

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:00 PM

1. **Be it Remembered:** A regular meeting of the St. Mary Board of Aldermen called to order by the Honorable Mayor Adam Bequette on Thursday, August 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM at City Hall located at 782 3rd Street, St. Mary, Missouri 63673.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Roll Call:**

- Aldermen answering the roll call were Alderman Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda, Alderman Melvin Frelix All present.
- Quorum present.

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

5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as printed by Alderman Helms, second Alderman Rosenzeig, all in favor, Alderman Duda (aye) Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Frelix (nay) 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.
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6. **Public Forum:**

- Steve Warner
 - Purchasing Old Antique Mall
 - Developing Housing (20 or so)

- Estimated at \$165,000 to start
- Developed Madison Meadows in Fredericktown
- No basements will have crawl spaces
- **Ron Barnett**
 - City Ordinance enforcement
 - Junk at McBride
 - Petition Court
 - OSCA
 - Send Letter
 - Ordinance 937
 - Water erosion due to neighbor trees
 - Call dig rite
 - Fix water erosion under road
 - Culvert area needs more work

Unfinished Business:

- **City Clerk position**
 - Temp Agency Express Employment
 - Temp-to-hire
 - 90-day trial
 - Board interview
 - Fee on hourly wage
 - Have rep speak to board before signing contract
 - Brian Helms main contact
- **Park Project**
 - Sight location selected
 - Park Equipment at city hall/Old water treatment plant
 - Needs cleaned and painted
 - Site prep
 - Stake
 - Locate
 - Playground with Toddler Swings
 - Swing set
 - small mini soccer field
 - City of Arnold donated park benches
 - Tree planting
 - Transplant cypress trees

- Walk-in entry at 4th
- Excavate holes for equipment
- Concrete about \$160.00/yard
- **Third Street**
 - Purchase Swings
 - Parrell bars
 - Leaves a possible \$10,000-\$17,000 barring unforeseen costs for more equipment
 - Possible repurposing old park equipment and pavilions
- **Audit**
 - Still looking for detailed vendor information
 - Change password
- **Budget Status**
 - Call Kelly Dyer to help clean up QuickBooks
 - Still in Progress
- **New Business:**
 - Change Clock In/Out Process to keep better track of personnel and hours worked.
Open Time Clock using a tablet for ALL employees to clock in at City Hall.
 - Cost?
 - Logistics?
 - Motion totable until more information can be provided by Alderman Frelix 2nd by Alderman Rosenzweig
 - Motion by Alderman Frelix to end Debate 2nd by Alderman Rosenzweig

Alderman Brian Helms left the Meeting at 8PM Quorum still present

- **Purchase Of 10TB or larger external Hard drive in order to better maintain records in the office to mainstream future Audits and keep better records for future City workers/Officials.**
 - Do Not need 10TB
 - Multiple smaller external hard drives in case of failures
 - Motion to table by Alderman Rosenzweig 2nd by Alderman Frelix
 - Motion by Alderman Duda for \$450 to be budgeted for hard drives after proper information is acquired 2nd by Alderman Rosenzweig. Alderman Melvin Felix (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Duda (aye). All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Motion to recess for personal Consideration by Alderman Frelix 2nd by Alderman Duda Alderman Rosenzweig (aye)**
 - Motion carried
 - Recess at 8:15 pm for five minutes
- **Motion to reopen by Alderman Frelix 2nd by Alderman Rosenzweig**
- **Water works rate schedule review in accordance to Ord. 1015**
 - Water is currently free per Ord 981
 - Ordinance 1015 repeals Ordinance 981
 - Purpose of water meters to not pay sewer on water that does not go through waste water system
 - USDA concerns
 - Ord. 1015 canceled Ord. 981
 - Ord 981 is void
 - Billing according to Ord 1015
 - Recommend letter with Ord 1015 stating moving forward water will be billed in accordance with Ord 1015 which is the current Ordinance
 - Water loss
 - Budget killer
 - MWRA Circuit Writer Mary West stated that Ordinance 1015 canceled the Ordinance 981.
- a. **Emergency Management**
 - Nothing to report
- b. **Police Dept.**
 - Nothing to report
 - Non-existent
- c. **Administration Dept.**
 - Was reported earlier in unfinished business City Clerk Position
 - Working with treasurer to get budget clarified
- d. **Street dept.**
 - Jokerst Inc is currently paving
 - Streets are looking great
 - 8th street will get done tear out and repair
 - 4th and Sycamore tree fell moved for EMS needs
 - 6th street getting overlay
 - Subdivision area will be held off until finished
- e. **Water/wastewater**
 - Electrical needs a major fix
 - Copperheads around old water plant

- Disposal of chemicals needed
- Dump truck hydraulics need repaired
- Hauled 29 truckloads of sludge
- Pallet rotted- bleach spilled
- Gravel hauled in to stop mud issues around plant
- Need push exit doors
- East facing door needs rekeyed
- Eric to measure for new door
- Caustic soda- MRWA Circuit Writer call Dustin Goodwin
- Electrician coming out to check situation

f. Park/Cemetery/Animal Control Dept.

- Not too much about park reference earlier mention of Park
- Limb at cemetery still not removed
- Still waiting on quote from Jim Holland
- Brissette allowing to use property to drop tree
- Tree will destroy many headstones if it falls
- Remove in the most respectful way possible
- Safety issue
- Vandalism cleaned up
- Janice Cole helped Sharon pick-up headstones
- Needs mowed

g. Citizens Participation

- None

Meeting Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Frelix seconded by Alderman Rosenzweig. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Frelix (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Helms (aye) meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Mayor Adam Bequette

Lesley Doty, Deputy City Clerk