

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, December 17th, 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 Carl Wyatt on Thursday, December 17th, 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.

The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt asked everyone to stay standing for a moment of silence for the passing of two past elected officials; Lyla Bova and Gloria Bader.

3. Roll Call: Aldermen answering the roll call were Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz, Alderman Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker.

4. Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Zen Duda to approve the agenda. Alderman Annette Hacker seconded the motion. Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz, Alderman Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Ron Barnett 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 Annette Hacker seconded the motion. Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz, Alderman Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

6. Public Forum: Nobody signed up before the meeting or raised their hand at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. Acquired Surplus Equipment: A 1993 Dump Truck and 1992 John Deer Tractor were parked in front of the city hall for inspection. The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt thanked Police Chief Adam Bequette for finding this equipment from a Defense Department surplus program. Wyatt noted that the equipment has no conditions or restrictions on its use or disposal and there are no strings. The only expense was the cost to go get it and a few minor repairs.

8. Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorating Contest: Chamber of Commerce President Clem Donze addressed the crowd and explained he has been a member since 1964 and they have always decorated for Christmas by putting lighted decorations and banners on the light poles in town. Two years ago, Citizens Electric put an end to using their utility poles for decorations. The Chamber decided to hold a Christmas decorating contest to promote the spirit of the holiday. 1st place is \$200, 2nd place is \$100 and third place is \$50. Ten people signed up but many more also decorated who usually do not. The program was a big success and Clem pledged to continue with it. The winners were then announced:

First Place – Todd and Tesian Wichern on Circle Drive.

Second Place – Norma Knapp on 8th Street.

Third Place – Ryan West on 7th Street.

9. Minimum Wage Increase: On January 1st Minimum Wage increases to \$10.30 per hour. The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt explained that we are exempt from this requirement but said if we do not pay our employees minimum wage they will leave. We have one employee who is below \$10.30 per hour and his probation period does not end until February 2021. The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt called for a motion to pay him \$10.50 on January 1st, 2021. Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion to pay him \$10.50 per hour starting on January 1st, 2021. Alderman Karl Schultz seconded the motion. Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz, Alderman Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

10. Department Reports:

a. Emergency Management - Emergency Management Director David Woods mentioned that Vern Bauman Construction filled the cracks on 3rd Street to close out the FEMA grant we received. Woods also reported he worked with Missouri Rural Water Association to complete the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for both the water and wastewater systems. The USDA requires this to be done every three years.

b. Police Department – The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt gave the floor to Police Chief Adam Bequette who reported there were 66 calls including a burglary that was solved. There were three arrests and 49 traffic stops. He procured a \$5,000 grant from the US Deputy Sheriffs Association and also a \$600 safety grant and will apply for their annual grant. Alderman Zen Duda asked Chief Bequette about a derelict property on Cemetery Drive that had its doors preyed open and activity. Chief Bequette explained that the likely suspects were part of the recent arrests but could not comment farther on pending cases.

c. Fire Department – Alderman Annette Hacker gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman. Ullman reported they had two motor vehicle accidents, a vehicle fire, two medical assists, one mutual aid in Perryville and one mutual aid for a residential aid fire in Ste Genevieve. They created a gun raffle program and awarded two guns for the winners. They procured a fire truck that is a 1983 LaFrance that has been refurbished and is free and will replace 7841.

d. Street Department – Alderman Ron Barnett gave the floor to city employee Cody Myers who reported that he has been working on the new vehicles. He put lights on the plow truck and has everything ready for snowfall.

e. Water / Wastewater Department – Alderman Karl Schultz had nothing to report.

f. Park / Cemetery / Animal Control – Alderman Zen Duda said there is nothing going on.

g. Citizens Participation – Alderman Ze Duda said that people are burning at night and are burning things other than yard waste. He said it smells like plastic is being burned. Chief Bequette explained that several residents on 2nd and 3rd street have wood stoves and are burning things they shouldn't but are doing it in the privacy of their homes. Fire Chief Frankie Ullman said he can enforce city ordinances on yard waste burning and fire pits.

11. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Karl Schultz to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Alderman Ron Barnett seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR – CARL WYATT

CITY MANAGER - DAVID B. WOODS