

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

7:45 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, March 17, 2026, beginning at 7:45 PM at City Hall located at 782 3rd Street, St. Mary, Missouri 63673.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was not opened with the Pledge of Allegiance as it was previously recited during the earlier work session

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as printed by Alderman Duda, second Alderman Bergman, all in favor Alderman Helms (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (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), Alderman Helms (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.

Ronnie Barnett requested approval for storm shelter. After discussion between the Board and Mr. Barnett, the ordinance pertaining to Building Permits, the Board informed Mr. Barnett he would need to provide the proper documentation to the City Clerk and his permit would be issued at that time.

Marcus Robison provided all information required by ordinance to the Board for a building permit to install an inground pool on his property. Frankie Ullman will inspect area where pool will be installed due to concern of sewer main locations. After city inspection permits will be given or denied.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- Trailer on Cemetery Road – Mayor Bequette has filed an insurance claim for damages.
- Portable speed bumps – unable to install currently due to ongoing construction on streets and culverts. Board discussed possible locations and rotating throughout the city when the speed bumps are installed.

- Update on Truck Parking Club – Mayor Bequette stated the City will need to set up a stripe account (the ability to accept credit cards). He also stated there would be 8 spaces available, however the City is not ready to go live.
- Status of Park – The Board and Mayor have been looking at different areas to put a new park, they are discussing parking, speed limits and insurance, recycling old park equipment including picnic tables that are safe for use.
- **Bill No. 26-001 amending Ordinance No. 420 section of user responsibilities by adopting and replacing language of establishing owner responsibility an ordinance amending establishing resident responsibility of utility system consisting of both utilities water and sewer furnished by the City of St. Mary and define owner responsibilities and city responsibilities of cost incurred.** Tabled by the Board until a consensus adjustments are made. Motion to table Bill No. 26-001 amending Ordinance No. 420 made by Alderman Duda, seconded by Alderman Helms, Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Duda(aye) Alderman Helms (aye), motion carried.

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

- First State Community Bank proposal motion to accept option number 3 for payment to Jokerst INC. motion made by Alderman Helms seconded by Alderman Duda, Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Helms (aye). Presentation of ordinance to the public will be held at a future date before finalizing with the bank.

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

**Emergency Management** – Mayor Adam Bequette – continues to work with FEMA for road, park and sewer plant repairs, FEMA payments delayed due to Federal Government shut down. Currently Jokerst Inc. is replacing culverts throughout the city.

- Tornado siren was activated during last weather event, Mayor Bequette also posted warning on City of Saint Mary Facebook page.
- Mayor Bequette is also working on Rural Development to get an active emergency shelter for resident access.
- Street Department – Alderman Zen Duda – Jokerst Inc. repairs – nothing else to report

**Water/Wastewater Department-** Mayor Adam Bequette – Frankie Ullman

- Several grinder repairs are done throughout the city.
- O’Neill Septic will be contacted to hall sludge due to max holding being full
- Rankin coming out to inspect UV room

**Water**

- Several water leaks repaired throughout the city
- Water line locator is not giving exact water line locations resulting in Jokerst hitting a water line
- Tower 2 drained for inspection by Ozark Applicator 3/19/26. Tower refilled however will not be put back into service until water samples have been returned.

**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 9:43 pm.

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Mayor Adam Bequette

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Lesley Roberts, Acting  
City Clerk