

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



July 20, 2026
at 10:00 a.m.
Special Meeting

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CITY COUNCIL

Agenda

1. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the St. Maries City Council was called to order by Mayor, Tina Thomson, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 602 College Avenue, St. Maries, Idaho.

2. Roll Call.

PRESENT

Mayor, Tina Thomson

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

3. New Business.

a. Discuss Future Pool Improvements. – action item

Tom Mueller, a founding employee of SpaceX and a Forbes-listed billionaire, presented a proposal to construct an enclosed community swimming pool. Mueller stated he would be willing to fund approximately 80% of the project's cost, with the City contributing the remaining 20%. He noted that the preliminary estimate for the project was less than \$4 million.

Chris Renaldo explained that the Rotary Club would take the lead on fundraising before transferring the project to the City.

Motion made to authorize Tom Mueller and the Rotary Club to move forward with developing the enclosed pool project.

Result: Passed

Moved By: Newton

Seconded by: Willard

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

Absent: Pugh

b. Discuss Wastewater Treatment Cost Allocation (Councilor Newton).

Councilor Newton discussed the proposed wastewater treatment cost allocation with the Council. Newton stated that the information used for the proposal was provided by Shiloh Pfeiffer and Daniel from the Public Works Department.

The Council discussed whether the eight pumps used in the wastewater treatment process should be included in the cost allocation. Daniel will provide Councilor Newton with the replacement cost of the pumps for further evaluation.

Councilor Newton also discussed removing the cost associated with Paul Sifford's secondary licensing from the cost allocation, noting that the City would incur that expense regardless of the wastewater treatment operation.

4. **Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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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