



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Seaberg, Todd Podgorski, Matt Thompson, Joe Kaliszewski, Jimmy Francis, Pam Bakken, Lori Hansen

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Ryan Garcia, City Administrator

Kori Land, City Attorney

Deanna Werner, City Clerk

Brian Wicke, Chief of Police

Kelsey Gelhar, City Engineer

Deb Griffith, Community Affairs

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026 South St. Paul Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

Rich Yeager - Snow removal

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Matt Thompson

Moved: To approve agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

8. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are items, which are considered routine and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the governing body or citizen, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered at the end of the Consent Agenda.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 15, 2025.

B. Accounts Payable

- C. Business Licenses
- D. Designation of the Official City Newspaper
- E. Designating Depositories and Electronic Funds Transfer Authority for 2026
- F. Setting Meal and Mileage Reimbursement Rates for 2026
- G. City of South St. Paul Emergency Operations Plan - 2026
- H. Approve Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for 677 Concord Street South
- I. Award Tree Planting Plan Proposal to WSB

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Pam Bakken
Moved: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2026 Liquor License Renewal

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Lori Hansen
Moved: To approve Resolution 2026-006, Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2026.
Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- B. Public Improvement Hearing — Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Joe Kaliszewski
Moved: To approve Resolution 2026-005, Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2, with the removal of the sidewalk from west of the alley of 12th and 13th all the way to 15th Avenue from the project.
Vote: 5 ayes / 2 nays, (Minnesota Statute requires a 4/5 vote to order the project, 6 votes are needed for approval), motion Failed.

Moved by: Matt Thompson / Todd Podgorski
Moved: To approve Resolution 2026-005, Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2, as presented.
Vote: 5 ayes / 2 nays, (Minnesota Statute requires a 4/5 vote to order the project, 6 votes are needed for approval), motion Failed.

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Pam Bakken
Moved: To approve 2026-005, as presented with the exception that the sidewalk portion from just west of 12th Avenue up to 15th is a bid alternate, but it's included in the scope of the project as presented.
Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Lori Hansen
Moved: To Adjourn
Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deanna Werner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk