

**MINUTES OF THE  
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Keim called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL.** A roll call by City Clerk Pam Meyer showed the following members present:

Mayor Brian Keim	
Alderman Amie Dobbs	Alderman Patrick Fahey
Alderman Bob Donovan	Alderman Sam Hughey
Alderman Jeff Eydmann	Alderman Joe Prince
Alderman Joe Steiger	

Absent: Alderman Teddy Ross

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderwoman Dobbs to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**PRESENTATION/AWARDS.** None.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE.** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.** (See Attached)

**STAFF REPORTS.**

DAVID BOVA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (see attached)

AARON SMITH – TOURISM (see attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

The following individuals all addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen expressing their concern with the 287(g) Agreement between the City and the United States Department of Homeland Security US Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

Heidi Walker, Joy Shoemaker, Ed Taylor, Sandra Muzzy, Jean Shattuck, Milly Naeger, Carl Kinsky, Darwin Muzzy and Wayne Grusling.

At this time, Mayor Keim thanked everyone for voicing their opinion and addressing the Board of Aldermen. He also thanked others who may not be in attendance, but who have voiced concerns as well either by email or left a message on our City website. Mayor Keim assured that each message was read and taken to heart. There were several meetings conducted and the issues were discussed. Mayor Keim stated that since that agreement was signed, all operations look the same as they did prior to the signing and that he does not see any ICE officers and emphasized that you will not see our police department acting like ICE officers. This is not allowed and they are not allowed to enforce federal law nor is it part of their jurisdiction. If ICE wants to come into this community, there would be nothing that this agreement would or wouldn't do to stop them. He once again thanked everyone for their input.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting – January 22, 2026
- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Closed Session – January 22, 2026
- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Work Session – January 22, 2026
- **RESOLUTION 2026 -19.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI STATING INTENT FOR THE STE. GENEVIEVE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – LOCAL VIOLENT CRIME PROTECTION.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-20.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES W. “CHUCK” SMITH, IV TO MAINTAIN FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTY.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-22.** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI ADOPTING THE LOSS PREVENTION POLICIES.

Alderman Donovan requested that Resolution 2026-21 be removed and placed under new business for discussion. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Eydmann to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**OLD BUSINESS.** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**RESOLUTION 2026-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE TO APPLY FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by

Alderman Donovan to approve Resolution 2026-21. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**RESOLUTION 2026-15. A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BROCK GIBSON TO THE STE. GENEVIEVE TOURISM TAX COMMISSION.** A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince to approve Resolution 2026-15. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**RESOLUTION 2026-16. A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING AMANDA SCHWENT TO THE STE. GENEVIEVE TOURISM TAX COMMISSION.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Prince to approve Resolution 2026-16. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**RESOLUTION 2026-17. A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING REBECCA MONIA TO THE STE. GENEVIEVE TOURISM TAX COMMISSION.** A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Steiger to approve Resolution 2026-17. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**RESOLUTION 2026-18. A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BARBARA BASLER-PETERSON TO THE STE. GENEVIEVE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.** A motion by Alderman Eydmann, second by Alderman Prince to approve Resolution 2026-18. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent.

**BILL NO. 4705. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ROOFING STRATEGIES LLC FOR THE "WATER TREATMENT FACILITY ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$28,757.88. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.** A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Steiger, Bill No. 4705 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by an 6-0-1-1 vote of the Board of Alderman with Alderman Ross absent and Alderman Donovan abstaining.

**BILL NO. 4706. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MCBRIDE LAND GROWTH LLC. 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> READING.** A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderwoman Dobbs, Bill No. 4706 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by an 7-0-1 vote of the Board of Alderman with Alderman Ross absent. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince, to proceed with the second and final reading of Bill No. 4706. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Ross absent. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4706 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered, and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Joe Steiger, Alderman Jeff Eydmann, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderwoman Amie Dobbs, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Sam Hughey and Alderman Bob Donovan. Nays: None. Absent:

Alderman Teddy Ross. Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4706 was declared Ordinance No. 4626 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**BILL NO. 4707. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 112.020 CUSTODIAN DESIGNATED - RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.** A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderwoman Dobbs, Bill No. 4707 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by an 7-0-1 vote of the Board of Alderman with Alderman Ross absent.

**OTHER BUSINESS.** Alderman Donovan asked whom he can report that there are a few lights out on Progress Parkway. Alderwoman Dobbs also reported the one was out at the corner of LaPorte & Lahaye Street. City Administrator Bova reminded the Alderman that those lights can be reported to us here at City hall as we have contacts at Citizens Electric to report the ones that are not working to get them replaced.

**MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION.** None.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by,**



**Pam Meyer**  
**City Clerk**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - UPDATE**

February 12, 2026

1. The Christmas Festival organizers are meeting with Downtown Ste. Genevieve to discuss combining their efforts and continuing the festival as a DTSG event.
2. With your approval this evening, we'll be applying for Recreational Trails Program grant to continue onto Phase II of the trail improvements at Pere Marquette Park.
3. Initial and 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews for Asst CA / CDA have been conducted and I anticipate making an offer this week.
4. I'll be attending the MML Legislative Conference on Feb. 17/18<sup>th</sup> next week so I will be out of the office Tuesday & Wednesday.
5. The transfer of the Welcome Center to the NPS has been signed off on by Governor Kehoe. NPS is now awaiting final approval of the Phase II environmental study, but anticipate that could be complete by May.
6. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.
7. Invitation for bids for Phase II of the Prop S improvements will be posted tomorrow. Phase II is split into two projects – 1) Asphalt Overlay & 2) Concrete Street and Waterline Improvements. Bid opening March 12<sup>th</sup>.
8. SCADA system is being relocated to the new panel building at the water plant – this is the final step in the process that began in 2023.

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**Community Development**  
**February 2026 Staff Report**  
**1/6/25 – 2/6/25**

***Historic Preservation – Heritage Commission***

- Met Feb. 2 – 3 COAs approved & 1 COA approved administratively
- Next meeting – 2/23
- 2024 HP grant application – mobile app walking tour – agreement signed by city – received 5 submittals for RFP, selected Statistical Research, Inc. – public meeting postponed until March

***Building Department / Code Enforcement***

- Occupancy Permits / Inspections 27
- Building Permits Issued 7
- Demolition Permits 0
- Sign Permits 0
- Chicken Permits 9 (renewals)
- Special Use Permits 0
- Sidewalks – repairs / replacements complete for 2025

***Comprehensive Plan***

- Annexation Committee to tentatively meet again in February

***Planning & Zoning***

- No meeting in February
- Next scheduled meeting – 3/5
- Staff preparing report on data centers / server farms

***City / County Cooperation***

- Tourism / Economic Development – Provided \$5k in '23 & '24 / discussion of forming CVB type organization with County & Chamber / County partnered w/ City for Parkland REDI membership for '24 / Bill passed by Mo legislature to allow increasing of transient guest tax on local ballot – signed by Governor 7/11/25 – HB199 allows county to place transient guest tax of up to 6% on the ballot – County plans to place lodging tax on April ballot
- Progress Parkway property – county provided assistance to IDC for infrastructure – 12/3-met with IDC & County to confirm County still committed to infrastructure assistance
- FLAP Grant (N 4<sup>th</sup> Street bridge) – cost has risen to approximately 950k (originally 750k) now & county has asked for assistance from city / Federal grant – now requires historic

resources survey – tentative construction in Spring 2026 (originally 2025) – met with County on 1/22 to discuss citizen concerns and get update

- 911 Tax Board created (includes City officer) – payments from City & Amb. District to continue until new infrastructure installed and paid; potentially 4-5 years ('27-'28) / City portion of dispatching services lowered in FY25 / City portion lowered further in FY26 / currently working with 911 board on renewing IGA
- TAP Grant (Hwy 61) – County appl. Approved – on track for '26 – currently being completed
- Improvements to Ferry Landing – UP asked for \$10k per year lease for grounds for improvement or purchase at minimum \$50k; UP will not accept a zero-dollar lease. City also working with Port Authority and others to try and help Ferry remain financially viable – funds run out end of June – 5311 funds approved for FY26 but those are matching funds and Ferry continues to look for source for those to match those funds – will receive state funding but not until August or September – Board agreed to assist Ferry with temporary access to funds - \$9,475.61 in expenses reimbursed – Ferry has received 88k from MODOT for FY26 and have been approved for \$100k 5311 funds – Illinois has committed 88k to the Ferry also but they are working on details

#### ***Board of Adjustment***

- Nothing new to report

#### ***Floodplain Management***

- Current long range forecasts show 36% chance of Minor Flooding in Feb-Mar-Apr.
- Current long range forecasts show 10% chance of Moderate Flooding in Feb-Mar-Apr.
- Current long range forecasts show 5% chance of Major Flooding in Feb-Mar-Apr.
- Current river stage (2/9) is 0.54'; expected to rise to 1.4' by end of next week.
- Ferry is currently closed.

#### ***Property Maintenance***

- Nuisance Property Issues 4
- Vegetation Nuisance Issues 0
- Code Violation Issues 2
- Sidewalk Issues 2

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## TOURISM REPORT

### **Missouri Main Street Board is Finalized:**

- board had its first meeting on Monday 2/9
- Missouri Main Street comes down to train board on March 10th
- MO Main Street will be back in May to help with branding the Ste. Gen Chapter, bringing professionals down to assess design aspects, and make building renderings to cite opportunities for revitalization
- will be an art for economic development of our historic downtown district

### **State Grant for Welcome/Wayfinding:**

- Meeting with Corey to pick spots for banner poles
- Designs have been submitted for proofing to Main Street Signs to replace billboard at MLC
- Looking at providing signage for our different parks - walking/biking paths - and wildlife refuge

### **Tourism Ecosystem Coming into Focus**

- learned a lot over the last two years
- we've built a lot
- we're adding partners like Main Street who can help Tourism stay in its lane
- we're really working with our partners in the Chamber, Downtown SG, and now Main Street to create clear lanes for our success moving forward
- Below is how we've shored up areas of our visitor experience to help with visitor readiness and destination readiness.

# Visitor Experience

## Advertisement



### Digital:

- Facebook
- Google Display

Chicago - Kansas City  
- Memphis - Tulsa -  
Dallas - New Orleans

### Print:

- STL Mag
- KC Mag
- Missouri Life

YoY Spending  
supplemented by  
MO Division of  
Tourism

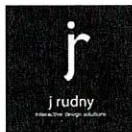
- Data produced informs KPIs

## PR/UGC



- Maintains strategy to find earned media opportunities for Ste. Gen
- Stays atop trends to fit Ste. Gen into marketable stories
- Coordinates legitimate influencer visits

## Website



- Website alignment in final phase - optimizing for storytelling/
- Asset Procurement project through MDT providing new photos for all lodging businesses - I've been providing for rest of businesses
- Only minor adjustments and additions needed from here out

## Welcome Center Material

- Events calendar template complete - printed and ready
- Brochure complete - looking for printer
- Awaiting Welcome Center takeover from National Park
- Merchandise designed - awaiting National Park guidance on stocking it

## Online Materials

### Newsletter

- Close to picking an organization to produce monthly newsletter
- Creates an avenue to drive repeat visits, push conversion for those who haven't yet.

CRM - Next Thing to Implement

## Surveys

- table tents have been created and given to lodging businesses to put in their rooms to drive people to take visitor surveys to know how we can serve them better

## Visit Widget

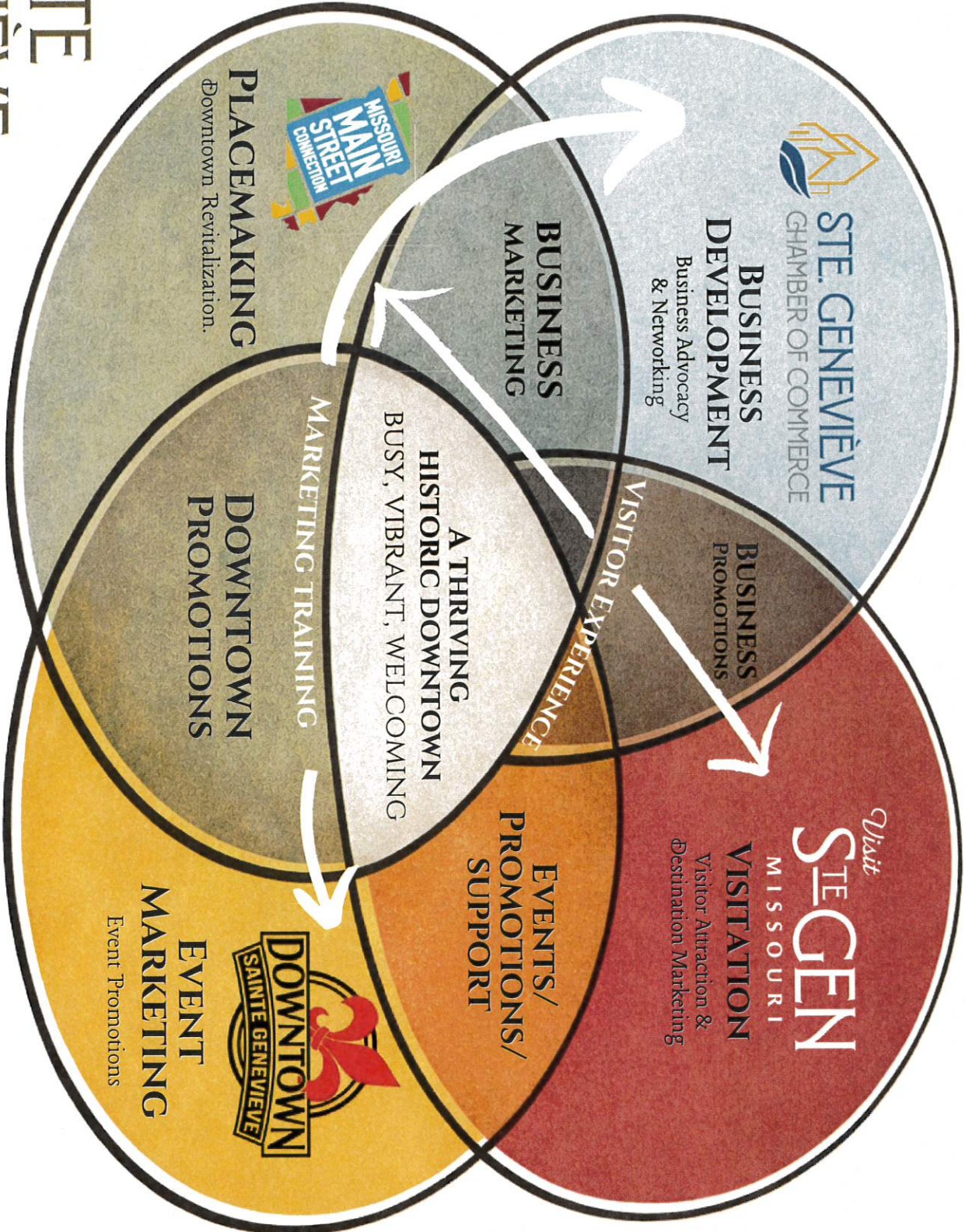
- still not taking enough advantage of building out our app
- walking tour will be added to this experience and will work with both them and SRI to make sure that happens

## Wayfinding - Design

- 2026 Welcome/Wayfinding Grant underway - banner poles - new billboard at Lime Kiln - new street signs - ferry signage - park signage - wildlife refuge signage
- USDA grant through MO Main Street will pinpoint design recommendations for Ste. Gen starting May 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> . Main Street Board will handle this new extension of Downtown development

## Events

- Still focused on promoting French Heritage events: La Guignollee, King's Ball, French Heritage Festival - will eventually offer cultural enrichment programs to Jour de Fete
- Bringing in National acts to play town. More on economic development side. Adds a dynamic offering for out-of-market visitors.



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