

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 PM

1. Be it Remembered: A regular meeting of the St. Mary Board of Aldermen was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Adam Bequette on Thursday, November 18, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM at City Hall located at 782 3rd Street, St. Mary, Missouri 63673.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Roll Call: Aldermen answering the roll call were Alderman Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda, and Alderman Kathy Bergmann . Quorum present.

4. Approval of Agenda: Motion to amend agenda as printed by Alderman Duda, second Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Duda (aye), motion carried

5. Consent Agenda: motion to approve by Alderman Duda, second by Alderman Kathy Bergmann. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried.

- Minutes from previous meeting – motion made by Alderman Kathy Bergmann to approve minutes From the previous meeting, seconded by Alderman Zenon Duda
- Treasurer's Report – question regarding the Park being considerably over budget, this due to a clerical error and will be corrected by Jessica Gunter, City Clerk.
- Collectors Report
- Bills for Payment
- City Clerk to pay previously appropriate expenses as they come due as allied by budget.

6. Public Forum: NONE

7. Unfinished Business:

• Jokerst INC/FEMA DR-4872 Bid proposal for complete project – motion was made by Alderman Zenon Duda to accept the bid from Jokerst INC and proceed with repairs per FEMA, motion seconded by Alderman Kathy Bergmann. All in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) motion carried.

• Truck Parking Club – discussion regarding the benefits to the city and local businesses financially to allow Truck Parking Club to set an overnight parking area at no expense to the city.

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Motion was made by Alderman Zenon Duda to proceed with the Truck Parking Club, seconded by Alderman Kathy Bergmann, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried.

- Payment to Ominigo (police software) final payment for contract signed in 2023. Motion made by Alderman Zenon Duda to fulfill the contract using reserve funds, seconded by Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried.

- Board approval in closed session to purchase a new computer system due to the lack of security since Windows updated and the incompatibility of the City's current system with the new Windows operating system. New computer has not been purchased as of today, continued research is being done by Jessica Gunter, City Clerk. Motion made by Alderman Zenon Duda to proceed with the purchase of a new computer operating system, seconded by Alderman Rose Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergman (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) motion carried.

8. New Business:

BILL NO. 1017 - AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI: SETTING THE DATE OF ELECTION; OFFICIALS TO BE ELECTED AND THE LOCATION OF THE ELECTION.

- Motion made by Alderman Kathy Bergmann to amend and correct errors in Bill NO. 1017 seconded by Alderman Zenon Duda. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried
- Motion made by Alderman Zenon Duda to approve Bill NO. 1017 with corrections, seconded by Alderman Kathy Bergmann by heading only, roll call Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye)
- Second reading by heading only Bill NO. 1017 Roll call vote Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried.

BILL NO. 1018 – AN ORDINANCE CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THERE WITH

- **PASSING THIS BOND ISSUE DOES NOT TAKE ANY DEBT TO THE CITY, SIMPLY AUTHORIZES THE CITY TO TAKE OUT DEBT IN THE FUTURE SPECIFICALLY FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.**
- **THERE WILL BE TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO CLARIFY CITIZEN CONCERNS.**

- **INVESTIGATING ROLLING USDA LOANS INTO THIS BOND TO LOWER INTEREST RATES.**

- Motion to approve Bill NO. 1018 by heading only made Alderman Zenon Duda, seconded by Alderman Kathy Bergmann, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye).
- Second reading by heading only Bill NO. 1018 roll call vote, Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye). Bill NO. 1018 passed.

9. Department Reports:

Emergency Management – Mayor Adam Bequette – continues to work with FEMA for road, park and sewer plant repairs.

Police Department – Alderman Zen Duda – Nothing to report

Street Department – Alderman Zen Duda – repairs made to 8th Street cut out

- Barricades up on Third Street at the recommendation of FEMA proceeding with Jokerst Inc for repairs.
- Jokerst Inc. is mobilizing to begin repairs

Water/Wastewater Department- Mayor Adam Bequette – Frankie Ullman

- Sewer plant functioning as well as possible
- Dumping sludge regularly to minimize
- UV room shut down Oct. 31, 2025
- Warning lights are being installed on new grinders

Water

- Resident concerns regarding a sulfur smell of the water and white and milky in color
- The sulfur smell could be caused by not cleaning out hot water heaters
- The milky color was caused by air in the lines due to extreme temperature changes
- DNR was contacted regarding this issue
- A special water (BAC-T) sample was sent out to test for any specific issues. If adverse results are returned a boil order will be issued and a second sample will be taken.

Park & Cemetery Department – Alderman Rosenzweig –

- one sign put up at Cemetery stating hours of operation
- trash barrels put at Cemetery
- concern about a large tree stump in the area of Third Street, Alderman Duda requested it be burnt
- Discussion regarding relocation of the park with FEMA funds

10. Additional issues that may come before the Board – none

11. Citizen Participation addressed by the Chairman of the Board – Frank Gerardot asked about Dollar General coming into Saint Mary, he is of the opinion that a business that can not be found locally would be a better option.

12. Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Duda seconded by Alderman Bergmann. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Adam Bequette

Jessica Gunter, City Clerk