

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Public Hearing on this date with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Rodney Olander, Scott Ramsey, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, and Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo. Absent were Craig A. Mathews, J Ina, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to receive written and/or oral comments and to adopt the following ordinance:

An Ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 2242 adopting the 2021 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana.

There were no written and/or oral comments received regarding the proposed ordinance.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange explained that the Budget Amendment including the American Rescue Plan funds was presented at the August 11, 2021 Council Meeting. He also informed that the attached amendment includes the \$16.00 per day for housing prisoners till the end of the year and the cost of installing a camera system at the Animal Shelter. The \$19.00 per day for housing prisoners will be considered in the 2022 budget and presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting.

In response to Mr. Bennett’s inquiry relative to the per day increase to house prisoners, Mr. LaGrange explained that the increase would be for all municipalities and the \$19.00 would be considered for the 2022 budget.

In response to Mr. Ramsey’s inquiry relative to the cost of cameras for the Animal Control, Mr. LaGrange explained that \$13,000 is for installation of cameras, \$3,000 is for operating and maintenance of the building, and \$1,600 is for Publication of Marketing.

There being no further business, Mrs. Hidalgo moved for adjournment. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Dean S. Adams, Chairman