

**THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI**  
**Board of Aldermen Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**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, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte.

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

**5. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Cassoutt 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 Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

**6. Public Forum:**

JoAnne Donze signed up to speak and represent the St Mary Chamber of Commerce. She discussed that a couple of months ago the chamber offered to pay for the city to have an outside treasurer. She said that in her 30 plus years as the city clerk the auditors have always said we need to have a better separation of duties. She said the chamber does not want to control the city; they just want to help out. Alderman Brian Helms offered a follow up and said he appreciates all the help the chamber has provided for the fire department. He then said the city needs to stand on its own two feet and doesn't need an outside political influence. He said we need to govern for our citizens ourselves. He suggested the chamber just put their money in our general funds but still saw a conflict of interest because the help is from non-elected people and it would be something the city would depend on. The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader asked for the opinions of the other aldermen. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz said she is for the proposal. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt said the chamber has helped us in the past and never tried to influence us. Alderman Brian Helms stated that the president of the chamber in the past has come to meetings and yelled at board members when they didn't get what they wanted. Alderman Carl Otte stated this is a good opportunity until we can afford it on our own in the budget. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt made a motion to approve the chamber to pay for the city treasurer directly after the city hires HSB Advisors. Alderman Brian Helms seconded the motion. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Alderman Carl Otte spoke about UTVs. He said we have an ordinance against them but no way to enforce it so they are present. He suggested that we allow them and have them get stickers so we can bring in some revenue. Alderman Brian Helms said the issue came up before and his phone rang off the hook with constituent's who were against it. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz said everybody is for it. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt addressed Alderman Brian Helms and stated he is in the same ward and asked "who did you speak with?" Alderman Carl Otte said there is no difference between somebody driving an UTV and a jeep. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz said there are organized UTV rides that go around our city because we do not allow them.

Clem Donze spoke and said "What's the difference from the city stickers we get for our cars?"

Paul Franklin spoke and said "You folks talked about Ste Genevieve and Perryville and how many cops do they have?" We don't have cops and we can't enforce it. "they will run wild and run stop signs....."

The board came to a consensus to put this issue on the ballot as a non-binding poll. City Manager David Woods stated that any election items need to be passed before January 21<sup>st</sup> and the board will have to have a meeting before that to approve this ordinance for the election proposal.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**7. St Mary Chamber of Commerce proposal to pay to reinstate the position of City Treasurer:**  
Passed during the Public Forum.

## NEW BUSINESS

**8. Draft Audit:** The Board Reviewed the Audit prepared by Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder, L.L.C. Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to approve the audit. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt seconded the motion. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

**9. Fire Department Credit Card:** Fire Chief Frankie Ullman discussed that Conoco does not put ethanol in its fuel. He stated that they have higher octane fuel that is recommended for 7841 and the fuel is better for our chain saws and extrication equipment. He stated that ethanol damages parts in the fuel system and carburetors. Alderman Brian Helms made a motion to approve the Conoco card. Alderman Carl Otte seconded the motion. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

**10. Sewer Project:** City Manager David Woods said he had received a phone call from Michael Hartman from the USDA and they have some funds and he could check with Margaret Yates from SEMO Regional Planning Commission to see if the Community Development Block Grant could also provide funding. This would only leave the city to pay 25% of what the USDA would fund. Our portion would be \$7,000 - \$10,000 and we could take several years to pay it. The project would replace sewage grinders in flood prone zones and replace them with a gravity sewer system. The project total cost would be \$353,600. Alderman Carl Otte made a motion to continue exploring this option. Alderman Clyde Cassoutt seconded the motion. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz, Alderman Brian Helms, Alderman Clyde Cassoutt and Alderman Carl Otte voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

## 11. Departmental Reports:

a. Emergency Management Report - EMD (Emergency Management Director) David Woods reported that he met with FEMA regarding the damage done to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street during DR 4451. Frankie Ullman had spray painted all the areas that were damaged during the flood. They took pictures and recorded cost estimated. Woods then reported that he received a NOAA report that the Missouri River Valley is the second most saturated it has been in the 124 years old recorded history. Felix Myer contacted Frankie Ullman and informed him the river level is to reach 35' in the next 48 hours and 36.5' river level covers the corner of highway 61 in town. This brings all the Beelman Trucks down 3<sup>rd</sup> street which has a weight limit and utilities underneath.

b. Fire Department Report – Alderman Brian Helms yielded the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman. Ullman reported there were two mutual assistance calls for Ste Genevieve, two medical calls, one vehicular accident and one vehicular fire. They applied for the Community Foundation Grant. They applied for the Community Foundation Grant for LDH hose and fittings because the new truck pumps more than our fire hydrants can produce. The grant request is for hose and fittings that can match our water supply using 4" hose.

c. Water & Sewer Report – Alderman Carl Otte gave the floor to Frankie Ullman who reported that the rotor has been fixed at the wastewater plant and Vandevanter also checked the other rotor and it is getting a little sluggish and recommend to apply grease and to keep an eye on it. Lab results are coming back good. Ullman is also working with DNR to now do the I&I, sludge reports and eDMR online.

e. Street Department – Alderman Jennifer Schwartz said Cedar Street is sinking and needs an overlay. Frankie Ullman said he put gravel and bladed Church Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wyatt and Poplar Street. He also put a stop sign back up on Church Street.

f. Park & Cemetery – Frankie Ullman said he closed the gate to the park. He said cars were tearing up the grass.

g. Citizens Participation - The Honorable Mayor Gloria Bader asked if anyone would like to speak. Frankie Ullman said he is putting in his two week notice. He said he was offered a job that he cannot pass up. He said he is willing to keep his (water distribution and wastewater) licenses so we can stay in compliance with DNR regulations requiring a backup operator. He also said he will also help out with reports.

**10. Regular Session Adjournment:** There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Brian Helms to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Alderman Jennifer Schwartz 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 MANAGER - DAVID B. WOODS