

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025

5:00 PM

1. Be it Remembered: A regular meeting of the St. Mary Board of Aldermen was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Adam Bequette on Thursday, August 21, 2025 beginning at 5:00 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 Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda via video/audio, and Alderman Kathy Bergmann. Let the record show Jody Odem from the local TV station was not here to record the meeting at 5:00pm, audio recording is being taken. Also note per Stuart Haynes, MML, has given written documentation that Alderman Duda may appear via video. Jody Odem arrived for video recording at 5:45pm.

4. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as printed by Alderman Bergmann, second Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), Alderman Duda (aye), motion carried

5. Consent Agenda: motion to approve by Alderman Bergmann, second by Alderman Rosenzweig. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), motion carried.

- Minutes from previous meeting
- Treasurer's Report – amended by Treasurer Colby Schilly to reflect annual budget for 2024 – 2025. Roll call vote to approve amended treasurer's report, Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye)
- Collectors Report
- Bills for Payment
- City Clerk to pay previously appropriate expenses as they come due as allied by budget.

6. Public Forum: Resident Dylan Dauster asking for approval for place a trailer at 395 Cemetery Road. Motion to approve made first made by Alderman Bergmann, second by Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye). Motion passed.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Approval of First State Community Bank presentation 7/17/2025 meeting beginning with credit cards, fleet cards, direct deposit for employees, remote deposit of accounts, and merging bank accounts. Motion to adopt reading only, first reading, first Alderman Bergmann second Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) Second reading motion to adopt. Second reading motion to adopt First State Community Banks presentation first Alderman Duda second Alderman Rosenzweig, roll call vote Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) motion carried.
- Adoption of a motion to allocate CD funds – Fire Department CD matured and cashed out at no penalty. Motion to allocate funds to outstanding invoices at 70% and 30% in reserves. Motion made by Alderman Bergman second by Alderman Rosensweig, all in favor (aye), motion carried.

8. New Business:

BILL NO. 1012 – AN ORDINANCE ASCERTAINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES DURING THE YEAR 2026 AND FIXING THE ANNUAL RATE OF LEVY THEREFORE.

Alderman Zenon Duda made a motion for a first reading of bill 1012 by heading only. Alderman Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye). Mayor Adam Bequette read bill 1012 for a first reading by heading only.

Mayor Adam Bequette read second reading of Bill 1012 by heading only, motion made by Alderman Bergmann and second by Alderman Rosenzweig, roll call vote Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Bergman (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) Bill adopted.

BILL NO 1013 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Motion to table Bill No. 1013 made by Alderman Duda and second by Alderman Rosenzweig, all in favor (aye).

BILL NO 1014 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING BASIC RATES IN THE CITY OF SAINT MARY, MISSOURI FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM TO BE KNOWN AS THE WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE.

Alderman Kathy Bergmann made a motion for a first reading of Bill 1014 by heading only. Alderman Zenon Duda seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye). Mayor Adam Bequette read bill 1014 for a first reading by heading only.

Mayor Adam Bequette read second reading of Bill 1014 by heading only, motion made by Alderman Bergmann and second by Alderman Rosenzweig, roll call vote Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Bergman (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) Bill adopted.

Motion to recess due to technical difficulties. Motion made by Alderman Bergmann seconded by Rose Rosenzweig.

Meeting readjourned at 6:32 pm

BILL NO 1015 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING BASIC RATES IN THE CITY OF SAINT MARY, MISSOURI FOR WATERWORKS SYSTEM TO BE KNOWN AS THE WATERWORKS RATE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE.

Alderman Rose Rosenzweig made a motion for a first reading of Bill 1015 by heading only. Alderman Kathy Bergman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye). Mayor Adam Bequette read Bill 1015 for a first reading by heading only.

Mayor Adam Bequette read second reading of Bill 1015 by heading only, motion made by Alderman Bergmann and second by Alderman Rosenzweig, roll call vote Alderman Zenon Duda (aye), Alderman Bergman (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye) Bill adopted.

Let the record show Jody Odem was provided with Bill No. 1012, Bill No. 1013, Bill No. 1014 and Bill No. 1015. Bills were also listed on the agenda provided to him for posting on the city website.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR WASTEWATER PROJECT THROUGH DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

Motion made by Alderman Duda, seconded by Alderman Rosenzweig, motion carried.

9. Citizen Participation: none

10. Departmental Reports:

Emergency Management – Mayor Bequette – continued work with FEMA for assistance with storm and water damage to the wastewater plant, park, culverts and streets. Also working on flood mitigation with FEMA.

Police Department – Alderman Duda – Per Jessica Gunter, City Clerk, an email was received from former Chief Tyler Urban requested I inform the Board that case number 25-0001 involving a local resident was submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney and deemed a civil matter. This email stems from a citizen complaint addressed by the board at the 7/17/25 meeting.

Street Department – Alderman Duda

- Cold patching done at the end of 4th and Walnut
- If residents find pot holes please report to City Hall.
- Blind spots due to heavy brush, per Mayor Bequette brush removal is being addressed.

Department Reports continued:

Water/Wastewater Department- Mayor Adam Bequette

Frankie Ullman reports

- Sewer plant operational at this time, rotors functioning
- Lift station pump installed and had to be taken back out due to manufacturer error. A new pump is being sent.
- 4 residential grinders were replaced within the last month
- Sludge tanks are not full at this time
- Water - Chemical feed pump had to be replaced, operational
- Water – using a lot of bleach, bleach has been hard to get, Frankie Ullman and Mayor Bequette looking for more cost-effective way to purchase bleach.
- Frankie Ullman is working with Heartland Engineering to GPS all meters on Diamond Maps, to make meter location for meter readers easier to find.
- Thank you to the City of Perryville for helping with a large water leak.

Park & Cemetery Department – Alderman Rosenzweig

- Cemetery is looking good; brush is being cleaned up, head stones being cleaned
- Park to be mowed, possibly ask a local resident to mow for hay.

11. Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Bergmann seconded by Alderman Rosenzweig. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Mayor Adam Bequette

City Clerk Jessica Gunter

Board of Alderman DID NOT go into closed session.