

CITY OF POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: 1/12/2026

Time: 5 pm

Location: Council Chambers – City Hall, 401 N. Centre Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

1. Call to Order

- Presiding Officer: Mayor Thomas Smith

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Roll Call

- Mayor: Smith
- Council Members: Botto, Marsh, Price, Wollyung
- City Administrator: Shuman
- Solicitor: Sterns
- Treasurer: Dragna
- Controller: Weres

4. Executive Session (If Needed)

- Purpose: Legal / Personnel / Real Estate / Contract Negotiations

5. Public Comment for Agenda Items

6. Approval of Minutes

- December 2025 Meeting of Council
- January 5, 2026 Special Meeting of Council

7. Treasurer's Report

- Resolution on Warrants (Items Paid Prior to Meeting)
- Resolution for Approval of Bills to Be Paid

8. Proclamations, Recognitions & Presentations

ACCOUNTABILITY & STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

9. Department Monthly Reports

Each department to provide short- and long-term goals, KPIs, staffing, and special project updates at future Council Meetings

- **Police Department**- Chief John Morrow
- **Fire Department**- Chief Misstishin
- **Public Works**- Department Head
- **Finance/Administration**- City Admin
- **Codes/Planning & Zoning**- Justin Trefsger
- **Parks & Recreation**- Department Head
- Others as appropriate

10. Quarterly Strategic Plan Updates- Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

(Aligned with City Council priorities and transparency initiatives)

- Contract Update from PADCO

11. Unfinished Business

- Discussion Item (s):
 - Bill 2 of 2026 - Establishing Staggered, 5 year terms for the Blighted Property Review Committee – *Will be Action Item at 1/26/26 Meeting with Appointments in February*
 - Bill No. 3 of 2026 - Establishing (5) Year Staggered Terms for Recreation Commission - *Will be Action Item at 1/26/26 Meeting with Appointments in February*
- Action Item(s):
 - 2nd Reading and Possible Enactment of Bill 1 of 2026, Ordinance 937 – Setting Post Assessment Milage Rate

12. New Business

- Discussion Item (s):
 - Blighted Properties at 800-804 Mahantongo St.
- Action Item(s):

- 1st Reading of Bill No. 4 of 2026 – Amending the 2026 Pottsville City Budget
- 1st Reading of Bill No. 5 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0058.00 (commonly known as 800 Mahantongo Street)
- 1st Reading of Bill No. 6 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0059.000 (commonly known as 802 Mahantongo Street)
- 1st Reading of Bill No. 7 of 2026 – Authorizing the condemnation and taking by eminent domain of a fee simple interest of UPI No. 68-35-0060.000 (commonly known as 804 Mahantongo Street)

13. Resolutions

- Appointing Bryce Dragna to the position of Patrolman
- Approving the Special Events application submitted by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce for the Schuylkill Winterfest 2026 scheduled for January 17, 2026
- Authorizing the City Clerk to execute a lease agreement with Fraser for a copier for the code enforcement office.

14. Board & Authority Appointments / Vacancies

- Review applications, commitments & required skill sets
 - Will be placed on city website along with all vacancies within (30) days
 - Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority
 - *(tabled 1/5/26)* Appoint _____ to fulfill seat of Barry Dewitt (expires Jan. 2031)
 - Pottsville Housing Authority
 - *(tabled 1/5/26)* Appoint _____ to expired seat of Ed Barket that expired April 2024 (expires Apr. 2029)
 - *(tabled 1/5/26)* Appoint _____ to expired seat of Marie Wilson that expired April 2025 (expires Apr. 2030)

15. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

16. Executive Session (If Needed)

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17. Adjournment

- Time: _____
- Next Scheduled Meeting: _____

Clerk / Administrative Notes

(For official recordkeeping only)
