

**CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

JANUARY 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on January 23, 2026, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lyle Garner, Joe Sarginger, Alex Wendel, Shane Schneider, Manager Joseph Fleming, Solicitor Lauren Brennen, and Recording Secretary Rachael Hughes.

Stephen Bagley dialed in.

Anthony Gregory was excused.

J. Clark Lecker was absent.

VISITORS

Denise Stewart, Michele Hackett, Jim Hackett, Curt Brennen, Paul Brehm, Marilyn Secco, Susan Wittman, Dean Gutowski, Julia Kopp, Dani Kugler, Char Geci, Cassandra Hanes, Dan Wilson, Tamara Blessi, Julie Bish, Brandon Stewart, Phoebe Menard, Matthew Fry, Kelli Hall, Veronica Hauber, Diane Herbstritt, Nanette Cordero, Jennifer Bish, Molly Reddinger, Gretchen Bonfardine, Andrea Stewart, Barb Linder, Tom Linder, Tony D'Amore, Sarah D'Amore, Michael Groll, John D'Amore, Nathan Caggiano, Warren Stewart, Tracey Duncan, Thomas Herzing, Lara Reynolds, Jim Benson, Melissa Moore, Mary Hayes, Chris Loeffler, Mike Dinsmore

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

Curt Brennen expressed disagreement with how the previous City Council meeting and related correspondence were handled. He said the community response that followed was disproportionate and objected to public posts that involved the families of public officials. He expressed concern that Council members did not consistently support staff during the prior meeting and emphasized the importance of supporting the City Manager. He requested that Council respond to community questions in a timely manner and encouraged the community to focus efforts on cooperation, problem-solving, and fundraising.

Barb Linder requested clarification on project funds from a previous meeting.

Mayor Lyle Garner stated that questions regarding the pool should be submitted in writing, as the topic for the agenda is a Pool Committee of Council.

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Phoebe Menard thanked Council for their hard work but expressed concerns over the lack of engagement and communication from Council and the City Manager. She requests that Council stop pool closure and demolition.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Approval of a Pool Committee of Council

Shane Schneider proposed to Council the formation of a Pool Committee, stating that its primary purpose would be to maintain open communication between City Council, Recreation Board, and community members.

Motion

Shane Schneider made a motion to form a Pool Committee that will consist of three members of City Council, three members of the Recreation Board to be appointed by the Recreation Board, and three members of the Community.

The motion was seconded by Alex Wendel.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt the formation of a Pool Committee: Mayor Garner – yes; Councilmen Bagley – yes; Councilman Sarginger – yes; Councilman Schneider – yes; Councilman Wendel – yes.

Motion Passed

The motion carried 4-0.

Motion

Shane Schneider made a motion to appoint the following Committee members:

From City Council: Shane Schneider, Alex Wendel, Anthony Gregory.

From St. Marys Community: Molly Reddinger, Andrea Stewart, Jennifer Bish.

Recreation Board will appoint three members at their next meeting.

This motion was seconded by Stephen Bagley.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to appoint the members to the Pool Committee: Councilman Bagley – yes; Councilman Sarginger – yes; Councilman Schneider – yes; Councilman Wendel – yes; Mayor Garner – yes.

Motion Passed

The motion carried 4-0.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garner made the following announcements:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Bagley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor