Council Chambers at City Hall 602 College Ave. St. Maries, Idaho



August 7, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Workshop

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

The workshop began at 2:30 PM.

**Present:** Mayor – Tom Carver, Councilors – Doug Ryan, Steve Dorendorf, Sabrina Powell, Tina Thomson, Ed Spooner, Charles Winter, Staff – Celia Sibert

## 1. Discuss General Fund & Utility Fund. - discussion item

The Council and staff discussed increasing the garbage rates as discussed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop regarding recouping the loss from the current year, by increasing the garage rates for the upcoming year.

The Council and staff then discussed the water and sewer rates. Jesse Herndon, with HMH Engineering, stated in a rate study that he recently completed, that the City should raise the water reserves \$1.50 per connection, and the sewer reserves \$2.00 per connection. After much discussion, the Council directed Sibert to propose a water reserve increase of \$1.00 per connection in city limits, a water reserve increase of \$2.00 per connection outside of city limits, and a sewer reserve increase of \$2.00 per connection both inside and outside of city limits.

The Council directed Sibert to prepare the budget and the fee increase paperwork for the Monday night Council meeting and to schedule a public hearing.

The workshop ended at 3:49 PM.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that the foregoing minutes, prepared by the City Treasurer, were approved by City Council during their regular meeting held on September 8, 2025.

Tom Carver, Mayor

Attest: Celia Sibert, City Treasurer