

September 26, 2024

City of Northwood
City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Northwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Schimmel at 07:04 PM on September 26, 2024 in the Council Chambers and via Live Stream.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Schimmel

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Clerk of Council Popovitch and those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Schimmel, Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina and City Administrator Kevin Laughlin.

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Excuse Councilor Stoner and City Attorney Ballenger**; seconded by Councilor Melnyk. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None **Result: Passed**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Approve**; seconded by Councilor Kozina. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None **Result: Passed**

PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Schimmel read an email from Northwood Resident Amy Sigler and her family. The email thanked Council for the new Community Center and stated it has been one of the best additions to the community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Finance Council President Louis Fahrbach

No Report. Council President Fahrbach stated he would like to discuss some of the issues that were mentioned in the Safety Committee regarding the possibility of changing general fund allocations from 70% to 80%; and requested the Finance Director to see if we are abnormally low on collections this year versus surrounding communities. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled to discuss the items in addition to the budget & 2025 requests.

Recreation Board Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Safety Councilor Mark Stoner - Meeting on 9/26 @ 6:30PM

Meeting held on 9/26
The police Chief and Fire Chief presented some of the 2025 budget items and potential adjustments. Referred further discussion to the Committee of the Whole.

Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk

No Report.

Service Councilor Dean Edwards

No Report.

Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark

NCC is up to 286 primary members, 437 total members. 11 sponsor banners have been sold at \$600 each. Council President Fahrbach requested a report on the rentals scheduled in the Multi-purpse Room for next spring to present at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Committee of the Whole Council President Louis Fahrbach

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 10 @ 6:30pm.**

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

September 26, 2024

NEW RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2024-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR WOOD COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

1st Reading - Kozina

PENDING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2024-06 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

MOTION: Councilor Kozina made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Melnyk. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

RESOLUTION 2024-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT AND ACCEPT THE GRANT PROCEEDS IF AWARDED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** Councilor Kozina
Result: Passed * effective immediately

NEW LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2024-34 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1240 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading - Kozina

ORDINANCE 2024-35 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1250 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading - Kozina

ORDINANCE 2024-36 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1274 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading - Huntermark

ORDINANCE 2024-37 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1276 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading - Huntermark

ORDINANCE 2024-38 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1282 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading - Huntermark

ORDINANCE 2024-39 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT METHOLOGIES FOR PROVIDERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None

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Result: Passed

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed *effective immediatley

ORDINANCE 2024-40 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING NORTHWOOD ORDINANCE 2023-39; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Kozina

PENDING LEGISLATON

None.

MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

No Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

The City Administrator provided information on the alternative options for water usage in relation to the Splash Pad per Council President Fahrbach's request. Administrator Laughlin stated that year to date through September, the total water bills are \$23,417. The initial quote for a water recycling system is estimated at \$400,000. Based on those numbers, the break-even point would be 17 years. Administrator Laughlin stated we are still working on getting quotes. Additionally, he stated that the September water dipped significantly from \$9,352 in August to \$4,990 in September after the splash pad closed, so we are anticipating those numbers to go back down to normal usage.

FET should be finishing up work at the intersection of Lemoyne and Woodville by the end of this week.

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **acknowledge receipt of the August 2024 City Financials** ; seconded by Councilor Barton. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed
August Financials

August 2024 Bank Reconciliation

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Approve**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
COMMUNITY CARES	FALL FESTIVAL 2024 DONATION	\$15,000.00
THE LATHROP COMPANY INC	FINAL CLOSE OUT FOR NCC	\$524,920.55

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

No Report.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Huntermark expressed concerns with the safety of the intersection of Bradner and 579. City Administrator is going to reach out to ODOT to see if there is anything they are able to assist with.

OLD BUSINESS

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Councilor Kozina made a motion to **enter into Executive Session with Mayor, Council, City Administrator and Fire Chief Whitmore to discuss the compensation of a public employee** ; seconded by Councilor Melnyk. **ROLL CALL: Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed
So Moved at 7:26pm

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The meeting was called back to order at 7:51pm and the roll was called by Council Clerk Popovitch. Those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Schimmel, Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina and City Administrator Kevin Laughlin.

MOTION: Councilor Kozina made a motion to **enter in Executive Session with Mayor, Council and City Administrator to discuss the appointment of a public employee**; seconded by Council President Fahrbach.**ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed
So Moved at 7:52pm

The meeting was called back to order at 8:03pm and the roll was called by Council Clerk Popovitch. Those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Schimmel, Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina and City Administrator Kevin Laughlin.

No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

08:03 PM

ATTEST:
Council Clerk

APPROVED:
Mayor