CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
September 25, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING
Alcohol Beverage License
“Colonial Dinner House”
6:45 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. INVOCATION - Councilman LJ Williams
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
IV. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES ___ X  NO ___

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   September 11, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
   September 11, 2006 6:30 PM Public Hearing Minutes

“ADDITION TO THE AGENDA”
   1. Time change for Council Meetings during winter months.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:
   A. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE – Colonial Dinner House…………………TAB “A”

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
   A. KINGS BAY ROAD SPEED LIMIT – Study……………………………TAB “B”
   B. Police Department – Technology Grant…………………………..TAB “C”
   C. 2007 LARP List ……………………………………………………..TAB “D”
   D. Time Change for Council Meetings during winter months– Councilmember Johnson

IX. REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:
   None

X. REPORT OF MAYOR:
XI REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

XII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:
CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 25, 2006  
7:00 P.M.  

MINUTES  
The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, September 25, 2006 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.  

PRESENT WERE:  
Mayor Rowland Eskridge  
Councilmember William DeLoughy  
Councilmember Larry Johnson  
Councilmember Jerry Lockhart  
Councilmember Gull Weaver  
Councilmember LJ Williams  

ABSENT WERE:  
Councilmember Gary Blount  

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:  
William Shanahan, City Manager  
Gary A. Bacon, City Attorney  
Max Tinsley, Planning Director  
Wiley King, Building Director  
Tim Hatch, Police Chief  
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director  
Robby Horton, Fire Chief  
Gene Rudy, IT Director  
Lt. Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms  

CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember L.J. Williams 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:  
September 11, 2006 Public Hearing Minutes  
September 11, 2006 City Council Meeting Minutes  

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to discuss Minutes of September 11, 2006. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember Weaver requested review of Page 5, Number 5. “Define and footprint” and to review Page 5, Number 9. After discussion changes to the Minutes are as follows:  

1. Page 2, paragraph 9 - Bruce Hernandez, fifth word “Mays” should read “Marys”.
2. Page 4, last paragraph, item Number 3 should read (delete “or 4 stories” - page 11)
3. Page 5, first paragraph, item Number 4 should read (delete “or 6 stories” – page 11 not in original motion or Landmar’s proposal)
4. Page 5, second paragraph, item Number 5 to delete the words “and foot print”.

Councilmember Weaver moved to amend the motion to include the above changes to the Council Minutes of September 11, 2006. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember Weaver stated that this motion included the Public Hearing Minutes and Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

“ADDITION TO THE AGENDA”
1. Time Change for Council Meetings during winter months.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Eskridge indicated this will be added as Item D under New Business.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Rob West, resident, addressed Mayor and Council regarding the recent incident of a convict escaping in the St. Marys downtown area. He stated that he was concerned with both the image of St. Mary this incident left and for the safety of our citizens. He then asked the City of St. Marys had prisoners working down town. Mayor Eskridge advised Mr. West that the prisoner who escaped was a county prisoner and not from the state program which the City of St. Marys uses. Mayor Eskridge then stated that the City of St. Marys provides transportation, equipment, and pays the guard’s salary ($33,000 - $35,000) for the use of 6 to 12 prisoners. Mayor Eskridge finished by stating that he would ensure that the prisoners would be directed not to work around any city schools. Councilmember Weaver concurred with Mayor Eskridge.

Dave Schmitz, resident, agreed with Mr. West. Mr. Schmitz asked Mayor and Council to consider the community as a whole and not just look at schools downtown when looking into having the prisoner’s not just work near schools.

Jennifer West, resident, who wished to reiterate the comments made by Mr. West and Mr. Schmitz. Ms. West advised that from a business prospective she does not think prisoners working downtown provide a good image for the City of St. Marys.

OLD BUSINESS:
B. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE – Colonial Dinner House

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve new Alcohol License to Colonial Dinner House. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.
NEW BUSINESS:

A. KINGS BAY ROAD SPEED LIMIT

The City Manager stated the purpose of this request is to change the current speed limit, for the entire length of Kings Bay Road, to 45 mph as recommended by Moreland Altobelli Associates. (This request is contingent upon approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation.)

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the new speed limit of 45 mph upon approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Councilmember Lockhart seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City Manager stated the purpose of this request is to allow the St. Marys Police department to apply for a grant that will allow the purchase of 25 laptop computers for use in patrol cars at no cost to the City. The computers will allow wireless field access to the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) database. This grant will provide a total of $37,649.75 for the cost of the computers. The computers will be purchased with Police Department funds and the money will be refunded through the grant. No computers will be purchased unless the grant is approved. The only cost to the City will be for future maintenance and replacement and for monthly cell phone access for each computer.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the application by the Police Department of a technology grant to purchase 25 laptop computers. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. 2007 LARP LIST

The City Manager recommended approval of the proposed 2007 LARP List. LARP (Local Assistance Road Program) is a state government program designed to assist County and City Governments in maintaining and improving their local road system.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the 2007 LARP List. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. TIME CHANGE FOR COUNCIL MEETING DURING WINTER MONTHS

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to change the meeting time of the City Council Meetings during the winter months of October 2006 through March 2007 to 6:00 p.m. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion contingent upon the City Attorney’s review.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

None.
REPORT OF MAYOR:

September 12, 2006 – Mayor Eskridge met with Mr. Hayworth of Ameris Bank who was interested in the possibility of working with the City.

September 14, 2006 – Mayor Eskridge met with Jail Committee.

September 15, 2006 – Mayor Eskridge and Mr. Shanahan met with the owner of JJ&G.

September 20, 2006 – Mayor Eskridge met with David Rainer, Camden County Chairman, Mayor Smith, City of Kingsland Mayor, in reference to building a bypass in the event of a hurricane.

Mayor Eskridge read the City Calendar of events, meetings and activities.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager made the following report:

- The Water and Sewer Master Plan is being implemented at this time.
- The Scrubby Bluff Wastewater Treatment Plant wasteload allocation is being reviewed with consideration to upgrade it to 4.0 MGD due to further development.
- In reference to the Point Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant process renovation, a wasteload allocation request has been submitted to EPD for 4.0 MGD. The Antidegradation Report has been approved; the Environmental Information Document and the Design Development Report have been submitted to EPD for approval of the 1.8 MGD expansion project.
- The St. Marys Road and Kings Bay Road Traffic Signals studies have been completed and both intersections warrant traffic signals. The studies have been approved by DOT. The City of St. Marys is putting together a letter requesting assistance from DOT, once they respond to our request we will contact those who volunteered to aid financially with this project.
- Lift Station #6 construction was delayed due to material deliveries; however, work has resumed.
- The Bartlett Street Parking Lot project is being prepared to be sent out for bids.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Nothing at this time.
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Miller, Deputy Clerk