

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
THIRD QUARTER TOWN MEETING
July 9, 2007
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its Third Quarter Town Meeting on Monday, July 9, 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 Attorney Gary Bacon

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Gene Rudy, IT Director
Lt. Roger Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms

Mayor Eskridge called the Third Quarter Town Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., and opened the floor to the public for questions and/or comments.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Kathy Galarita, resident addressed Council with a proposal to be the first City to celebrate Wounded Warrior's Day. The proposal included: scheduling an event on a Saturday so students and their families may attend, a proclamation to recognize the disabled warriors for their courageous suffering and erecting a statue in honor of the fallen heroes buried in St. Marys Oak Grove Cemetery from every war in our nation's history. A copy of the full proposal is attached as part of the minutes.

Councilmember Weaver thanked the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Public Works Department, Fire Department and the Police Department for their hard work during the 4th of July celebration.

Mayor Eskridge questioned why the Kiwanis' changed the assembly area for the 4th of July parade from the mill site to St. Marys Elementary School, which caused problems for spectators.

Councilmember Weaver responded that the event layout was moved a block further because the children's events were in front of the park. Councilmember DeLoughy responded that another reason was due to the closure of the boat ramp by the park, the Meeting Street boat ramp was utilized, which would cause much congestion in the area if the parade were to assemble there too.

ADJOURNMENT

There were no further requests to address Council, therefore Mayor Eskridge declared the Town Meeting closed at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk