

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, July 8th, 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, July 8th, 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 Annette Hacker 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:

Francois Frelix-Vann sent a letter to the board about a water leak she incurred and wants to get the sewer portion of her bill adjusted. Mayor Carl Wyatt asked if the water leak was inside or outside the house and no action can be taken until that is determined. Police Chief Bequette said the leak was outside the house and that it occurred because she was the victim of an attack on her and her property and the water line was broken at that time. It was agreed to adjust the sewer portion of her bill to her average since the water did not go down into our sewer system.

Randy McKlin addressed the board about a bill he received from the city for \$2,336.09 for a busted water meter that the home owner is responsible for not allowing to freeze. He explained the flow rate was for a ¾" open line and not a crack which was the case. He also disputed the number of days the leak occurred. He and the Mayor got into a heated discussion about how many days the leak occurred, if McKlin was out of town or not, who did he try to call to inform the city once he discovered the leak and why he did not try to physically go out into the snow to inform his alderman. Mayor Wyatt gave the decision to the board. Alderman Dr. Duda asked McKlin to write up a timeline and the numbers he called and efforts he made for communication so the board can address this at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION POLICY. Alderman Annette Hacker made a motion to approve the policy that does not allow compensation time to be built up while it is being taken. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda

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.

8. Department Reports:

a. Emergency Management - Emergency Management Director David Woods stated that the State of Missouri is one of 12 states that has not applied to the US Treasury for the American Rescue Plan funds.

b. Police Department – The Honorable Mayor Carl Wyatt gave the floor to Police Chief Adam Bequette who reported there were three arrests. He said the park was vandalized so it is now locked. Bequette then reported that the fireworks were alright.

c. Fire Department – Alderman Annette Hacker gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman. Ullman reported there was one call out. 7842 is down due to the ac being locked up. He said he found an after-market compressor for \$700 and a belt for \$100 but must go to St. Louis to have a line manufactured. Ullman requested \$900 from the city for the repair. Mayor Wyatt disputed that it can be done for that amount.

d. Street Department – Alderman Ron Barnett reported that he received free rock from Tower Rock to repair Church Street. He has mitigated the hazards on 7th and Mulberry Street (Highway 61). He reported the tractor only has brakes on one side. Barnett also reported that the power steering is out on our dump truck.

e. Water / Wastewater Department – Alderman Karl Schultz discussed the water and sewers are running. Frankie Ullman then discussed that our water towers need to be inspected and DNR requires every five years and it has been four years for the one on Elm Street. Ullman then discussed that the auto switch on the generator at the sewer plant no longer works. It has to be tested manually. He mentioned that Clark Power can do maintenance and repairs. Ullman then discussed grants from BNSG, AGF and DNR that we should apply for.

f. Park / Cemetery / Animal Control – Alderman Dr. Zen Duda stated that a resident on 2nd Street is dumping trash in his back yard and that is attracting animals. Mayor Wyatt wanted it in the paper that people should not feed cats.

g. Citizens Participation – Mayor Wyatt recognized Kathy Bergman who asked about a property she wants to buy from the city. Mayor Wyatt said the city needs to check on legalities.

9. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Annette Hacker to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR – CARL WYATT

CITY CLERK - DAVID B. WOODS