

THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI

Board of Alderman Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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 Adam Bequette on Thursday, September 18, 2025 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 Rose Rosenzweig, Alderman Dr. Zen Duda, and Alderman Kathy Bergmann .

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

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

- Minutes from previous meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Collectors Report
- Bills for Payment
- City Clerk to pay previously appropriate expenses as they come due as allied by budget.

6. Public Forum: Keith Robinson, Long Range Network – unable to return

Mike Rosenzweig requesting employment with the city, Alderman Duda requested Mr. Rosenzweig fill out an application for Board of Alderman review.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Board of Alderman discussion regarding Ste. Genevieve County electing not to assist the city in collecting real estate and personal property taxes. Alderman Duda and Mayor Bequette to visit with County Commissioner regarding the county's decision.
- FEMA Applications – Mayor Bequette updated the Board of Alderman on the status of FEMA applications. Currently there are 9 applications being reviewed by FEMA.
- Delta Regional Wastewater Grant – Mayor Bequette and Jessica Gunter, City Clerk updated the Board of Alderman on the current status of the city's grant application. Application has been received and accepted, waiting on approval.

8. New Business:

BILL NO. 1016 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUALBUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER1, 2025 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Alderman Zen Duda made a motion for a first reading of bill 1016. Alderman Kathy Bergmann seconded the motion. All in favor: Alderman Dr. Zen Duda (aye), Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye) and Alderman Annette Rosenzweig (aye). Alderman Duda read bill 1016 for a first reading.

Alderman Duda made a motion for a second reading of bill 1016 by heading only. Alderman Rose Rosenswieg seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Kathy Bergmann (aye), Alderman Dr. Zen Duda (aye) and Alderman Rose Rosenzweig (aye). Alderman Zen Duda read bill 1016 for a second reading by heading only. Motion passed. Bill adopted.

Resolution 1017 – SCORING AND ACCEPTANCE OF RFQ FROM HEARTLAND ENGINEERING FOR DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Resolution No. 1017 motion made by Alderman Duda and second by Alderman Rosenzweig. Roll call vote: Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), Alderman Rosenzweig (aye). Resolution adopted to accept RFQ for Drinking Water Improvement Project.

Additional issues that may come before the Board – Marian Cliff Residential Care Center – grinders and lift station is not currently functioning at capacity. Mayor Bequette is in contact with the vendor (Equipment Pro) that installed the equipment to honor the warranty given at the time of installation. Mayor Bequette and Frankie Ullmann are working together to find an immediate solution to the situation.

9. Department Reports:

Emergency Management – Mayor Adam Bequette – continues to work with FEMA, doing on line classes, flood mitigation

Police Department – Alderman Zen Duda – City will postpone hiring a new police chief due to budgetary issues, city will use county law enforcement, Jessica Gunter, City Clerk to contact MOPERM regarding dormancy of police department insurance. Alderman Duda expressed concerns regarding reports of suspected discharging a firearm while intoxicated in a vehicle, he recommends the contacting the Conservation Department. Missouri Highway patrol has been notified that the City of Saint Mary Police Department is dormant.

Street Department – Alderman Zen Duda - partial collapse of culverts causing a sink hole, street will be marked for citizen safety, engineer has been notified for immediate repair. Mowing on side streets.

Water/Wastewater Department- Mayor Adam Bequette

- Chemical pump had to be replaced again
- New barrel purchased
- Water samples good
- Hydrants flushed
- Lift station pump installed at sewer plant.
- Sewer Plant doing well for its current condition
- 3 new grinders installed this month
- City to enforce ordinances regarding grinders. Ordinances 877 and 878

Park & Cemetery Department – Alderman Rosenzweig

- Regular mowing
- Cleaning up snack shack at the park
- Cemetery regular mowing
- Cemetery care takers house has been broken into again, city to secure door

Fire District – Battalion Chief Frankie Ullmann – due to drought conditions No Open Burning

10. Resident participation - none

11. Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Duda seconded by Alderman Bergmann. Alderman Duda (aye), Alderman Bergmann (aye), and Alderman Rosenzweig (aye), meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Mayor Adam Bequette

City Clerk Jessica Gunter

Board of Alderman DID NOT go into closed session.