

MEETING MINUTES OF ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL

PRESIDING OFFICER:
James J. Harris
Council President

August 11, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Bubp, Lunz, Christman, Childrey, Fitzgerald, Aquaro
Absent: Uhlenhake

Moved by Mr. Bubp, seconded by Ms. Childrey, to accept the Minutes of the July 28, 2025, meeting. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:
There were no petitions or communications.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS COMMITTEES ETC.:
The Mayor's Report was presented.
The Tax Commissioner's Report was presented.
The Director of Public Service and Safety's Report was presented.

Mr. Harris asked about the brief power outage over the weekend. Superintendent of Electric, Mack Kuenning, said this was an issue from AEP. They did not respond on the cause at the time but said he would check on this again.

Ms. Childrey asked if there were any updates on the status of Ft. Barbee. Mr. Foxhoven responded they are still moving forward with the closing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mr. Bubp presented the Electric Committee meeting report. A representative of AMP attended the meeting on August 4th with a proposal to purchase new energy which would be a waste heat recovery power purchase. A natural gas pipeline with generators that runs through southern Ohio. The generators will capture that heat and convert it to electricity. They are currently in the stages of building these plants. The City would basically pay \$45.60 per megawatt hour after our deductions beginning in 2027. The 15-year average is \$54.60 per megawatt hour versus a market rate of \$58.75. This does not have any down time like wind and solar. It is a steady production of power. This adds to our green energy. Some of our manufacturers ask how much green energy we have. This will help bump it up. The committee recommends the ordinance on the night's agenda.

Mr. Foxhoven added that through the purchase power agreement we are only going to be buying the energy. We are not responsible for any building or maintenance costs. We will not own anything. We will simply buy the energy that they produce.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:
Ordinance No. 2025-15 was presented to Council for a third reading.
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 – An Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of St. Marys

Moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Aquaro, to pass Ordinance No. 2025-15. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2025-16 was presented to Council for a third reading.
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 – An Ordinance Rezoning 1.532 Acre Parcel of Land Along Nagel St. Located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, St. Marys Township in the City of St. Marys

Moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Mr. Bubp, to pass Ordinance No. 2025-16. Mr. Fitzgerald recused himself and abstained from voting. By show of hands motion passed.

Ordinance No. 2025-17 was presented to Council for a first reading.
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 – To Approve the Form and Authorize the Execution of 2027 Waste Heat Energy Schedule With American Municipal Power, Inc. and Taking of Other Actions in Connection Therewith and to Declare an Emergency

Moved by Ms. Childrey, seconded by Mr. Lunz, to read Ordinance No. 2025-17. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Craig Kleinhenz of AMP, via Zoom, explained this is another piece that they are recommending the City add to the energy portfolio. It would serve about ten percent of the City's overall energy needs. By building a diversified portfolio from different sources it helps protect from rate volatility and risk. He said they also try to make sure it is economic. We look at this as a renewable resource that produces power at steady rates. This is expected to be below market costs. There are no ownership risks with this. We don't have to build or maintain the units. It is only buying power at a fixed rate for a term of 15 years.

Mr. Harris reiterated and confirmed with Mr. Kleinhenz that we are going to be capturing the energy that is currently being exhausted into the atmosphere and converting that to electricity and use it. Mr. Kleinhenz responded that the current natural gas that is being produced in the southeastern Ohio region, western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia is being pipelined out west. Combustion turbine pumps on this pipeline pushes that gas out. The heat from these engines is getting vented into the atmosphere. They will be installing heat recovery units off of those that will then generate electricity for power generation.

The ordinance will be back for a second reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Moved by Mr. Lunz, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to excuse Mr. Uhlenhake. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Bulp, seconded by Mr. Christman, to go into *Executive Session* to discuss *Personnel*. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris noted there would be no action taken afterward.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

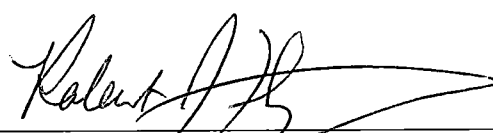
Moved by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. Childrey, to return to Regular Session. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Council returned to regular session at 7:02 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Bulp, seconded by Mr. Lunz, to adjourn the meeting. By show of hands motion passed unanimously.

Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


Debra Kable, Clerk of Council


James J. Harris, President of Council
Robert J. Fitzgerald, President ProTem