

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – APRIL 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Keim called the regular meeting of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen 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 Patrick Fahey

Alderman Amie Dobbs

Alderman Joe Steiger

Alderman Bob Donovan

Alderman Joe Prince

Alderman Jeff Eydmann

Alderman Mike Raney

Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince to approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATION/AWARDS. None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE. None.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT. (see attached report) City Administrator Welch also reported that the ferry survey results are posted on a link on the City's website and that the City should have the McBride agreement back soon to take to the Committee.

STAFF REPORTS.

KENNY STEIGER - FIRE (see attached report)

DAVID BOVA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (see attached report) Mr. Bova stated that there will be a Annexation Open House on April 17th from 5:30 – 7:00 here at City Hall. There will be a small presentation and staff will be available to answer questions.

AARON SMITH – TOURISM (see attached report)

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Bob Browne, 498 Merchant Street, thanked all City workers for their work during the most recent torrential rains and flash flooding event.

Mr. Ken Schweiss, owner of 199 Washington Street addressed the Mayor and Board about his concerns during the recent flash flooding event. (barricades being placed sooner to prevent vehicles from driving through the flooded streets as well as a permanent solution to getting the water pumped out of the area.

Mr. Doral Parmer, 199 N. Second Street addressed the Mayor and Board with concerns during the recent flash flooding event and getting barricades placed earlier.

Mr. Dustin Martin, 71 Oakwood Drive, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding the drainage issues in his area during the most recent flash flooding event.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting – March 27, 2025.
- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Work Session – March 27, 2025
- **RESOLUTION 2025 – 26.** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MCDANIELS MARKETING FOR THE FY 2026 ADVERTISING PLAN – MMG GRANT FOR THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE.
- **RESOLUTION 2025 – 27.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN TUCKER TO MAINTAIN FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTY.
- **RESOLUTION 2025 – 28.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ERNIE & LISA KOVAC TO MAINTAIN FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTY.
- **RESOLUTION 2025 – 29.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MARK TRAUTWEIN TO MAINTAIN FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTY.
- **RESOLUTION 2025 – 30.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT BECKERMANN TO MAINTAIN FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTY.

A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Prince to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Bennett absent.

OLD BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4664. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AND THE STE. GENEVIEVE MUNICIPAL BAND. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Eydmann, Bill No. 4664 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 Mike Raney, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderwoman Amie Dobbs, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan and Alderman Jeff Eydmann. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett. Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4664 was declared Ordinance No. 4585 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4665. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET RELATING TO VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE INCREASES. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Raney, Bill No. 4665 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 Mike Raney, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderwoman Amie Dobbs, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan and Alderman Jeff Eydmann. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett. Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4665 was declared Ordinance No. 4586 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4666. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COCHRAN ENGINEERING FOR THE "9th STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT." 2nd READING. Alderman Donovan brought up a concern regarding a recent project on Fourth Street that Cochran provided inspections services for and there is gravel already showing though portions of the asphalt. He is concerned with this project because it will be a full street replacement. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Steiger, Bill No. 4666 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 Mike Raney, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Jeff Eydmann. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett. Abstaining: Alderman Bob Donovan and Alderwoman Amie Dobbs. (Both Aldermen abstained because they want to see proof of the Cochrans work before either one can vote yes.) Motion carried 5-0-1-2. Thereupon Bill No. 4666 was declared Ordinance No. 4587 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4667. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL COATINGS LLC D/B/A SIC CONCRETE FOR THE "CITY WIDE CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROJECT" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$837,853.31. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Eydmann, Bill No. 4667 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 Mike Raney, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderwoman Amie Dobbs, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan and Alderman Jeff Eydmann. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett. Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4667 was declared Ordinance No. 4588 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4668. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERN BAUMAN CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE "CITY WIDE ASPHALT REPLACEMENT PROJECT" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$3,195,814.99. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Steiger, Bill No. 4668 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 Mike Raney, Alderman Parick Fahey, Alderwoman Amie Dobbs, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan and Alderman Jeff Eydmann. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Eric Bennett. Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4668 was declared Ordinance No. 4589 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4669. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM METRO-AG, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND LAND UTILIZATION OF RESIDUALS FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. 1st READING. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Eydmann, Bill No. 4669 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 Bennett absent.

OTHER BUSINESS. Alderman Steiger would like staff to look into the concerns that were brought to the Board earlier during public comments both on Washington Street and Pointe Basse drainage. Alderman Raney encouraged department heads to make check lists to have in place for future events that may occur.

MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION. None.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business Mayor Keim adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Pam Meyer
City Clerk

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

April 10, 2025

1. Staff will be presenting information about their departments for the 2025 Chamber Leadership group on Wednesday, April 16. All department heads give a rundown of their department's responsibilities, projects, and anecdotes on small town city management.
2. Since sending out our flier and posting it on Facebook and other media advertising we have seen a 40% increase in signups on our Genasys Alert System. And the string of bad weather we have had in this part of eastern Missouri has also prompted more folks to sign up with over 200 ready to get alerts.
3. Apple and Android City App downloads have increased 100% since we sent out the flier. Apple has 70 downloads while Android sits at 30. We hope to see more as we continue to add content.
4. The Health Care Committee has their next meeting Monday, April 14, to review the 25% increase in health insurance rates that were brought to us by Sonus Benefits and work on a way to minimize the impact to the city and employees. Drug prices have risen and utilization has gone up with payouts exceeding premiums this past year. Anthem MEWA was the best of 6 companies they checked into for premiums.
5. We measured unofficially almost 7 inches of rain from Wednesday through Sunday noon with 4 inches on Friday night when the floodwaters crested the creeks. All roads were cleaned and open by Alliance by Sunday noon after a long Friday evening of road closures and assistance. A couple of houses on LaHaye were flooded while a few others around town experienced sewer main backup issues.
6. Cochran started Monday (4/7) working on the sewer system facilities plan. They were out checking manholes in the downtown area and making notes of material and any water inflow from the ground. They will be working their way outwards from this point. T.J. Garbs is the lead engineer on this project.
7. The new Pere Marquette Park playground was installed earlier this week. It is next to the big soccer field adjacent to the trail.
8. Bids were opened today for 9th St. rehabilitation and we'll have the approval and agreement ready for the next meeting.

Ste. Genevieve Fire Department

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Monthly Operations Report

Date: **March 2025**

Calls for Assistance:

- SGFD responded to **31** emergency calls in **March**.
- The total for this year is **69** calls, **up 25** calls from last year.
- **We had one 24 hour period where we ran 10 calls before, during, after the storms including 2 trucks and manpower to Perryville after the tornado.**

Staffing:

- SGFD roster is down **3**. Due to the fireman being volunteer, openings will occur.
- Volunteers are still needed to form an applicant list, contact any SGFD firefighter if interested
- **New firefighter added last week.**

Training: (FYI, all monthly training is done after hours or on weekends)

- **Monthly Training was Initial Scene Operations**
- **Preplan Training was Inline Chiropractic.**

Meetings Attended

Bi County Chiefs Meeting – **Attended**
City Council Meeting – **Attended**
Ozark Fire Assoc. Meeting – **Attended**
Ste Gen and Ste Gen County Fire District meetings – **Attended**
Ste Gen FD officers Meeting - **Attended**

Technical Rescue: (FYI, all Tech Rescue training is done after hours or on weekends in addition to regular monthly training)

- Nothing to report

Apparatus & Equipment Maintenance:

- Nothing big to report – Normal Maintenance work

Fire Radio

- St Francis County 911 radio survey – Radio improvements project moving forward with 2025 anticipated completion.

Grants

ARP Grant

2024

This is a 50% match which can be in the form of money or “in kind match”. Will only require additional funding of approximately \$6,000.00 that would be available from the rural fire fund. **The hose (about half of what was ordered has arrived), delivery date for the rest in the next couple of weeks.**

Firehouse Subs Grant

In the process of gathering information to apply for Firehouse Subs Foundation grant. Started the process. Application opens January 9th. Will be applying for auto extrication equipment. Grant program closed in 24 hours of opening was not able to submit the request. Will attempt again in April. **Application Submitted**

County Firefighters Assn.:

- Setting a date for a Flammable Liquids class later this year.
- Setting a date for Fire Fighting Foam Class

Local & State Mutual Aid:

- Nothing to report

Misc.

Hosted a National Weather Service Storm Spotter Class in conjunction with Ste Genevieve County Emergency Preparedness well received.

Participated in the Library Touch A Truck Event

Participated in the Valle Transportation Fair

KnoxBox Program

Boxes Approved, shipped and Waiting for installs

Ste. Genevieve Do It Center (still waiting for warehouse on Chadwell)

Mid State Wood Products for Trautman Building

Ste Genevieve Early Childhood Center

Ste Genevieve Elementary School

Heavenly Hair

Corey – Main Street Park Building

Installed

Brix Winery



Community Development

April 2025 Staff Report

3/11/25 – 4/7/25

Historic Preservation – Heritage Commission

- Met 3/17 – Issued 2 COAs, 4 Administrative COAs & 6 Attestations
- Next meeting – 4/21
- 2024 HP grant application – mobile app walking tour – recommended for funding

Building Department / Code Enforcement

- Occupancy Permits / Inspections 22
- Building Permits Issued 21 (16 roof permits)
- Demolition Permits 0
- Sign Permits 0
- Chicken Permits 1
- Special Use Permits 0
- Sidewalks – sidewalk review in Spring 2025
- Building Code – 2021 ICC codes adopted – new permit fees were eff. 4/1

Comprehensive Plan

- Comp plan committee met – met Mar. 12th
- Discussed proposed annexation plan, strategic goals update
- Tentative next meeting – May '25

Planning & Zoning

- No meeting in April
- Next scheduled meeting – 5/1
- Minor subdivision approved – 371 Jefferson

City / County Info

- Assistance with Tourism / EcDev – Provided 5k in '23 & '24, discussion of poss. adding lodging tax to 2024 ballot – ballot language not submitted – looking at April 2025 election / discussion of forming a CVB type organization with County & Chamber / County partnered with City for Parkland REDI membership for 2024/ statute must be passed to raise lodging tax – bill will be introduced in Mo. House in 2025 session/ Bill in committee – HB149 voted Do Pass out of committee on 4/2
- Progress Parkway property – county provided assistance to IDC for infrastructure
- FLAP Grant (N 4th Street bridge) – remains on track for 2025 / cost has risen to approximately 950k (originally 750k) now & county has asked for assistance from city / engineering currently occurring – tentative construction spring 2026
- TAP Grant (Hwy 61 sidewalk) – County app. approved – on track for 2026

- 911 Tax – Board formed (includes City officer) – payments from City & Amb. Dist. to continue until new infrastructure installed and paid; potentially 4 – 5 years (2027-28); City portion of dispatching services lowered in FY2025
- Improvements to Ferry Landing – USCOE will not require permits and have given permission to move forward; MLC has responded they have no issue with the project. UP has now given initial approval to move forward also. Drafting MOU for UP & MLC – UP has declined MOU and will draft their own. Potential buyer's offer was declined. UP has sent a lease application but no agreement on cost yet. Lease application submitted 3/3/25.

Board of Adjustment

- Nothing new to report

Floodplain Management

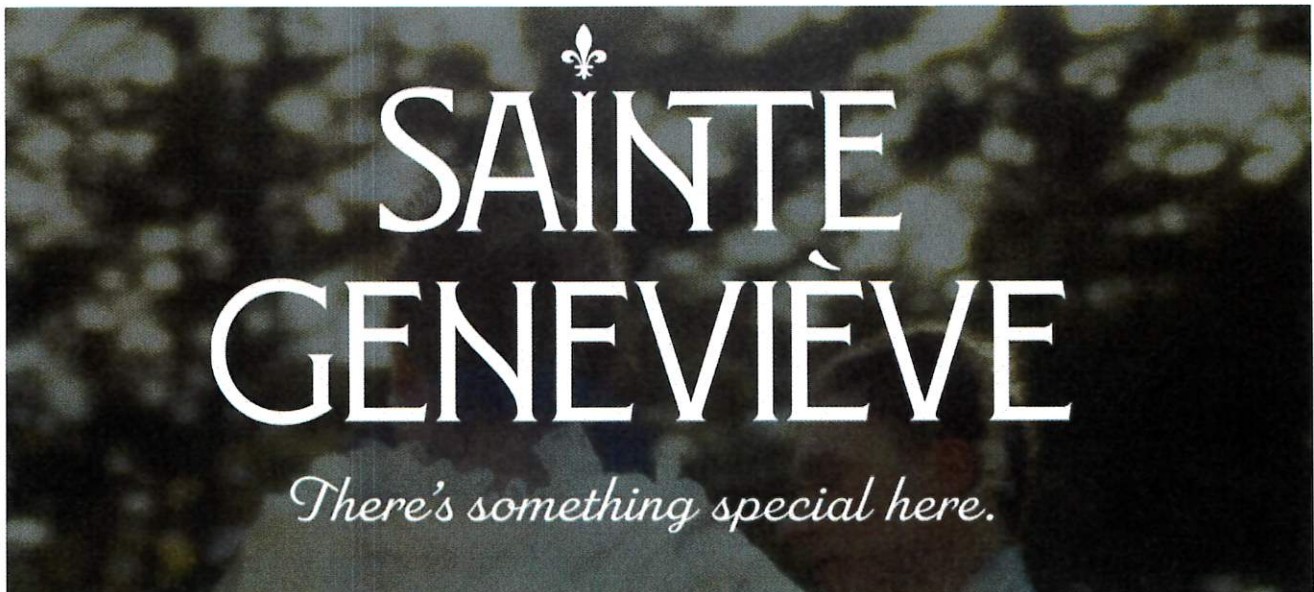
- Current long range forecasts show 59% chance of Minor Flooding in Apr-May-Jun.
- Current long range forecasts show 26% chance of Moderate Flooding in Apr-May-Jun.
- Current long range forecasts also show 16% chance of Major flooding in Apr-May-Jun.
- Current river stage (4/7) is 25.9'; expected to crest at 26.2' on Tue, April 8th.
- Ferry is currently operating Fri – Sun.

Property Maintenance

- Nuisance Property Issues 6
- Vegetation Nuisance Issues 1
- Code Violation Issues 2
- Sidewalk Issues 2
- 58 S Main – abatement work completed

Tourism Report

Aaron Smith | Apr 10, 2025



The News

Liver Dumplings Sign

- Application was approved
- Sign will go in planter outside Old Brick
- Will help make our streets more interactive as well as history

Rising Star Award

- I will receive the Missouri Division of Tourism's Rising Star Award at the annual Governor's Tourism Conference in October
- Not sure if anyone has won this award in their first year in a position
- Two representatives from the department came to the Brand Reveal back in February

- Great exposure for Ste. Gen. Great for momentum. Great for buy-in. All eyes on Ste. Gen.

Small Town Showcase

- Podcast has been recorded and is up on Spotify - search Ste. Genevieve
- The speakers did a great job of playing up the romanticism of the town, the strength of the community, and our potential position as the authority on French History in the US

Missouri Main Street Connection

- Carried out by TTC
- Very excited to work with us
- Community Empowerment Grant due April 18th - they will do their community visit on 21st

French Heritage Corridor Conference

- Held by the Chicago French Heritage Society April 23-26 at WashU
- Bob Mueller nominated me to participate in Panel discussion at WashU
- Friday 4/25 - bus will come down to Ste. Gen to tour houses - rolling out red carpet
- Saturday 4/26 - students from WashU will come down for a tour

Continuing Projects

- Mo Humanites Small Town Showcase Video
- Website Launch
- Missouri Main Street Connection
- Visit Widget Ste. Genevieve App
- French Heritage Festival