

JANUARY 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on January 14, 2026, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lyle Garner, Deputy Mayor Anthony Gregory, Stephen Bagley, Joe Sarginger, Alex Wendel, J. Clark Lecker, Shane Schneider, Manager Joseph Fleming, Solicitor Lauren Brennen, and Recording Secretary Rachael Hughes.

City Staff: Director of Parks and Recreation Dani Kugler and Director of Community and Economic Development Matt Pfeufer.

VISITORS

Carson Wildnauer, Tyler Waner, Eric Wildnauer, Susan Wittman, Dean Gutowski, Brantley Anzinger, Tom Anzinger, Samuel Perry, Dan Perry, Michael Groll, Kelly Schreiber Straub, Nathan Bricen, Tyler Meyer, Xander Agarwal, Weston Slaughenhaupt, Cole Slaughenhaupt, Melanie Slaughenhaupt, Harry Slaughenhaupt, Evan Chamberlin, Mike Chamberlin, Bill Carr, Cole Bricen, Nadine Carr, Ned Jacob, Lachlan Wingard, Travis Wingard, Andrea Stewart, Molly Reddinger, Jennifer Bish, Phoebe Mendard, Gretchen Bonfardine, Lara Reynolds, Tony D'Amore, Michelle Hackett, Amy Cherry, Warren Stewart, Suzette Benson, Jim Benson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 5, 2026 -
Reorganization Meeting
Motion Passed**

Anthony Gregory made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026 reorganizational meeting minutes, seconded by Stephen Bagley, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Fleming provided the following report:

- The City has been dealing with winter weather for quite some time as we begin this new year with the coldest so far for the season being tonight into tomorrow and it looks like this pattern may continue for some time. With

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that said, the road crew has been out daily to treat the roadways.

- This time of year, staff are in the planning phase for the upcoming projects since weather proves to be a challenge to get them started.
- We have started closing out the FY 2025 and the final report usually comes out after the first quarter of 2026, either April or May. All the ARPA monies have been spent and reporting submitted in accordance with federal regulations.
- The community pool received a health and safety inspection on January 9th from an engineering firm out of Clearfield County and the City is awaiting the results of this assessment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Fleming provided the following Treasurer's Report for December 2025:

Total General Fund revenue for 2025 is 8.2M or 92% of budget. In 2024, it was \$9M or 102% of budget and in 2023 it was \$8.6M or 101% of budget. (Not all revenue for 2025 has been recorded as of this report). General Fund expenditures for 2025 \$8.4M or 95% of budget. For 2024, expenditures were \$8.9M or 101% of budget, and in 2023 it was \$9M or 106% of budget. (Not all Expenditures for 2025 have been recorded as of this report). Total Real Estate tax collected for 2025 is 99.7% of budget. In 2024 it was 98.4% of budget, and in 2023 it was 100.4% of budget. Earned Income tax collection for 2025 is 110% of budget. In 2024 it was 109% of budget, and 2023 was 115%. This is EIT collections for the year, not earned. The pension accounts stayed level in December.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Consider for adoption:

Resolution No. 26-01 – Annual Fair Housing Resolution for 2026

Resolution No. 26-01 – Annual Fair Housing Resolution for 2026 was presented for adoption.

Matt Pfeufer, Director of Community and Economic Development, explained this was an annual requirement due to the City receiving federal funding.

Motion Passed

Shane Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-01, seconded by Stephen Bagley, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 26-02 – Authorizing the Mayor and

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Manager to sign agreements in 2026

Motion Passed

Stephen Bagley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-02, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 26-03 – Amending employee handbook regarding business travel expenses

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Manager Fleming explained that this Resolution amends the employee handbook to use US General Services Administration Per Diem rates for meal expenses during business travel.

Motion Passed

Stephen Bagley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-03, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 26-04 – Authorization for “Jake Brake” Study

Resolution No. 26-04 – Authorization for “Jake Brake” study was presented for adoption.

Manager Fleming explained that due to complaints regarding loud and excessive truck noises, the City plans to request PennDOT conduct an engine brake retarder study along South Michael Street. The study would focus on the feasibility to potentially prohibit the usage of engine suppression systems along the roadway.

The study would extend from the 900 block of South Michael Street to the Post Office downtown.

Anthony Gregory questioned if the study area could be extended to the Averyville Road intersection, to which Manager Fleming replied yes.

Motion Passed

Anthony Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-04 – Authorization for “Jake Brake” Study, with the amendment that it stretches from 200-1000 block of South Michael Street, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

2024 CDBG Revision Request

The 2024 CDBG Revision Request was presented to Council.

Matt Pfeufer explained this is a revision to the 2024 CDBG allocation. He is requesting to reallocate \$9,363.00 from the Clearance and Demolition Project on Bruxelles Street to the Historic Preservation Project on South St. Marys Street.

Motion

Anthony Gregory made a motion to approve the 2024 CDBG Revision Request.

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Stephen Bagley questioned what would happen if they did not approve the revision request.

Matt Pfeufer responded by stating that if the money wouldn't be reallocated, he would, on behalf of the property owner, try to find them a different funding source.

Motion Passed

The motion was seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Discuss Referral to Planning Commission for Electrical Power Generation Ordinance

Solicitor Lauren Brennen introduced a draft Ordinance to Council for the regulation of Electrical Power Generation facilities as recommended to be adopted in concurrence with the pending Data Center Ordinance by the City Planning Commission.

A discussion was held regarding the designation of special exception use versus conditional use and the current plan being within the industrial and limited industrial zones.

Matt Pfeufer stated that due to it being a larger use, Council may wish to add the Rural Conservation Zone to the ordinance.

Motion Passed

Stephen Bagley made a motion to refer the Electrical Power Generation Ordinance to the Planning Commission with the addition of the Rural Conservation Zone, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Molly Reddinger spoke on behalf of Making Waves, a community group, regarding the Community Pool. After a long discussion about transparency and safety concerns, it was ultimately requested that the City pause demolition and consider reopening the pool in 2026.

Gretchen Bonfardine questioned Council on the next steps that need to be taken.

Tony D'Amore shared documents with each Council member, claiming that the budget shows \$167,000 that was originally for the pool in 2026, that was allegedly transferred to the amphitheater project that is in the works at Shawmut Park.

Mayor Garner quickly interrupted and stated that Mr. D'Amore was not reading the budget correctly, and that pool money was never allocated to the amphitheater.

Thomas Herzing noted that people feel as though they are not getting answers about the pool from the City. He asked why

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Council members don't answer questions that are asked by the group.

Mayor Garner clarified that the Citizen Comments section on the agenda is not a Q&A discussion, it is solely for comments.

Phoebe Menard said that the crowd does not feel welcome at Council meetings because Council does not answer questions.

Jennifer Bish stated she made the observation that the pool closure was a premature decision and asked why the health and safety inspection wasn't done before deeming the pool fit for closure.

Warren Stewart suggested amending the City's Home Rule Charter to allow Council to have power over the City Manager's day-to-day actions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Joe Sarginger reminded everyone to stay safe in the cold temperatures that are expected.

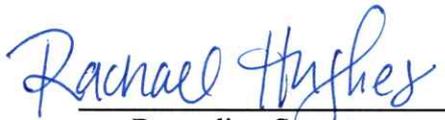
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garner made the following announcement:

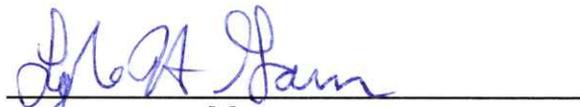
- The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Bagley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor