
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the St. Maries City Council was called to order by Mayor, Tina Thomson, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 08, 2026, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 602 College Avenue, St. Maries, Idaho.

2. Roll Call.

PRESENT

Mayor, Tina Thomson

Councilors, Cindy Willard, Jeff Pugh, Charles Winter, Ed Spooner, Waylon Newton, Janelle Buell

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomson led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Calendar. – action item

Mayor Thomson noted for the record the amount of expenses presented for payment approval, as shown below.

- a. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Council Meetings on May 11 & 26, 2026. - action item**
- b. **Approve Expenses from May 2026 in the amount of \$317,450.75. – action item**
- c. **Approve Treasurer Report. – action item**
- d. **HMH Engineering Invoice M24017-05 for Child Pedestrian Safety Sidewalks. - action item**

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Result:	Passed
Moved By:	Spooner
Seconded by:	Willard
Voted Yes:	Willard, Pugh, Winter, Spooner, Newton, Buell

5. Old Business. – none.

6. New Business.

- a. **HMH Engineering & City Staff Project Update.**

Item not discussed.

- b. **Discuss misuse of water usage during conservative periods.**

Councilor Winter discussed the low water levels in Rochet Creek last year and noted that the City had to rely on its wells. He stated that the well water does not taste as good and that operating the wells results in higher electricity costs.

Winter also asked whether there should be a way to address water misuse, such as overwatering, during periods when water levels are low and residents are asked to conserve water.

Councilor Pugh commented that if you can't measure it, you can't manage it.

Attorney Terrun Zolman questioned how the Council would define "misuse" without water meters and how the City could enforce any restrictions for properties located both inside and outside the city limits.

c. Carrie Nordin – Discuss potential changes to City Code Title 7, Chapter 2 (Cemetery Regulations).

Carrie Nordin and Mariah Tetherow presented the Council with a draft amendment to St. Maries City Code Title 7, Chapter 2, which would allow memorial benches to be placed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Council expressed no concerns with allowing memorial benches in the cemetery. Attorney Terrun Zolman stated that he would prepare the necessary documents to move the amendment forward.

7. Reports and Communications.

a. Mayor's Update.

No Updates.

b. City Council Comments.

Councilor Pugh stated he will be following up with Steve Bloedel regarding the section 34 timber salvage.

Councilor Spooner stated there are various public works projects that were previously discussed but never followed through to be discussed.

Councilor Newton stated after some research, he found that the City paid the St. Maries Fire Protection District for the building located at 220 9th Street.

c. Public Works Updates.

No updates.

d. Police Updates.

Update provided in the packet.

8. Public Comments.

Sanford Fox, city resident, questioned whether there is a policy or plan for road improvements. Specifically, Highland Avenue, as the street is in poor condition and he has contacted the public works department various times to have it addressed.

Mike Patti, with the St. Maries Fire Department, stated there will be a company in the area on Wednesday doing an evaluation on hydrant.

9. Adjourn.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 6:16 PM.

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

Tina Thomson, Mayor

Attest: Jaidyn Kinzer, City Clerk

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