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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**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, May 11, 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 April 13 & 27, 2026 and the City Council Workshop on April 17, 2026. - action item**
- b. **Approve Expenses from March 2026 in the amount of \$315,550.07. – action item**
- c. **Approve Treasurer Report. – action item**
- d. **HMH Engineering Invoice M24017-04 for Child Pedestrian Safety Sidewalks. - action item**

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.

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

**5. Old Business.**

**a. IT Agreement for Services. – action item**

The Councilors reviewed the two draft agreements submitted by Dr Irish & Associates IT Network Consulting and Northwest IT Consultants. Councilor Pugh stated he would like to review the contracts more and bring it back for a decision at the next meeting.

A motion was made to TABLE the IT Agreement for Services.

<b>Result:</b> TABLED
<b>Moved By:</b> Pugh

**Seconded by:** Spooner

**Voted Yes:** Willard, Pugh, Winter, Spooner, Newton, Buell

**6. New Business.**

**a. HMH Engineering Work Order No. 2026-01; Materials Testing Services for PH3 Sidewalks. – action item**

Jaidyn Kinzer, City Clerk, explained the City was awarded an additional \$7,000.00 from LHTAC for this project and that Christine Smith with HMH stated these costs will be covered by the additional funding in the CPS Grant.

At this time, Jesse Herdon with HMH Engineering also gave the City Council an update on water and sewer projects – which can be found under item 7(e) below.

A motion was made to approve HMH Engineering Work Order No. 2026-01.

**Result:** Passed

**Moved By:** Spooner

**Seconded by:** Willard

**Voted Yes:** Willard, Pugh, Winter, Spooner, Newton, Buell

**b. Steve Blodel; Salvage Timber in Section 34. – action item**

Councilor Pugh stated that Steve Blodel was expected to attend the meeting but was unable to do so. Pugh reported that, based on discussions with Blodel regarding Section 34, there are an estimated 16 to 17 truckloads of timber available for salvage.

A motion was made to approve moving forward with salvaging the timber.

**Result:** Passed

**Moved By:** Pugh

**Seconded by:** Spooner

**Voted Yes:** Willard, Pugh, Winter, Spooner, Newton, Buell

**c. Area of Impact. – action item**

A motion was made to approve the proposed area of impact and to send it to Benewah County with an amendment to the north side of section 28 to include the full parcel.

**Result:** Passed

**Moved By:** Buell

**Seconded by:** Pugh

**Voted Yes:** Willard, Pugh, Winter, Spooner, Newton, Buell

**7. Reports and Communications.**

**a. Mayor's Update.**

No Updates.

**b. City Council Comments.**

Waylon Newton discussed city-owned property on the St. Joe River and requested it be on the next agenda as a discussion.

**c. Public Works Updates.**

No updates.

**d. Police Updates.**

No updates.

**e. Engineering Updates.**

During agenda item 6(a), Jesse Herndon with HMM Engineering provided the Council with an update on the water and sewer projects. Herndon explained that the City’s three lagoons require testing to ensure there are no leaks. He stated that the lagoons utilize a splitter box to monitor lagoon intake; however, one lagoon has a line that bypasses the splitter box and flows directly into the lagoon. Herndon noted that the line previously had a manhole that allowed the line to be isolated for required testing purposes, but the manhole has not been located.

Herndon also discussed the EPA’s request for the City to update its wastewater facility plan and apply for funding to address pipe infrastructure issues.

Additionally, Herndon reviewed the lead water line replacement funding received by the City and discussed funding awarded to address iron and manganese issues at the wells. The project funding will cover treatment, construction of a building, and floodplain management requirements.

The Council also discussed the Rochet Creek Dam with Herndon, including whether the Riverdale Wells are designated for emergency use.

**8. Public Comments.**

Chris Renaldo, city resident, stated that he is not in favor of providing water services outside of city limits but supports annexation of service areas.

Yvette Johnson Benham, owner of Riverfront Suites, expressed concern regarding comments made by the Council at the previous meeting that she felt were insulting toward her business.

Aaron Nelson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, reported that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Riverfront RV Resort will be held Friday at 1:00 p.m.

**9. Executive Session §74-206(1)(f)**

Motion to convene into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

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

**10. Reconvene and Adjourn.**

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 7:23 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Tina Thomson, Mayor

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Attest: Jaidyn Kinzer, City Clerk