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CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on July 17, 2025, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lyle Garner, Deputy Mayor Shane Schneider, Nedward Jacob, Stephen Bagley, Anthony Gregory, Joe Sarginger, City Manager Joseph Fleming, Solicitor Lauren Brennen, and Recording Secretary Rachael Hughes.

Jerome Sorg was excused.

City Staff: Director of Community and Economic Development Matthew Pfeufer.

VISITORS

Gwen Auman, Dennis Geyer, Beverly Lenze, Amy Cherry, Nick Burdick, Richard Sadley, Pernell Beimel, Kyle Beimel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting
Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held regarding legal matters immediately following the adjournment of the Regular Meeting on June 16, 2025. No decisions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Fleming presented the following Manager's Report for June 2025:

- “A majority of the work for the Washington Street/Erie Avenue Project is complete as it enters the final phase of lateral work and then the paving portion will soon follow. There is still some work to be completed on Erie Avenue, but the contractor shouldn't have to dig up the roadway for this work to be finished.
- After this project, the contractor will be doing sewer work on Theresia Street near GrafTech.
- We will be replacing the bridge on N. Michael Street near Oilwell Street in the upcoming weeks. I would advise residents to avoid this area for travel when the

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project starts. Once we have a confirmed start date, we will be doing a media push to advise the public.

- On August 11th and 12th, the railroad will be performing work on the railroad crossing in front of City Hall for a more permanent fix to the travel issue at this crossing. This crossing will be closed for two days with the first day having the work being performed and the second day ensuring the asphalt material sets properly. Once we get the official detour from PennDOT, we will release this information out to the public.
- The search for the new Chief of Police for St. Marys has begun due to the pending retirement of the current Chief Tom Nicklas at the end of the year.
- The City is accepting applications for the position of Chief Code Enforcement Officer/Facilities Director as Matt Young has accepted a position outside of local government. Mr. Young will remain with the City until August 15th. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and I wish him the absolute best as he moves on to his new endeavor.
- Uniform Contract negotiations have begun, and their contract will expire at the end of the year. Once a tentative agreement has been reached, the contract will be sent to Council for approval.
- We are still performing our routine ditching, mowing, and line painting, along with berm work for all the roads which were recently paved.
- Multiple site visits were performed at other municipal aquatic facilities which were recently constructed as an assessment is being made on what would be feasible for the City. We also received word that the company who performed the feasibility study is re quoting some recommendations for the City.”

TREASURER’S REPORT

Manager Fleming, provided the following Treasurer’s Report for June 2025:

Total revenue collected for the General Fund as of June 30th is \$4.7M or 53% of budget; for 2024 it was \$4.9M or 55% of budget; in 2023 revenue was at \$5.2M or 61%; and 2022 was at \$4.5M or 54% of budget. Total expenditures for the General Fund as of June

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30th is \$4.1M or 46% of budget. In 2024, expenditures were \$4.8M or 54%; 2023 was at \$3.9M or 45% and for 2022, Expenditures were \$3.4M or 41% of budget. As of June 30, 2025, 87% of the current Real Estate Tax revenue has been collected. In June 2024, it was 87%, 2023 it was 94%, and for 2022 Real Estate Tax revenue was 94% collected. Earned income Tax as of June 30, 2025, is at 58% of budget, for 2024 it was 57%, 2023 it was 61%, and for 2022 it was 44% of budget. Pension balances increased in June 2025.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Resolution No. 25-08 – Local Share Account Grant Application for St. Marys Ambulance Service facility

Resolution No. 25-08, Local Share Account Grant Application for St. Marys Ambulance Service facility, was presented for adoption.

Matthew Pfeufer, Director of Community and Economic Development stated he was contacted earlier this year by St. Marys Ambulance Association regarding much-needed building renovations for their station on Johnsonburg Road. There has been minimal to no renovations since its construction in 1986. The hope is that the repairs will be funded by a Local Share Account (LSA) grant, which is a grant available from the Gaming Revenues Commonwealth Finance Authority. He explained that the grant is available to municipalities but cannot be applied for directly by nonprofits, and the application process will need Council's approval.

Nick Burdick, General Manager of St. Marys Ambulance Services Inc., spoke about several ways the ambulance service is an essential resource for the community, responding to 20,000 calls since it was founded in 1967. They provide medical services for many different events in the community including medical standbys and community education. With a roster of over 45 certified EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and emergency vehicle operators, the facility houses two full crews 24/7.

Burdick noted renovation plans such as replacing exterior doors and windows, replacing all the flooring, and updating the security system to include video surveillance and facility door access. The total renovation cost is estimated to be \$139,000.

Motion Passed

Shane Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-08, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.

Appointment of the City's 2025 P.M.L. Voting Delegate for the Resolutions Committee

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Manager Fleming explained this is an annual appointment for the Manager or Council member that plans on attending the PML Annual Conference.

Motion Passed

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint the City Manager, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Stephen Bagley inquired about the status of the Fitness Court removal from Shawmut Park in preparation for the construction of the amphitheater.

Mayor Garner informed Mr. Bagley that the first step is to remove the Arborvitae, which is scheduled to be completed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Dennis Geyer, of 434 South Michael Street, expressed his concern about the sewer in the alleyway behind his home being plugged. He asked the City to fix the issue.

Manager Fleming responded that the City would investigate the matter.

Kyle Beimel, of 712 Hall Avenue, asked Council for leniency regarding the removal of several vehicles from his property due to ongoing code violations.

Mayor Garner stated no comments can be made due to possible litigation, as recommended by the Solicitor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Joe Sarginger mentioned the Dickinson Center is having a Grand Opening on Thursday, July 24, and it will be open to the public.

Mayor Garner noted that the St. Marys Historical Society will hold their 51st Annual Potato Pancake Supper on Friday, July 25 at the St. Marys Sportsmen's Club starting at 4:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garner made the following announcements:

- The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


Nedward Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Sarginger, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Recording Secretary


Mayor

