

October 24, 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 07:00 PM on October 24, 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, Councilor Stoner City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, and City Attorney Brian Ballenger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**MOTION:** Councilor Stoner 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, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**Result: Passed**

PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Administrator Laughlin shared the invitation to the Wood County Economic Development Holiday Reception on December 5th, 4pm - 6pm.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Finance Council President Louis Fahrbach ~ Next Meeting: November 7th @ 6pm

No Report. Next Meeting: November 7th at 6pm

Recreation Board Councilor Jim Barton ~ Next Meeting: November 13th @ 6pm

No Report. Next Meeting: November 13th at 6pm

Safety Councilor Mark Stoner

No Report.

Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk

Planting day at Brentwood park was a success. 384 trees were planted throughout the park. 128 trees are left and will be planted at Nature Trails to start our own tree farm with the idea that the trees can be used from our stock when needed in the future.

Service Councilor Dean Edwards

No Report.

Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark

No Report. Next Meeting: November 7th at 5:45pm.

Committee of the Whole Council President Louis Fahrbach

No Report.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NEW RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2024-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGREE TO OBLIGATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
1st Reading - Huntermark

PENDING RESOLUTION

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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.

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

**MOTION:** Councilor Stoner 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 Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** Randy Kozina  
**Result: Passed \* Effective Immediately**

NEW LEGISLATION

PENDING LEGISLATON

ORDINANCE 2024-41 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-18 PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-40 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING NORTHWOOD ORDINANCE 2023-39; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**MOTION:** Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** Councilor Huntermark; **Abstain:** None  
**Result: Passed**

MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

No Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

Request authorization to sign the brine Memorandum of Understanding from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The City will be charged \$0.07 per gallon for brine.  
**MOTION:** Councilor Stoner made a motion to **authorize the City Administrator to sign the brine MOU from ODOT**; seconded by Councilor Kozina. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None  
**Result: Passed**

- The lights at Lemoyne and Woodville and Curtis and Wheeling have been fully programmed, and are functioning as they should be
- Arbor Drive paving was completed this afternoon, and they'll be striping it on Saturday.
- Enclave ditch, enclosure, project contracts, and everything are signed, and we have a pre-construction meeting scheduled for Wednesday of next week.
- Discussing the possibility of conducting a safety study for Williston Rd. between Fostoria and Woodville. Odot has indicated that they're going to take on that study internally,so we'll see what the results of that are in the next couple of months

Councilor Huntermark asked if the flashing signs have been installed. Administrator Laughlin stated yes, and we have started the conversation with Wood County, but it turns out the responsibility for paving and maintenance of that stretch of Fostoria Road is with Ottawa County. So we're talking to Ottawa County about putting in the rumble strips, and then we're continuing the conversation with the Wood County engineers about the rumble strips at Bradner as well. Lastly, we have ordered signs that state "cross traffic does not stop" to be installed.

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

| Invoice        | Description                                      | Amount      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| MEDICAL MUTUAL | HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM 11/1/24- 12/1/24 | \$77,149.92 |
| BIO-CARE INC   | FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL PHYSICALS                      | \$14,815.00 |

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

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

No Report.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

Engineer’s Report

NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:** Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **extend the moratorium on recreational marijuana and to allow medical marijuana as defined by the ORC until December 1, 2025** ; seconded by Councilor Kozina. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark; **Abstain:** None  
**Result: Passed**

Councilor Huntermark asked about eliminating one of the drains on the ditch project. Dwayne Seiter, the contractor on the project, clarified.

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Councilor Stoner reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade on Saturday at 12pm at Station 83.

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**Result: Passed**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- 1. Dennis Arp 2258 Tracy Rd - expressed concerns about allowing dispensaries in the city and believes they will just create more problems for the city. Stated he thinks the city is too business focused and needs to provide more residential options.
- 2. Valerie Crispen 148 Farnstead - Stated she is not against allowing medical dispensaries, but does not agree with the zoning regulations.
- 3. Josh Vale 124 Farnstead - Expressed concerns over dispensaries potentially being allowed so close to neighborhoods and the increased traffic they would bring. He suggested looking into the zoning and taking it a step further.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NA

**ADJOURNMENT**

07:30 pm

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Clerk

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor