

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 27, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Hassler called the regular meeting of the 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 Paul Hassler	
Alderman Gary Smith	Aldерwoman Susie Johnson
Alderman Bob Donovan	Alderman Mike Jokerst
Alderman Jeff Eydmann	Alderman Mike Raney
Aldерwoman Ashley Armbruster	Alderman Joe Prince

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderwoman Johnson, second by Alderman Eydmann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

PRESENTATION/AWARDS. None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE. None.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT. (See Attached Report)

STAFF REPORTS.

Steve Wilson – Alliance Water Resources, Local Manager (See Attached Report)
Eric Bennett – Police Chief (See Attached Report)
Tourism Report (See Attached Report)

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Alderman Jokerst reported that long time Channel 7/98 station manager Don Pritchard will be retiring in June.

Alderwoman Armbruster reported on the recent Park & Recreation board meeting from May 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Treasurer’s Report – April 2021
- Minutes – Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting – May 13, 2021
- Minutes – Work Session (Closed) – May 13, 2021
- Approval of a street closure request from Amanda Hutchings – Honey Bee Festival – June 26, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m. to June 27, 2021 4:30 p.m.

A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Raney to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4431. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 405 ZONING REGULATIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW. 2ND READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Eydmann, Bill No. 4431 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Gary Smith, Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Jeff Eydmann, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Mike Raney and Alderwoman Ashley Armbruster. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Joe Prince Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4427 was declared Ordinance No. 4351 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4432. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERN BAUMAN CONTRACTING COMPANY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI FOR THE "2021 PAVING PROGRAM" AT A PRICE OF \$51.29 PER TON DELIVERED. 1ST READING A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4432 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a 8-0 vote of the Board of Alderman.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021/2022 ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Smith to approve the 2021/2022 Annual Liquor Licenses. Motion carried 8-0.

BIDS.

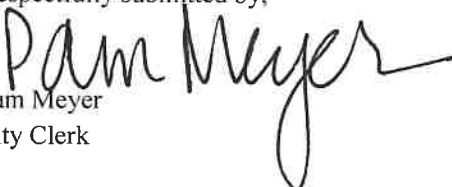
APPROVAL OF FIRE HOUSE PAINTING BID & MOWER BID FOR PARK/STREET DEPARTMENTS. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince to approve the bid from Ritter Painting Services, LLC for the Fire house painting in an amount of \$35,800 and the bid from Flieg's Equipment for the purchase of the Hustler 25 HP Diesel 72" deck mower for the Street/Parks Department in the amount of \$13,900. Motion carried 8-0.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION. None.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business Mayor Hassler adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Pam Meyer
City Clerk

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

May 27, 2021

Taylor engineering has surveyed the lots on Progress Parkway to create two subdivided lots and we hope to have a preliminary reviewable plat next month.

The surplus city vehicles sold Tuesday through PurpleWave. The Tauruses sold for \$11,000 and \$10,890, and the truck sold for \$1,705. Subtract 10% off those bids for PurpleWave's fee for compensation. We have not been contacted yet about pick up of the vehicles.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife folks are hoping to install signs next Tuesday and Wednesday at the levee. The parking lot sign will be first followed by the signs along the levee. Jerry Bader has also been out surveying along the levee as he continues work on preparing plats to subdivide the eastern area so it can be conveyed to Fish and Wildlife.

The committee will be interviewing June 7 for a new tourism director and plan on getting someone hired by July 1.



OUR MISSION

We partner with communities to deliver the finest water and wastewater services available at a competitive price. We are committed to keeping water safe and clean while serving people and taking care of communities with improved technical operations, careful management and financial oversight, and ensured regulatory compliance.

Alliance Water Resources, Inc.

**206 S. Keene St.
Columbia, MO
65201**

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OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

April 2021

Water Treatment Plant

- Flynn Drilling in to clean 2 of the city's 4 wells. The water producing capacity of the wells has increased.
- Staff was struggling with chlorine feed at the water plant. We completed several repairs in the Chlorine room before normal operation resumed.
- Lime feed system was not operating at full capacity. We investigated the issue and found a waterline flush valve was leaking water by and diluting the lime slurry causing increased pump speed. The faulty valve was replaced, and normal operations resumed.
- Due to the warmer temps. Painting has ceased until cooler weather allows.
- All locations were inspected and cleaned.

Wastewater Treatment

- Metro Ag is scheduled to removed biosolids in mid-May. The need for a screen at the head works of the facility is major need. This will allow the trash to be removed prior to the treatment process. We are unable to do that at this point.
- The UV System is and has been up and running, meanwhile producing results that meet our permitted limits.
- The mower at the wastewater plant is nearing or may be at the end of its usable life. We found the oil and gas have combined in the engine and have ruined the rings if the engine. The mower is still working, but smoking. We don't know when it will quit for good. A new mower will be looked into.
- Routine maintenance and inspections were performed as scheduled.



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

WASTEWATER PLANT EFFLUENT QUALITY

	<u>BOD Mg/l</u>	<u>TSS mg/l</u>	<u>pH</u>	<u>E. coli forming Colonies/100 ml</u>
Monthly Average	6.9	3.8	7.4	9
Peak Day	9.2	5.7	8.6	27
Percent Removal	95.7%	97.0%		

NPDES EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

	<u>BOD Mg/l</u>	<u>TSS mg/l</u>	<u>pH</u>	<u>E coli forming Colonies/100 ml</u>
Monthly Average	30	30	6.5-9.0	206
Weekly Average	45	45		1030

AMMONIA MONTHLY LEVELS

	<u>Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>
Daily Maximum	.03
Monthly Average	.03

AMMONIA LIMITATIONS

	<u>(April 1st- Sept 30th) Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>	<u>(Oct 1st-March 31st) Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>
Daily Maximum	4.2	11.8
Monthly Average	1.5	2.6

PLANT HYDRAULIC AND ORGANIC LOADING

Daily Maximum flow MG- 1.4 mgd
 Daily Maximum loading 1202 lbs.



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

Collection/Distribution

Collections

- Staff jetted over 1800ft of sewers during this reporting period.
- Jetted the line on Parkwood. The cause of the problem was grease build up in the line caused by the Apartments.
- Assisted Shuh Plumbing with a sewer line install on North 5th Street.
- Wehner Street began having issues.
- All lift stations were cleaned, inspected and de-winterized.
- Began looking at new connections with customers beginning to build in the future.
- All lift stations were inspected at a minimum of 3 times per week. Staff inspects for grease build up, vandalism, and any electrical issues that would indicate issues with pumps, motors, or controls.

Distribution

- Notified the Street Dept of the area where patching needs to be completed.
- Staff replaced the shut off valve at 521 Audubon St. This valve proved to be faulty while we were assisting a local plumber.
- 4" Water main break on North Main St. Staff isolated this leak and completed the repairs.
- Pointe Base booster station has finally received all needed parts to be put back into service.
- All remote buildings were cleaned, inspected.
- The internal water meter for the plant failed and had to be replaced.

Customer Service

- Staff performed 81 line locates. Up by 60 from the previous month
- Staff performed 56 work orders. Up by 35 from previous month
- Disconnects for non-payment 27. Up 11 from previous month
- There were 5.5 loads of lime purchased.



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

Project Updates

- Cochran has completed the site work on schedule. We are now preparing final documents for the bidding process. Due to the limited availability of materials the city will be purchasing the pipe for the project, apposed to the contractor providing it.
- Cochran is also preparing pricing for the 2 creek crossing on the North Gabouri Creek
- Cochran is preparing a proposal for the electrical project at the water plant.

Safety

- Staff received training distracted driving and reviewed the policies on cell phone use in vehicles.
- COVID-19 Briefing
- Next months meeting will cover Electrical Safety and Arc Flash.

Regulatory

- All testing and reports were submitted on time.

Training

- DNR is now offering certification exams at other locations in the area.

Concerns for the Month

- Availability of materials for the upcoming waterline project.

Positive for the Month

- All staff healthy
- Warmer weather coming



Ste. Genevieve Police Department



Monthly Operations Report

Date: May, 2021

Calls for Service:

*SGPD responded to 400 calls for service in April, 2021.

UCR	Incident Type	Count
1055	INTOXICATED PERSON	1
1059	ESCORT	11
1073	ALARM BURGLARY	9
8121	TRAFFIC STOP	64
A911	ABANDON OR OPEN 911 CALL	7
ALARM	FIRE ALARM	2
ANIM	ANIMAL CALL	14
ASSA	ASSAULT/SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH EMS AND FIRE	1
ASSIP	ASSIST FOR POLICE	9
ASSLT	ASSAULT CALL	1
BURGL	BURGLARY	1
CI	C AND I DRIVER	3
COMME	COMMERCIAL FIRE	1
CWB	CHECK WELL BEING	20
DIST	DISTURBANCE	19
DOMES	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1
EXTRA	EXTRA PATROL	9
FALLS	FALLS	2
FIGHT	FIGHT	1
FOUND	FOUND PROPERTY	2
FRAUD	FRAUD	1
FUGI	FUGITIVE ARREST	1
FULL	CARDIAC OR RESPIRATORY ARREST/DEATH	1
HARA	HARASSMENT	6
HEART	HEART PROBLEMS	1
HOLD	HOLD UP ALARM	1
INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	3
INVEP	INVESTIGATION POLICE	27
LAND	LAND ZONE SET UP	1
LIC	LOST OR STOLEN LIC PLATE	2
MEDIC	MEDICAL ALARM SOUNDING	1
MISC	MISCELLANEOUS	66
MOTO	MOTORIST ASSIST	3
MVAN	MVA NON INJURY	11
ODOR	ODOR OF GAS	1
OPEN	OPEN DOOR	2
ORDIN	ORDINANCE VIOLATION	3
OVER	OVERDOSE/POISONING(INGESTION)	1
PEACE	PEACE DISTURBANCE	7
PHONE	TELEPHONE MESSAGE	5
PICK	PICK UP	5
PROP	PROPERTY DAMAGE	3
PROWL	PROWLER	1
PSYCH	PSYCHIATRIC/ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR/SUICIDE ATTEMI	8
RDHZ	ROAD HAZARD	6
RESCU	RESCUE CALL	1
RESID	RESIDENTIAL FIRE	1
SEXA	SEXUAL ABUSE	1
SUSPPE	SUSPICIOUS PERSON VEHICLE	31
TEST	TEST CALL DO NOT RESPOND	1
THEFT	THEFT	6
TRESP	TRESPASSING	1
TTC	TRY TO CONTACT	2
UNCON	UNCONSCIOUS	7
UTILI	UTILITY CREW	3
VAND	VANDALISM	1

Total: 400

Staffing:

*While we're still fully staffed on paper, we are two officers down, due to injuries, resulting in alternative scheduling methods.

Training:

*We just completed our bi-annual firearms qualification. Our officers have some specialized training in the near future.

Meetings attended:

*I attended 2 BOA meetings in April.

Facility:

*We are vacating the pd, in preparation for the upcoming remodel project to get underway. The move was expedited by a failed A/C unit, which was scheduled to be replaced in the remodel anyway.

Equipment/Maintenance:

*Our second patrol vehicle is in the process of getting upfitted as of the time of this report.

Police Radio:

*St. Francois County is in the process of implementing a Push-to-Talk feature in addition to their regular radio communication, allowing better opportunities to contact officers, even in poor reception areas.

Grants:

*Nothing to report

Miscellaneous:

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Tourism Report

For Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen (May 27, 2021)

WELCOME CENTER VISITORS

With 781 people passing through the Welcome Center the week of Sunday, May 16, through Saturday, May 22, the number marks by far the largest single-week total since the reopening of the Welcome Center on June 1, 2020. We had marks of 359 for a single day (Holiday Christmas Festival, December 4) and 445 for a single week (November 1-7, ending with Pecanapalooza) in 2020.

The significance of tours is clearly evident in the numbers with about 10 groups bringing in 385 people. The week ended with good weather and the Pioneer Days event at Sassafras Creek on St. Mary's Road.

RECENT ITEMS

— Dr. Charles Balesi and representatives of the French Heritage Society had lunch and toured houses last Friday (May 14) on their second day of visiting the area. The Chicago-based chapter of the society is interested in working with Ste. Genevieve, Prairie du Rocher and other locations in the Midwest possibly from Detroit through New Orleans to promote a French Creole Corridor for travelers.

— The inaugural Pioneer Days event (May 22 and May 23) included a number of craft demonstrations and trades and colonial-period items for sale on the grounds of Sassafras Creek. Organizer Kandy Mahurin said she was considering a second one for September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

— The Muny Band series will begin 8 p.m. May 27 at the Valle Desert.

— The first movie in the park was rescheduled for this Saturday, May 29, with the county library and Museum Learning Center showing "Jurassic Park" in Pere Marquette Park.

— Also on Saturday, May 29, the Felix Valle House State Historic Site is sponsoring a storybook stroll where families walk through town from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to hear a story.

— The Chamber of Commerce Summer Music Series will begin on June 4 and consists of Friday night concerts at the Orris Theatre through the end of July.

— The French Heritage Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, with a more compressed schedule. Dennis Stroughmatt's bands will play in the middle of the day and early in the evening at Lions Club Park. Adele Martin and Bluesette will play on North Main Street between those two performances.

— La Veillee at Felix Valle House State Historic Site will follow the French festival in the evening.

— The Big BAM cycling event will come to Ste. Genevieve on Friday, June 18. Cars will park long term on the Jefferson Street side of the Valle Desert for those riders who come here and shuttle down to Poplar Bluff on June 13. The semi truck and shuttle loading will be on the Quarry Workers' gravel lot across the street from city hall. We expect to have goodie bags for the riders to give them information about the town and discounts from the shops.

When riders arrive in Ste. Genevieve on June 18, Brix Urban Winery and Market will have live music and drink specials in the afternoon, there will be some activities at the finish line in Jour de Fete's Moses Austin Park, and then Crossroads will play on Merchant Street into the Audubon parking lot from 5 to 8 p.m., thanks to support from a Muny Band grant.

— Saturday, June 19, is the Spring for Down Syndrome event with the UTV ride and other activities.

— On Friday, June 25, there will be a Muny Band performance and fireworks in the Yanks Field/Pere Marquette Park area.

— The first Honey Festival and Market is set for Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. Amanda Hutchings of Harold's Famous Bee Co. is coordinating the event and will be approaching the board to ask permission to close sometime downtown streets — Market, Merchant, Second and Main — east of Third Street in order for vendors to set up for the weekend. She has about 50 vendors, food trucks. She planned to meet with the Lions Club this Tuesday to discuss the use of Lions Club Park for music and other activities.

Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center Visitors

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	343	547	485	416	543	343	365	380
February	682	833	1,053	1,034	1,237	775	518	659
March	992	1,166	899	1,210	1,507	1,423	313	1,058
April	1,407	1,646	1,906	1,725	2,029	2,048	0	1,390
May	2,604	2,391	2,825	2,542	3,579	3,684	0	1,643*
June	1,970	1,828	2,002	2,299	2,765	1,950	1,119	0
July	2,225	1,784	2,044	2,291	1,912	1,724	1,101	0
August	3,303	3,342	2,535	3,746	2,531	3,253	1,367	0
September	1,973	2,091	2,608	2,703	2,557	1,647	1,360	0
October	3,087	3,168	3,343	3,004	2,850	1,871	1,569	0
November	977	1,321	1,572	1,302	1,633	1,040	1,042	0
December	943	1,021	781	1,905	1,314	933	860	0
TOTAL	20,506	21,138	22,053	24,177	24,457	20,691	9,614	3,487

*—Through Sunday, May 23

DAY, DATE	DAY	WK	DAY, DATE	DAY	WK	DAY, DATE	DAY	WK
Sunday, May 2	40		Sunday, May 9	38		Sunday, May 16	55	
Monday, May 3	14		Monday, May 10	23		Monday, May 17	109	
Tuesday, May 4	11		Tuesday, May 11	19		Tuesday, May 18	98	
Wednesday, May 5	18		Wednesday, May 12	55		Wednesday, May 19	128	
Thursday, May 6	48		Thursday, May 13	80		Thursday, May 20	157	
Friday, May 7	128		Friday, May 14	53		Friday, May 21	56	
Saturday, May 8	42	301	Saturday, May 15	83	351	Saturday, May 22	178	781
						Sunday, May 23	104	

Ste. Genevieve Tourism Website Visitors

www.visitstegen.com monthly unique users

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	24	1,219	1,204	2,715	3,185	2,782	2,907	8	3,758	4,420	4,222	4,442
February	18	1,220	1,150	2,596	2,945	2,766	3,081	7	4,628	4,464	4,619	4,167
March	29	1,836	1,529	3,190	3,864	3,456	3,973	4,006	4,737	5,415	3,515	9,404
April	45	1,389	1,916	3,587	3,875	3,411	5,255	4,670	5,219	5,588	2,706	9,187
May	55	1,651	2,800	4,042	4,778	4,298	4,191	5,725	6,365	5,593	5,168	6,376
June	74	2,110	3,056	3,978	5,201	4,572	4,020	1,105	6,595	6,528	7,564	0
July	1,283	1,471	3,404	4,941	3,901	4,179	3,537	49	8,496	8,120	6,504	0
August	1,427	1,522	3,595	4,186	3,335	4,998	5,236	28	7,816	7,673	6,970	0
September	1,363	1,159	4,315	3,781	3,578	4,364	5,369	16	7,056	6,557	7,502	0
October	1,601	1,348	4,232	5,143	3,702	4,718	8,597	0	7,541	5,761	20,923	0
November	1,452	912	2,519	3,189	2,290	3,191	3,751	387	5,352	4,413	14,921	0
December	906	879	1,956	2,391	2,154	2,867	93	3,225	5,804	4,269	4,508	0
TOTAL	8,277	16,716	31,676	43,739	42,808	45,602	50,010	19,226	73,367	68,801	89,122	33,576

May data through May 23.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Missouri Division of Tourism had influencer Leah Stroup visit Ste. Genevieve as part of her tour of various river towns from Hannibal to Cape Girardeau.

Her post also appeared on TravelZoo and can be found at this link:

<https://www.travelzoo.com/blog/going-with-the-flow-in-missouri/>

Crown Valley Winery and Music Art Love were featured in a Missouri Division of Tourism-sponsored spot taped by and aired on KMOV (Channel 4)

https://www.kmov.com/great_day/whats-your-m-o-culture/video_7e7b3231-bb1f-5248-82e0-b494ef8662e9.html

The Columbia Missourian did a story earlier this month on the new Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park.

https://www.columbiamissourian.com/special_section/tourism/southeast_missouri/ste-genevieve-celebrates-its-history-as-a-national-historic-park/article_d1c54b50-a4b8-11eb-8ee1-4331a8d12657.html