

**City Board Meeting Agenda
City of St. Elmo
May 6, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
At the Magnus Conference Hall**

Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Minutes

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Visitors:

Reports and Communications from the Mayor and Other City Officers:

- Resignation of Loretta Cameron as City Clerk and Appointment of Rick Mills as new City Clerk
- Theater Grant

Reports of Standing Committees:

Chairman Report of Parks, Local Improvements & Zoning, Danielle Fontaine

- Theater Bids

Chairman Report of Finance, Kenneth Gammon

- Quarterly Investment Policy Report
- General Fund Budget
- Personnel – Raises
- Audit Proposal

Chairman Report of Public Safety, James D. Russell

- Swearing in of Tristan Overvig and Bradin Baucum
- 2026 Ford Explorer from Morrow Brothers Ford
- Stalker Radio

Chairman Report of Public Works, Peg McKinney

- Fence tools and Fencing
- New windows at garage

Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances:

- Poppy Day, National Police Week, Kids to Park Proclamations
- Water rate increase Ordinance

Unfinished Business:

Executive Session:

Adjourn or Recess:

City Board Meeting Minutes
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The City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Magnus Conference Room with the following City Officials present: Mayor Kimberly Baron, Alderman Rita Davis, Peg McKinney, Fred Wagner, Danielle Fontaine, JD Russell and Kenneth Gammon. Also present was Treasurer Michelle Oldfield, Chief of Police Jeremy Scruggs, Public Works Supt. Josh Ledbetter. Absent was City Clerk Loretta Cameron

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: Sergeant Chris Carpenter, Officer Kyle Haeger, Skip and Henrietta Heaton, Isaac Isringhauser was present reporting for Vandalia Radio. Quin Shurtz, Shelby Shutz, and Linda Shurtz were present to watch the swearing in of Officer Overvig. Chloe Whited was present to watch swearing in of Officer Baucum. Nathan Buff came to talk with the Board about problems he is having with his fence potentially needing to be moved. He claims that he got approval to put it where it is now but the neighboring property sold and buyer had it surveyed and the fence does go across property line. The board said they will look into it and see what can be done. Also, he would like something to be done with Trivetts junk in yard and illegal dumping of contaminants on the ground. Adam Stufflebeam came to discuss the drainage or lack of on his property in Evergreen Acres subdivision. He was inquiring about who is responsible for the damage (cracks in the walls) to his house due to the water not draining correctly into storm drains when it rains. Jos told him that Dave Belden needs to be contacted and sort it out on where liability falls. And when it dries out the Public Works dept will get out there and do what they can ditch work wise to help the flow of things.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion #1 Moved by JD Russell and seconded by Rita Davis to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills.

Unanimous approval

Approval of Board Minutes

Motion #2 Moved by JD Russell and seconded by Danielle Fontaine to approve the April 1, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Unanimous approval

Reports and Communications from the Mayor and Other City Officers:

Motion # 3 moved by JD Russell and seconded by Rita Davis to accept the resignation of Loretta Cameron as City Clerk. Loretta resigned for personal reasons.

Motion #4 was made JD Russell and seconded by Kenny Gammon to approve the appointment of Rick Mills as new City Clerk

Unanimous approval

Reports of Standing Committees:

Chairman Report of Parks, Local Improvements & Zoning, Danielle Fontaine

- Theater Bids

Tabled until after an Engineer looks at it.

Josh spoke about drainage at Deken. He talked to Smith welding about helping with that project and leveling up dirt work. Fred would like to pursue designating the two wooden benches at Deken Park as 'Aldermen's benches' or 'City Council benches' and have the council participate in refurbishing the current state of affairs on the two benches.

Chairman Report of Finance, Kenneth Gammon

- Quarterly Investment Policy

Motion #5 Moved by Kenny Gammon and seconded by Fred Wagner to approve the Quarterly Investment Policy

- Unanimous approval

- General Fund Budget

Motion #6 Moved by Fred Wagner and seconded by Kenny Gammon to approve the 2026/2027 General Fund Budget at \$917,500.00 plus set aside \$50,000.00 for Ordinance Violations

Unanimous approval

- Personnel Raises

Motion #7 Moved by Kenny Gammon and seconded by Danielle Fontaine to approve the personnel raises as presented

Unanimous approval

- Audit Proposal

Motion #8 Moved by Kenny Gammon and seconded by Danielle Fontaine to accept Quote from Kemper CPA Group for 2025/2026 Audit in the amount up to \$28,000.00

Unanimous approval

Chairman Report of Public Safety, James D. Russell

- Swearing in Officer Baucum and Officer Overvig
- 2026 Ford Explorer from Morrow Brothers Ford and Stalker Radar

Motion #9 Moved by JD Russell and seconded by Fred Wagner to approve purchase of 2026 Ford Police car and stalker radar for Police Department in the amount up to \$66,000.00

5 Ayes, 1 Nays

Chairman Report of Public Works, Peg McKinney

- Fence tools and Fencing

Motion #10 Made by Fred Wagner and seconded by Kenny Gammon to approve ceiling bid of \$15,000.00 for Fencing and Material needed to build fence.

Unanimous approval

- New Windows at garage

Motion #11 Moved by Peg McKinney and seconded by Rita Davis to accept quote from Lash Construction in the amount of \$4961.65 for new windows at City Garage

Unanimous approval

Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances:

- Kids to Park Day Proclamation
- Poppy Day Proclamation
- National Police Week Proclamation

Motion #12) Moved by Kenny Gammon and seconded by Rita Davis to approve the Mayor signing the Kids to Park Day Proclamation, Poppy Day Proclamation and National Police Week Proclamation.

Unanimous approval

- Water rate increase Ordinance

Motion 13 made by JD Russell and seconded by Kenny Gammon to Pass Ordinance No. 1119

“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Division 2, Paragraph 8 Of The City Of St. Elmo, (Fayette County), Illinois Municipal Code (Water Rates)”

Unanimous approval

Unfinished Business:

Executive Session:

Adjourn or Recess:

Motion #14 Moved by JD Russell and seconded by Danielle Fontaine to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Unanimous approval



City Clerk, Rick Mills