

**AGENDA
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
SECOND REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – 6:00 PM
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
FIFTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE
FRANKLIN, LA**

1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON

2 – INVOCATION: ----- HON. PATRICK HEBERT

3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ----- HON. LESLIE RULF, JR.

4 – ROLL CALL

5 - READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A. First Regular Meeting, September 9, 2026

6 - GUESTS

- A. Valerie Pitts, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration to appear before the Council to update on disaster aid available to St. Mary Parish residents following Tropical Storm Arthur.
- B. Maurie Gianfala, Chez Hope Advocate to appear before the Council to request adoption of a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Proclamation to be adopted)
- C. Franklin Merchant Association Representatives to appear before the Council to discuss the “Harvest Moon Festival” to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026. (Proclamation to be adopted)

7 - PUBLIC COMMENT

8 – REPORT FROM MR. SAM JONES, PRESIDENT:

9 – REPORT FROM PERSONNEL:

A. Mr. Paul J. Governale, Chief Administrative Officer

10 – REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- A. Board of Review – September 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Public Hearing Report – September 9, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.

11 – REPORT OF MEETINGS OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

12 – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

13 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- A. **FOR ADOPTION** - An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments). (Robert Ford)

14 - RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Proclamation proclaiming October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Adm.)
- B. Proclamation proclaiming October 31, 2026, as Harvest Moon Festival. (Adm.)

- C. Resolution approving a six-month extension of the Specific Use granted by Ordinance No. 2407 to ibV Energy/Bayou Teche Solar, LLC for a solar farm to be constructed at Parcel ID: 2114844001.00,174821013.00,2174821014.00,2144841017.00 2144841018.00, 2144841019.00, 2144841021.00,2144841022.00,2144841023.00,2144841011.00,2144841006.00,2144841005.00 (Adm.)
- D. Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute agreements with Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Rider. (Adm.)

15 – OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Referred from the May 27, 2026, Regular Council Meeting – Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Recreation District No. 5 (Four Corners, Sorrell & Glencoe) – 1 Vacancy

Tammie Wilson – Present Member

- B. Referred from the August 12, 2026, Advisory Budget/Finance Committee Meeting – to recommend to the Parish Council to allocate \$30,000 from Fund 129, Wards 1,2,3,4,7, & 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Water & Sewer Commission No. 5 to complete facility upgrades to the existing water plant and to complete construction of the office space. (Mr. Ina)
- C. Referred from the September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting - St. Mary Community Action Agency, Inc. has submitted their pre-application requesting funds for Program Year 2027. Funding Request \$69,500.00. (Transportation Funds - \$45,500.00 and Elderly Nutrition - \$24,000.00) (Rev. Mathews)
- D. Discussion and action relative to St. Mary Parish Government Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. (Rev. Mathews)

16 – NEW BUSINESS:

- A. We received the following financial statements:

St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 5 – year ended September 30, 2023

- B. Discussion and action to approve the Atchafalaya Golf Commission annual budget and rate schedule.
- C. Mr. Ina requests an allocation of \$4,000 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 10 3/10% Sales Tax fund to Atchafalaya Golf Course for repairs to the stairs.
- D. Sarah Allen, Sr. Director, Government Affairs, Spectrum has emailed – If you haven’t already heard, Cox is now Spectrum. We are America’s Connectivity Company, now available to more than 70 million customers in 45 states, providing TV, Internet, Mobile, and Home Phone products delivered over our Spectrum Fiber Broadband Network.

This letter serves as notice that, on or after September 16, 2026, Spectrum will offer new products and pricing in your community. Eligible TV packages automatically include, at no extra cost, popular streaming apps, like HBO Max, the Disney+ Hulu bundle and more.

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If you have any questions about this notice, please feel free to contact me at 225-571-9604 or via email at Sarah.Allen@spectrum.com.

- E. Chad Gianfala, President, SMP Consolidated Gravity DD No. 1 has written – “The term of our board member Mr. Chad Gianfala and Mr. Alton Broussard, Jr. will expire in November of 2026. The Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No.1 would like to recommend that these two Board Members be re-appointed to this Drainage District for another term of four years.”

Posted – Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

F. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Fire Protection District No. 3 (Amelia Area) – 2 Vacancies

Janet Aucoin

Miguel Perez

Phong N. Nguyen

Hospital Service District No. 1 (Bayou Bend Health System) – 2 Vacancies

Eugene Foulcard

Don Caffery, Jr.

Recreation District No. 7 (Centerville/Verdunville) – 1 Vacancy

Aaron B. Verdun

17 – ADJOURNMENT

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