended approval to advertise Lucky Dawgs of St. Marys, LLC 2008 Alcohol License for sale of beer and wine. Wesley Rose has made application for an alcohol license for Lucky Dawgs located at 1550 Point Peter Road for the sale of beer and

