

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, March 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, March 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 Karl Schultz 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, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda and Alderman Annette Hacker voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

6. Public Forum: Mayor Carl Wyatt reinforced that the Public Forum was designed to give engineers, lawyers and companies the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting. Many of these professionals are being paid by the city for their time so this allows for them to leave soon and save money. Mayor Wyatt then stated that if anyone would like to speak regarding an ordinance will be given the opportunity before it is passed. Everyone else can speak during the Citizens Participation section of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There were changes to the bill that set March as the earliest date for utility cut-offs and giving two days' notice of any cut-offs. Therefore, another first reading was done. Because of these changes;

Alderman Ron Barnett made a motion for a first reading of bill 976 in entirety. Alderman Annette Hacker 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 in entirety.

Alderman Ron Barnett made a motion for a second reading of bill 976 by heading only. Alderman Annette Hacker 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 second reading by heading only.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for passage of bill 976. 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). Motion passed. Bill adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

8. BILL NO. 977 - AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BUILDING DEMOLITION PERMITS AND DESIGNATING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT.

Alderman Ron Barnett made a motion for a first reading of bill 977 by heading only. Alderman Annette Hacker 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 977 for a first reading by heading only.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for a second reading of bill 977. 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 977 for a second reading by heading only.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for passage of bill 977. 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). Motion passed. Bill adopted.

9. BILL NO. 978 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UTILITIES BETWEEN OCCUPANCIES AND DESIGNATING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT.

Alderman Dr. Zen Duda made a motion to table the bill. There was no second.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for a first reading of bill 978 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 978 for a first reading by heading only.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for a second reading of bill 978. 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 978 for a second reading by heading only.

Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion for passage of bill 978. Alderman Ron Barnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Ron Barnett (aye), Alderman Karl Schultz (aye), Alderman Dr. Zen Duda (nay) and Alderman Annette Hacker (aye). Motion passed 3 to 1. Bill adopted.

10. Firehouse Extension: The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt said the project is on hold while grants are being pursued and the project will be assisted by the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce.

11. Library Collaboration: City Manager David Woods showed the Board an email from Shawn Long the Director of the Ste. Genevieve County Library asking if St. Mary would like a presence of the Library in town and offered three options. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda said he could donate some shelves and discussed how the old Post Office downtown had book shelves with books available. The board came to a consensus to pursue having some books available for the public.

12. Department Reports:

a. Emergency Management - Emergency Management Director David Woods said that the recent stimulus package has money for municipalities. He said he will believe it when it happens and wants to know what strings are attached with dispensing of the funds. Woods will keep the board informed.

b. Police Department – The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt gave the floor to Police Chief Adam Bequette who had nothing to report.

c. Fire Department – Alderman Annette Hacker gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman. Ullman reported there were three Mutual Aid calls: One for Ozora and two for Ste. Genevieve. The new pumper truck is running well. They replaced the water valve and have bids on the decals. It will soon be in service. There are two new fire fighters and Chief Ullman is working on grants.

d. Street Department – Alderman Ron Barnett reported that the city needs to order cold patch when it becomes available.

e. Water / Wastewater Department – Alderman Karl Schultz gave the floor to Cody Myers who reported that one rotor is down and two bearings are down because of the 13 days of below freezing that froze the wastewater and strained the system. Mayor Wyatt praised the employees who spent hours breaking up the ice at the wastewater plant. They went above and beyond in the elements. There was a clog on 7th and Pine that has been eliminated. They spent hours identifying and marking valves that are not functional or still hooked up to non-capped old lines.

f. Park / Cemetery / Animal Control – Alderman Dr. Zen Duda said he went to Dogwood Veterinary Hospital and Cape Girardeau Humane Society to find out what they can do to help us with our cat issue. Duda reported that if we can trap them and bring them then they will be sterilized and notched in their ear for \$25.

Mayor Wyatt reported that because of the Trinity Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt that the park had to be safe. We tore down the bad pavilion. The restrooms have a problem in one but the other is functional. The baseball infrastructure is being removed and possibly being replaced with a soccer field. He suggested removal of all the fencing.

g. Citizens Participation – Mayor Wyatt recognized Frank Gerardot who said that bill 976 was unconstitutional because the state keeps track of late charges. He also mentioned that the county should be collecting St. Mary taxes.

Mayor Wyatt then recognized Maria Scherer who said people are in poverty and having a hard time. She said if we cut off someone's water then the city will take in less money. She then said people will move out of town.

Mayor Wyatt then recognized Alderman Dr. Zen Duda who said he is starting the spring planting of Cyprus trees. He then inquired about planting a border at the park.

Mayor Wyatt then recognized Alderman Ron Barnett who said the chain rope at the park might not be safe and should be taken town.

9. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Annette Hacker to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR – CARL WYATT

CITY MANAGER - DAVID B. WOODS