



**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
November 8, 2010**

**WORK SESSION
FINANCE & ALARM ORDINANCE
5:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.**

**AMENDED
AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION:** *Councilmember Greg Bird*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES NO**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *October 25, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
- VI. **PRESENTATION:**
STATUS REPORT ON OAK GROVE CEMETERY'S OLD SECTION: *Kay Westberry*
HASKELL Peter M. Kinsley, Vice President Water Division
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- IX. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**
- X. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CAMDEN HOUSE ANNUAL SUPPORT:**
Request for a yearly contribution for the Camden Crisis Center
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**
Reimbursement for truck repairs and sewer backup

B. NOVEMBER 22ND & DECEMBER 27TH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

To cancel or reschedule the meetings due to Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years' holidays

C. MEDIATOR: (MAYOR REMOVED)

To bring in a mediator to help council form a better working relation with each other

XII. REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD EXPIRATIONS OR VACANCIES

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B. BOARD NOMINATION (REMOVED)

1. **St. Marys River Management Committee** (*Camden County appointment for resident and land owner or employee of a land owner on the St Marys or its tributaries*) *Vacancy*

C. WORK SESSION REPORT

D. CITY CALENDAR: *City Clerk*

XIII. REPORT OF MAYOR:

XIV. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

XV. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XVII. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, November 8, 2010 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

Mayor William DeLoughy
Councilmember Greg Bird
Councilmember Deborah Hase
Councilmember John Morrissey
Councilmember Keith Post
Councilmember Chuck Trader

ABSENT WERE:

Councilmember Sidney Howell

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Gary Moore, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Marsha Hershberger, Asst. Finance Director
Jeff Juliano, Sergeant-At-Arms
Matt Dawkins, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 25, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

Councilmember Hase moved to approve the October 25, 2010 regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Morrissey seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

STATUS REPORT ON OAK GROVE CEMETERY'S OLD SECTION: *Kay Westberry*

Ms. Westberry addressed the moratorium of any lot sales in the old section of Oak Grove Cemetery. It was her recommendation, along with support from the Historic Preservation Committee, to close Mahan Street to Bartlett Street portions to preserve 18 graves located under the roads and to continue with the moratorium in the old section on lot sales. The old section of the cemetery consists of Revolutionary War soldiers, Acadians and legislators dating back to the 1700's. Over six acres hold the remains of 500 people buried without grave markers, and there is great concern about the desecration of these early resident's graves. With the fascination of cemeteries growing in the tourism industry, closing these sections will continue to draw more

visitors while preserving our heritage. Ms. Westberry requested the moratorium on new lot sales in the old sections be made permanent and that no more lots be sold in those sections.

HASKELL: Peter M. Kinsley, Vice President Water Division

Mr. Kinsley gave a final presentation on the Wastewater Project at Point Peter. He spoke about the organization and the project's success that is measured by budget, time and high quality. A team has worked on the project for past three years and formed a trust based relationship with the City. The first phase was the Conversion Modification Project to deal with emergencies that was completed in 12 months for \$14.0 million. The second phase was the Expansion Project to expand to a 4 MGD facility completed in 18-months.

Councilmember Trader commented on the proximity to the Coast and the new plant requiring the demolition of the old plant. How does the cost and quality of the project compare to others not built on the coast line? Mr. Kingsley responded that the subsurface condition creates issues in supporting the tanks. Costs savings for using fiber replacement instead of concrete piles was estimated at \$1.0 million. Building in coastal regions requires design provisions that were more expensive because of flood and storm surge to protect the aquifer from high nutrients. Following the presentation, Mr. Kinsley presented a check to Mayor DeLoughy in the amount of \$429,000 for the final change order of the project.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the agenda and add "Cemetery" to close the old section permanently. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor DeLoughy read the Meeting Rules of Decorum for public session.

Bob Nutter, 521 Moeckel Place: Plaque for the old cemetery, thanked Haskell and the Mayor's mediator comments in the newspaper

Alex Kearns, 902 Ann Street: Council's meeting decorum

Philip Jones, 201 Catherine Street: Mediator, council's self-examination, thanked Councilmember Hase for input on budget cuts

CONSENT AGENDA (*)

There was no "Consent Agenda" at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CAMDEN HOUSE ANNUAL SUPPORT:

Request for a yearly contribution for the Camden Crisis Center

Councilmember Trader moved to approve the \$6,000 contribution to Camden House. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Council discussed whether the contribution was sufficient and support of the program. Councilmember Bird made a point for record keeping purposes if a vote is unanimous when five members are present and one member is absent. Was it technically correct to say unanimous? The City Attorney stated that it is unanimous among the members who are here and the record would reflect that one member is missing. Following discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Reimbursement for truck repairs and a sewer backup; for the receipt of payment

Councilmember Trader moved to approve the budget ordinance amendment. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. NOVEMBER 22ND & DECEMBER 27TH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

To cancel or reschedule the meetings due to Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years' holidays

Councilmember Bird moved to cancel the two scheduled council meetings due to the holidays. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Council discussed calling a special meeting if necessary. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

MEDIATOR: (MAYOR REMOVED)

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C. CEMETERY: (ADDED)

To close the old section permanently

Councilmember Bird moved to permanently close the old section of the cemetery for new sales purposes. The old section will continue to be opened to those who already have lots. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Council discussed the reason for the 2002 moratorium and posting advertisements to provide proof of property ownership. Following discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Bird moved to replace the old plaque with an updated version. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Council discussed reviewing a plan and recommendation for the plaque.

Councilmember Bird reiterated the motion to task the signage; to bring it up to date in an acceptable format; and bring a recommendation from the Commission and Ms. Westberry to council for consideration. Following discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

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Mayor DeLoughy announced the expirations and/or vacancies on the Citizens “City-wide Beautification” Advisory Board; Development Authority; Health Board; Historic Preservation Commission; Planning Commission; Tree Board; Senior Advisory Committee and Board of Ethics; and St. Marys River Management Committee.

B. BOARD NOMINATION (REMOVED)

1. **St. Marys River Management Committee** (*Camden County appointment for resident and land owner or employee of a land owner on the St Marys or its tributaries*) *Vacancy*

Mayor DeLoughy announced that the candidate withdrew his nomination for the appointment, and in doing so it leaves a vacancy on the St. Marys River Management Committee.

C. WORK SESSION REPORT

Council met to discuss the Alarm Ordinance, and Mr. Lassiter provided information. A plan was also discussed to move forward.

Councilmember Bird moved to reactivate the ordinance, gather data to review the ordinance and fines will begin to be assessed April 1st. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Trader addressed the newspaper article regarding the Gaines Davis residents being charged for services they do not have. Following an analysis, only one family was charged because of the conversion with the system, and it is not an across the board problem.

Councilmember Bird stated that in January, the Water and Sewer Program will be reviewed on the reconnect fees and fee structure.

D. CITY CALENDAR: *City Clerk*

The City Clerk read the calendar of meetings, events and activities for the last two weeks in November.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

- Met with Tommy Weaver, Bait Shop owner to discuss moving to Meeting Street
- Attended the annual Wounded Warriors Day event along with Councilmember's Trader and Morrissey
- Met with Kay Westberry regarding the cemetery
- The movie production has finished filming. The Mayor thanked everyone who participated in the film. He received many compliments about the City's residents and businesses for their cooperation and patience during filming.
- Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan papers were signed last week
- Cinemagical Productions will be holding a "Movie Gala" on November 13th

The Mayor announced the passing of one of the City's Public Works Supervisors, Mr. Frankie Williams last week. He is former City Clerk Ms. Gwen Mungin's son. A viewing will be held on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Sunset Funeral Home, 401 S. King Street, Kingsland. Funeral service will be Friday, 11:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, 1365 Kinlaw Road, Kingsland. The City's thoughts and prayers go out to Ms. Gwen Mungin and her family.

Councilmember Trader commented on one of the steps that will be taken on the GEFA loan was the right-of-ways for the Gaines Davis Subdivision. Funding for the project was for the upgrade on lift station 13 but the City was unable to secure it through the bond. The GEFA loan was the other funding avenue that was perused to get the infrastructure in place.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

- The Police Department begins firearms training next week
- City Clerk distributed 38 Alcohol License renewal applications
- All departments are preparing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Finance is in the process of completing the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) financial report. The Auditors have praised the Finance Department for all their hard work and money management. They expect a favorable audit report.
- The City is working with the military to hold an exercise from Kings Bay Submarine Base at the Economic Development Building.
- The Fire Department is holding Drivers and Hazardous Mitigation Training classes. They have held Clown Fire Safety classes for over 6,000 children to help save lives.
- Advance Disposal has submitted a Department of Labor Consumer Price Index rate adjustment as authorized in the contract to begin in December from \$13.92 to \$14.05, which is \$.13 monthly.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Alex Kearns, 902 Ann Street: Support of a flag and pole in memory of Chuck Lanham's wife at the memorial garden

Philip Jones, 201 businesses compensation Catherine Street: Public works involvement with movie for reimbursement.

The City Manager responded that records were kept on equipment and personnel use to provide a final invoice to the group. An action report will be completed on the overall activities for future reference to benefit everyone involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no "Executive Session" at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Bird moved to adjourn. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Mayor DeLoughy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk