

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, February 11th, 2021
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, February 11th, 2021 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 Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker.

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

5. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Annette Hacker 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 Ron Barnett seconded the motion. Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz and Alderman Annette Hacker voted yea on a voice vote. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda voted nay. Motion carried 3 to 1.

6. Public Forum: Mayor Carl Wyatt recognized City Manager David Woods who thanked the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce for a \$2,000 donation. This was to help pay for the tires and transmission work on the police car. The donation was \$500 over the cost of those items. The board agreed this is a generous gesture.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. BILL NO. 976 - AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING CITY UTILITY SERVICES.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for a first reading of bill 976 by heading only. Alderman Ron Barnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Ron Barnett (aye), Alderman Karl Schultz (aye), Alderman Dr. Zen Duda (aye) and Alderman Annette Hacker (aye). City Manager David Woods read bill 976 for a first reading by heading only.

Mayor Wyatt said he wants this issue to lay over for 30 days to give the public a chance for input. The board then reviewed a list of residents who have unpaid taxes. They also discussed resources that are available to residents who have hardships.

8. Department Reports:

a. Emergency Management - Emergency Management Director David Woods said he is still sending in paperwork SEMA is requesting for the last flood.

b. Police Department – The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt gave the floor to Police Chief Adam Bequette who reported he had 50 calls. Bequette also gave thanks to the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce for their donation and previous donation of \$5,000. He explained he was able to get a discount of about \$100 from Plaza Tire to help with the expense. He said the park is locked for public safety reasons and only one person complained and said that violated her religious freedoms. Bequette then explained he may need to attend a four-day training in Branson for help him meet his POST (Police Officer Standard Training) requirements. He also has ongoing investigations. He may get subpoenaed to Florida for a case but explained that they will have to pay the expenses. Bequette has sent out a lot of notices of ordinance violations and had expected the violators to show up to complain at this meeting but they didn't show. Mayor Wyatt noted that Dave Otte did a great job of modifying a transmission for a 2008 Taurus to work in our 2009 Taurus.

c. Fire Department – Alderman Annette Hacker gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman. Ullman reported he has two fire investigations, had two motor vehicle accidents and one brush fire. They put new fuel lines on the new truck and will test the pumps when it gets warmer. The decals and equipment will be added soon. Mayor Wyatt explained that there is a USDA grant available that is 75% them and 25% us and that the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce is willing to cover the 25% city obligation. This would be utilized to build an extension onto the firehouse that would be used for office and meeting space. Plans are being drawn up so they can be bid on by contractors as required. Chief Ullman then asked if the city would approve the purchase of hydrant flags that are spring loaded and have reflectors making it easier for firefighters to find hydrants in the dark. He also discussed roadway reflectors that also help guide to hydrants. The board came to a consensus to approve the hydrant flags.

d. Street Department – Alderman Ron Barnett reported that the city plow truck had its hydraulic hose fixed by Dave Otte and is now operational. The County Commissioners have helped us with some salt and cinders. He then explained that on June 19th, 2021 there will be a fund-raising event that will have UTVs, Motorcycles and Jeeps doing a ride to benefit programs supporting Down Syndrome. It is a good fund raiser for a good cause. It will be well organized, with a safe route and any trash will be cleaned up. Marzucco Electric is a sponsor. Mayor Wyatt said the city welcomes this event and the UTV ordinance is not meant to prohibit or regulate special events.

e. Water / Wastewater Department – Alderman Karl Schultz gave the floor to Frankie Ullman who reported that the end of year reports have been submitted. Ullman then reported that the sewer main on Pine and 7th Street is clogged and he has ordered a chemical agent that will clear the line and not require digging up the pipes. He then discussed that butterfly valves clog easily. Only three structures are impacted by this issue.

f. Park / Cemetery / Animal Control – Alderman Zen Duda discussed the issue of cats. They don't just eat mice they also eat songbirds. The board acknowledged that there are few resources to help mitigate excess roaming cats in our jurisdiction. Dr. Zen Duda said he will discuss our situation with shelters and veterinarians in Cape Girardeau to help us.

g. Citizens Participation – Mayor Wyatt recognized City Manager David Woods and joined him in recognizing the passing of Clyde Cassoutt. Clyde Cassoutt worked decades for the city as an employee and as a representative. He was honored with a moment of silence.

Alderman Karl Schultz was recognized with a Proclamation for Moses Rainey. Mayor Wyatt proclaimed February 16th, 2021 Moses Rainey Day. Mayor Wyatt explained that our city has a long history of black heritage.

9. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Annette Hacker to adjourn at 6:45 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