

**THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI**  
**Board of Aldermen Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 11th, 2019**  
**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 Gloria Bader on Thursday, April 11th, 2019 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 Brian Helms, Alderman Jennifer Weiss, Alderman Rose Rosenzweig and Alderman Cody Myers.

**4. Agenda:** A motion was made by Alderman Jennifer Weiss to approve the agenda. Alderman Rose Rosenzweig seconded the motion. Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Jennifer Weiss and Alderman Cody Myers voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

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

**6. Public Forum:**

**Carol Hudson** was recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. Hudson asked about the water situation (rates and debt). She said there are other ways to get into the black. There are cuts that can be made. She said she knows people who have moved out of town because of the water (rates). She then said the city for several years boycotted the station (Our Place Convenience Store) that brings in revenue. Alderman Brian Helms responded that we have studied the budget extensively and we can raise the rates gradually or all at once.

**Joanne Donze** was recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. Donze expressed concern about street work on Circle Drive. She reviewed the (street) revenue and expenses for the last five years. She mentioned that the money collected for the fuel and transportation taxes are restricted by the Missouri Constitution. Those funds can only be used for construction and repair of roads. She questioned the \$52,000 in street capital improvements and \$20,000 in street repair. She said that the streets need to be finished.

**Carl Wyatt** was recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. Wyatt said that the water and sewer systems are supposed to support themselves. Cutting the police department won't help that. You have to raise the water rates. You can't keep using fire and police funds. You can't do it on the back of the fire and police department. Wyatt then suggested that the aldermen attend the MML (Missouri Municipal League) training for elected officials.

**Clem Donze** was recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. Donze questioned how our police can come onto private property and write tickets when they were not called. He referenced an incident at the Antique Mall when a customer was written a ticket for parking in a handicapped space. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader explained that she has spoken with the

police chief and the person only has to come to court and show their handicapped placard to get the case dismissed.

**Another citizen** was recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. He asked that in the worst-case scenario; if the city files for bankruptcy, who pays for that? Bader responded that it isn't pretty but we will not let that happen and we are going to fix things tonight.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7. None:**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**8. Canvassing of Election Results and Acceptance by the Board:** St. Mary Election Official David B. Woods read the "certified" results of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> election. Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to accept the certified election results. Alderman Jennifer Weiss seconded the motion. Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Jennifer Weiss and Alderman Cody Myers voted aye. Motion carried.

**9. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials:** St. Mary Election Official David B. Woods swore in the newly elected officials with an Oath of Office.

Collector – Annette Hacker (two-year term)  
Alderman Ward I – Jennifer Weiss (two-year term)  
Alderman Ward II – Jennifer Schwartz (two-year term)

### **10. Board to Select an Acting President - Mayor Pro Tem for the Term of One Year (§ 79.090.1 - RSMo.):**

Alderman Jennifer Schwartz made a motion to nominate Alderman Cody Myers as President of the Board. Alderman Cody Myers seconded the motion. After some confusion Carl Wyatt explained that Myers can second his own nomination. City Clerk David did a roll call vote to confirm Cody Myers as Board President – Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Jennifer Schwartz (yea), Alderman Brian Helms (ney), Alderman Jennifer Weiss (ney) and Alderman Cody Myers (yea).

This resulted in a tie that took the issue to the desk of the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. Bader voted to make Cody Myers the Board President – Mayor Pro Tem.

### **11. City Appointments (§ 79.230.1 RSMo.):**

- a. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed Colby Schilly of HSB Advisors as City Treasurer.
- b. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed Duke Nguyen of the law firm Breeze, Elpers & Nguyen as the City Attorney.
- c. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed Duke Nguyen of the law firm Breeze, Elpers & Nguyen as the City Prosecutor.

- d. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed Suzanne Greminger as the Municipal Court Judge.
- e. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed David Woods as the Municipal Court Clerk.
- f. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed Timothy Maurice as the City Police Chief.
- g. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed David Woods as the City Clerk.
- h. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed David Woods as the City Floodplain Administrator.
- i. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed City Collector Annette Hacker as the City's Building Inspector.
- j. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader appointed David Woods as the Director of Public Works.

**12. Department Assignments:** The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader said she has thought about the aldermanic assignments long and hard but needs more time and tabled the assignments of:

- a. Street Department
- b. Water & Wastewater
- c. Police Department
- d. Fire Department
- e. Park & Cemetery
- f. Animal Control
- g. Emergency Management

**13. Proclamation of Appreciation:** The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader read the proclamation showing appreciation to the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce for paying nearly two thousand dollars to get our tractor repaired.

**14. Water & Sewer Rates:** The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader opened up discussion about rates. Alderman Brian Helms looked at rates for the first 1000 gallons and total increase and to dovetail increases with this year and next year or do all at once. He made a motion increase to increase rates two dollars.

Frankie Ullman and Clyde Coussett were both recognized by the Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader. They explained that costs are going up and we need to make up for the two years that our purchase rates went up and we did not increase our billing rates.

The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader demanded a roll call of what percentage the aldermen want to increase the water and sewer rates. Alderman Cody Myers said 20%. Alderman Jennifer Weiss said 15%. Alderman Brian Helms said 17% and Alderman Jennifer Schwartz said 20%. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader instructed the City Clerk to create Ordinances for a 20% increase in water and sewer rates for the next meeting.

**15. CD Liquidation:** City Clerk explained we are in the red over \$13,000 this month and suggested cashing out two CDs for \$10,905.21. Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to approve. Alderman Jennifer Weiss seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

## 16. Departmental Reports:

a. Emergency Management Report - EMD (Emergency Management Director) David Woods reported that the Health Department had contacted him and is offering free TDAP shots to any St. Mary Resident who gets exposed to floodwater.

b. Fire Department Report - The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman who reported there were four calls. They were all Medical Assists. Ullman then said he installed the new pump on 7851 with the Conservation Grant. Ullman then said he sent off the carburetor to 7841 to be repaired. Ullman then discussed Purchase Order numbers and the accounting of fire funds. He has been reviewing charges to the fire department and wants stricter accounting standards.

c. Police Department Report - The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader gave the floor to Police Chief Timothy Maurice. He had 63 calls. An alarm at the church, an open door, four animal calls, three medical, one fraud, one fire investigation, one property damage, one trespassing and one vandalism.

d. Citizens Participation for Public Discussion - The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader asked if anyone would like to speak. Nobody raised their hand.

**17. Regular Session Adjournment:** There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Brian Helms to adjourn at 6:57 PM. Alderman Jennifer Weiss seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR - GLORIA BADER

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CITY CLERK - DAVID B. WOODS