

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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 Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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, Alderman Brian Helms absent. Quorum present.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as printed by Alderman Duda, second Alderman Bergmann, 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
- Treasurer's Report
- 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:**

- Trailer on Cemetery Road – per last meeting the owner was given 30 days to remove the trailer, Mayor Bequette has been given the moving companies insurance to file a claim for damages, the City has been unable to make direct contact with the owner of the trailer, a final demand will be made to the owner to remove the trailer.
- Stop sign on 4<sup>th</sup> and Cemetery was hit by a combine, to be repaired by city
- Portable speed bumps with signage have been received, speed bumps will be placed when culvert work is complete.
- Alderman Duda requested at a previous meeting that Jokerst Inc provide a map to be placed in City Hall for residents to review and understand where work is being done. City Clerk Jessica Gunter stated she has requested the map from Todd at Jokerst, he stated he would be able to provide that.

- Snow removal – Alderman Duda thanked City employees for doing a great job during the last snowstorm. A reminder to city residents, it is not the city’s responsibility to clear driveways or clean off cars parked on the street, that responsibility lies with the homeowner. Mayor Bequette reminded city residents that aggressive behavior or behavior that impedes city employees from performing their duties will not be tolerated.

- Update on Truck Parking Club – Mayor Bequette has been in contact with the Truck Parking Club; they have requested some measurements of the area and waiting on the weather to break to get started.

### **8. New Business:**

- Status on Park - Alderman Rosenzweig and Alderman Bergmann are investigating playground equipment and location for new park. City Clerk Jessica Gunter informed the Board that FEMA funds for the park have been received in the amount of \$29271.89, Jessica has requested of the board that a bank account be established specifically for those funds to ensure the funds are allocated correctly. A motion was made by Alderman Duda to allow City Clerk Jessica Gunter to set up a bank account specifically for the park funds received motion seconded by Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Duda (aye) motion carried. Mayor Bequette is applying for a DNR Grant for recycled park equipment. New locations for the park are also being discussed.

- Ordinance 26-001 to amend Ordinance 420 regarding resident responsibility for the care and maintenance of grinders. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 26-001 by Alderman Duda. Motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 26-001 made by Alderman Duda and seconded by Alderman Bergmann, all in favor Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Duda (aye), motion carried. Work session to be scheduled.

- Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder LLC – auditor – City Clerk Jessica Gunter researched the cost of city audits, after contacting 3 CPA’s and several other City Clerk’s the fee of \$15,000.00 requested by Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder is comparable to what other cities are paying. City Clerk Jessica Gunter was unable to reach Jeff Stroder prior to the meeting to get the forms needed to proceed, auditor selection will be tabled at this time.

- Ordinance establishing a sewer service availability charge – definition- flat fee designed to cover the cost of providing sewer services to residents that would cover the cost of maintenance, fleet expenses, tool expenses, supplies, parts, etc. This fee would not include payroll. To be discussed in a work session.

### **9. Department Reports:**

**Emergency Management** – Mayor Adam Bequette – continues to work with FEMA for road, park and sewer plant repair reimbursement. Currently Jokerst Inc. is replacing culverts throughout the city.

Police Department – Alderman Zen Duda – Nothing to report

Street Department – Alderman Zen Duda – Jokerst Inc. repairs continued

- Repairs being done on Third Street
- Repairs being discussed for 7<sup>th</sup> and Spruce tree roots buckling street
- Alderman Duda requested city employees be mindful of gravel/large rocks on the street, sweep them off
- City Clerk Jessica Gunter reported breaking asphalt on 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Water/Wastewater Department- Mayor Adam Bequette – Frankie Ullman

- Sewer plant is currently running efficiently
- Sewer line hit on Third Street – repaired
- Wastewater found by Jokerst on Third Street, repaired by city employees and reported to DNR.

Water

- Water samples have been good
- Leak on Third Street service line that went across to an abandoned lot, service line shut down.
- Service line leak on Cedar Street to be addressed

Park & Cemetery Department – Alderman Rosenzweig – nothing to report

10. Anything that may come before the board - none

**11. Citizen Participation addressed by the Chairman of the Board – none**

**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 8:31pm.

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Mayor Adam Bequette

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Jessica Gunter, City Clerk