

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI
Board of Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, March 9th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

1. Be it Remembered: A regular meeting of the St. Mary Board of Aldermen was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Carlton Wyatt on Thursday, March 9th, 2023 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 Annette Hacker, Alderman Karl Schultz (absent), Alderman Dr. Zen Duda and Alderman Ron Barnett.

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

6. Public Forum: Mark Marberry- Ste. Genevieve County Associate Commissioner District 2. He Introduced himself to the Board of Alderman and to the Mayor. He did mention that the Franklin Bridge had a washout from the all the rain that we had last Friday. He also stated that the bridge is still structurally sound, and they are working on getting the washout fixed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of the Audit.**

Alderman Annette Hacker made the motion to approve the Audit. Alderman Ron Barnett seconded the motion. Alderman Annette Hacker, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda, Alderman Ron Barnett and Alderman Karl Schultz (absent) voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

- **Approval of the Police Software**

Alderman Annette Hacker made the motion to approve the Police software for 3 years. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda seconded the motion. Alderman Annette Hacker, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda, Alderman Ron Barnett, Alderman Karl Schultz (absent) voted yea on a voice vote. Motion carried.

- **Talk about Cleaning out the Ditch on 4th street.**

Mayor Carlton Wyatt stated that we need to clean all of the tree limbs out of the ditch on 4th street from when the tornado came through town. All the Alderman agreed with him.

7. Department Reports:

A. Emergency Management - Director April Grindstaff had nothing to report.

B. Police Department – Police Chief Brendon Corbett was not here for the meeting. Mayor Carlton Wyatt stated if he was not going to make it to the meetings then he needed to give us some information about what he has done.

C. Fire Department – Alderman Annette Hacker gave the floor to Fire Chief Frankie Ullman reported that the City has talked about going to go a county wide district instead of staying as individual fire units. Frankie stated that there will be a \$0.30 tax levy. There will be 1 Chief and then they will have Satellite Chief for each fire station and a District Board. Fire Chief Frankie Ullman stated that he is 100% for going to a District. In the long run it will replace all the old equipment. There will be a petition for everyone to sign and he will Explain it into further detail about going to a District. Mark Marberry stated that if we go to a District than the ISO rating and funding could be better. The Mayor and the Board of Alderman stated that they wanted to have a Special

Meeting to discuss more about merging into a District. Fire Chief Frankie Ullman also stated that they had 1 mutual aid call in Ozora. They are in the process of working on the new meeting room. They have up the wall and the Rafters. They replaced the door knob on the fire house and went to a Code Key pad on the door. Each Firefighter has the code to get into the Door. He also stated that he had to replace the shocks on 41. Alderman Annette Hacker stated that the Fire House Barbeque is April 30th 2023. He is working on getting the flyers out soon. There will be Pork steaks, Brats, and sides. Along with a bake sale and Raffle tickets.

D. Street Department – Alderman Ron Barnett stated that we have a lot of work to get done. We need to start maintaining the ditch rows. He also stated that Semi trucks are becoming a problem on city street. They are starting to tear up our street. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda stated that Sycamore street has ruts from all the rain and that the UPS trucks use that road a lot. We need to put the sign back up for the Semi truck to not use that street. Alderman Ron Barnett also stated that we have plenty of stuff to patch holes in the Street. We will start doing that when the weather starts getting warmer and stays nice out.

E. Water / Wastewater Department – Alderman Karl Schultz was absent so they gave the floor to Frankie Ullman who reported that the Water test has been coming back good. He had to replace a Frost Plate on a residence meter. He also stated that the water usage is still a little high. We were sitting at the inflow of 21,000-22,000 gallons but we have been sitting at about 24,000-25,000 gallons being pumped into the city. He has had some complaints about the water bills being high in the new subdivision last month. He stated that it could have been from when the kids were off of school for all the snow days that they had. He had to replace 2-meter frames and lids. One was from a resident that accidentally ran over the pit and bent the lid. The other one was that the new meter pit had the wrong size lid on it. He also stated that the new blower that Equipment Pro installed is not running right. He called the Sales Man about it and they gave him something to try and see if that would make it work. Rotor 2 the bearing is making a sound. He is keeping an eye on it. Frankie also states that we have a force main keeps clogging up at 5th and Cemetery road. He is working on getting it unclogged. Jodi Odem's grinder has been fixed. They are in the process of replacing the grinder pit on 8th street. Frankie stated that hopefully it will be done this weekend.

F. Park / Cemetery / Animal Control – Alderman Dr. Zen Duda stated that he has set out some traps to catch the cats that are running loose in town but he had let them go because he had nowhere to take them. He did visit the Welcome home ranch (animal rescue) in Perryville but they were full and could not take the cats. He also talked to the Animal Patrol Officer in Ste. Genevieve about the cats.

G. Citizens Participation – There was no one there to speak.

10. Regular Session Adjournment: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Alderman Annette Hacker to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Alderman Dr. Zen Duda seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted yea on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR – CARLTON WYATT

CITY CLERK - APRIL GRINDSTAFF