

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, December 19th, 2019
7:00 PM

1. Be it Remembered: A regular meeting of the St. Mary Board of Aldermen was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 beginning at 7:00 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 Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms and Alderman Carl Otte.

4. Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Carl Otte to approve the agenda. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz seconded the motion. Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Jennifer Schwartz and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Brian Helms to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Minutes from Previous Meeting, Treasurers Report, Collectors Report and Bills Paid and City Manager to pay previously appropriated expenses as they come due as allowed by the budget. Alderman Carl Otte seconded the motion. Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Jennifer Schwartz and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

6. Public Forum: City Resident Mark Bequette asked if the city would fix the ground over a discharge line that we repaired. It needs to be leveled after it completes settling. The board said it could be done in the spring and instructed the City Manager to create a work order for the city workers to complete the task in the spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. St Mary Chamber of Commerce proposal to pay to reinstate the position of City Treasurer: Alderman Brian Helms said the offer was nice but how long is it good for? Chamber of Commerce Ray Schwent was in the audience and said he did not know of a time limit and said it was odd the city would refuse “free money” and they just wanted to help the city out financially. Alderman Brian Helms said the decision has already been made to have the City Manager perform the duties of City Treasurer. If the Chamber wanted to help the City financially, they could just give the city the money to use in General Funds. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader asked City Manager David what he thought and he replied that the Auditors probably don’t like the elimination of a second set of eyes over Accounts Payable. He then said the actual work of completing the bank reconciliations and the treasures report and budget report only takes a few hours. Clyde Cassoutt said that in the past the city had two audits in one year and they said there are too many duties on one person. Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to table the issue. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz seconded the motion. Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Jennifer Schwartz and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

8. BILL NO. 960 – AN ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT AND CITY PROSECUTOR:

Alderman Carl Otte made a motion for a first reading of bill 960. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Brian Helms (aye), Alderman Jennifer Schwartz (aye) and Alderman Carl Otte (aye). City Manager David Woods read bill 960 for a first reading.

Alderman Brian Helms made a motion for a second reading of bill 960. Alderman Carl Otte seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Brian Helms (aye), Alderman Jennifer Schwartz (aye) and Alderman Carl Otte (aye). City Manager David Woods read bill 960 for a second reading.

Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to approve bill 960. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Brian Helms (aye), Alderman Jennifer Schwartz (aye) and Alderman Carl Otte (aye). Bill 960 passed.

NEW BUSINESS

9. § 79.280 RSMo. Mayor to Appoint Alderman for Ward I until April 7th, 2020 (then a one (1) year term to be elected).

The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader nominated Clyde Cassoutt to fill the vacancy in Ward I. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz made a motion to approve. Alderman Carl Otte seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Brian Helms (aye), Alderman Jennifer Schwartz (aye) and Alderman Carl Otte (aye). Motion passed on a roll call vote. City Manager David Woods had Clyde Cassoutt recite the Oath of Office and Alderman Clyde Cassoutt took his place at the Aldermanic Table.

9. Departmental Reports:

a. Emergency Management Report - EMD (Emergency Management Director) David Woods reported that he met with Peter Kellough from FEMA regarding the damage done to 3rd Street during DR 4451. He showed him drone pictures of the street underwater and the Herald Article where Frankie Ullman says it looks like the street was lifted up and put down broken up. He also explained that highway 61 gets affected first and that directs overweight trucks to drive on 3rd street which has vulnerable utilities underneath. He said the city should qualify and FEMA will be sending a team to review the damage and make cost estimates.

b. Fire Department Report – No Report.

c. Police Department Report – No Report.

d. Water & Sewer Report – Alderman Carl Otte reported that the Rotor at the Sewer plant will be addressed soon.

e. Street Department – Alderman Jennifer Schwartz reported that the patch on Cedar Street is sinking and will need to be addressed in the spring.

f. Park & Cemetery – No Report.

g. Animal Control - No Report.

h. Citizens Participation - The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader asked if anyone would like to speak. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt asked when will the gravel overlay on 4th Street get completed. City Manager David Woods explained that the County Commissioners paid for the gravel and used their equipment to compact it and got too busy to overlay it this year but have plans to address it in the

spring at no cost to the city. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader said the city workers did good job with the snow mitigation this year.

10. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Brian Helms to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR - GLORIA BADER

CITY MANAGER - DAVID B. WOODS