

**St. James City Council
Work Session AGENDA
February 17, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. at St. James City Hall – Meeting Room
2. **Roll Call:** Mayor Christopher Whitehead, Councilpersons: Susan Craig, Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Stephen Lindee, Hannah Rushing
3. **Determination of Quorum**
4. **Discussion Items**
 - A. [Request to St. James, MN City Council, Watonwan County Cares](#)

Request to St. James, MN City Council

February 4, 2026

We ask that the police, including supervisors and patrol officers, and clerical or adjunct employees, do the following to protect our residents and prevent abuses by ICE (Immigration, Customs and Enforcement) and the Federal Government:

1. Repeal or remove any police department policies that require or allow cooperation with ICE.
2. Preclude and prohibit all city employees from giving assistance to ICE.
3. Prohibit all Ice agents from using city-owned land or property, Including parking in city-owned parking spots.
4. Require that any contact between City employees and ICE (whether on or off-duty), any reports of ICE activity, and all Information regarding offenses or presence of ICE agents in St. James be reported through a press release distributed through the City newsletter, along with an immediate real-time (or near real-time) notification to all interested residents.
5. Prohibit all City employees from aiding ICE by calling targeted residents or requesting that a resident appear at the Law Enforcement Center for any purpose.
6. Provide public, real time notification in English and Spanish of any ICE presence in the Community. Require that the police shall notify the Superintendent of Schools, and notify *Watonwan Cares*. (Contact information to be furnished.) (over)

7. Take reports of and maintain reports and records of any and all ICE activity within the City. Document and memorialize any ICE requests or demands.
8. Respond to 911 calls for aid if ICE agents threaten or seize citizens or resident bystanders, or constitutional observers.
9. Provide required training to law enforcement officers on the above policies. Make this training open to the public. Include an evaluation component to ensure that all officers understand and explicitly agree to comply with the policy.