

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
**October 9, 2006**

**FOURTH QUARTER – TOWN MEETING**  
**6:45 P.M.**

**“MINUTES”**

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia conducted a Town Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006 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  
Councilmember LJ Williams*

**CITY OFFICIALS:**

*William Shanahan, City Manager  
Gary Bacon, City Attorney  
Tim Hatch, Police Chief  
Robby Horton, Fire Chief  
Max Tinsley, Planning Director  
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director  
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director  
Wiley King, Building Director  
Gene Rudy, IT Director  
Lt. Roger Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms*

Mayor Eskridge called Fourth Quarter Town Meeting to order at 6:45 P.M., and opened the floor to the public for questions and/or comments.

**GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Candy DeLoughy**, resident addressed Council regarding the traffic light on Colerain Road to the Kings Bay Road intersection, changing quickly from green to yellow and red as soon as vehicles are through the intersection. This is a dangerous situation especially with the reduction of the speed limit on Kings Bay Road.

Councilmember DeLoughy questioned whether the timing could be changed on Colerain and Kings Bay Roads traffic lights.

The Public Works Director stated that the traffic light timing on Colerain Road would be checked.

Councilmember Williams brought attention to the traffic light on Highway 40 being too long. Drivers are going through the light, thinking it is broken and receiving tickets.

The Public Works Director stated the Department of Transportation sets lights depending on traffic. The green light is set on Hwy 40 and back up on the exits, subject to change after 2 vehicles. DOT will be notified about the traffic light timing.

**Lt. James Spell**, D. Ray Prison discussed criteria needed to be on prison details, such as non-violent crimes. Inmates are not in this institution for rape, child molestation or murder. They are short-timers (3 months) that will be transferred to a county camp and then put back on the street. The institution is minimum security prison. St. Marys regulates that details in St Marys must be 500 feet from schools for the safety of children. The Camden County Recreation Center has details close to the school and football fields, which are under close supervision of an officer and cannot get within 45 feet away from the guard and 200-300 yards away from the vehicle. Camden County has 5 work details. There was one incident during the first of the year and it was corrected quickly.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further requests to address Council. Mayor Eskridge declared the Town Meeting closed at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk