



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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Members of City Council

Louis Fahrbach, Council President
Dean Edwards
Jim Barton
Randy Kozina
Pat Huntermark
Mark Stoner
Michael Melnyk

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Mayor Schimmel*

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- October 24, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development ~ *Councilor Jim Barton*

Finance ~ *Council President Louis Fahrbach - Next Meeting November 7, 2024 @6P*

Recreation Board ~ *Councilor Jim Barton*

Safety ~ *Councilor Mark Stoner*

Tree Commission ~ *Councilor Michael Melnyk*

Service ~ *Councilor Dean Edwards*

Parks, Rec & NCC ~ *Councilor Pat Huntermark - Next Meeting November 7, 2024 @5:45P*

Committee Of The Whole ~ *Council President Louis Fahrbach*

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

NEW RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2024-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD MAYOR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY CLERK AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN A FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE INSURANCE POLICY TO REPLACE SURETY BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

PENDING 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. *2nd Reading.*

NEW LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2024-42 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM UNTIL DECEMBER 1, 2025, ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR ANY PROCESSORS OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

ORDINANCE 2024-43 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS THEREON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

PENDING LEGISLATON:

MAYOR: *Mayor Schimmel*

- Mayor's Report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: *Kevin Laughlin*

- City Administrator's Report

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

- OCTOBER EXPENDITURES

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP	NATURE TRAILS RESTORATION PROJECT	\$93,303.56
CITY OF PERRYSBURG	SHARE OF ASTRO SITE REPEATER FOR 2025	\$10,000.00
MENARDS	TIF PAYMENT FOR DEBT	\$122,035.00
ERARD CUSTOM PAINTING	PAINTING OF BIG GARAGE, BACK OF BUILDING & LIGHT POLES	\$14,150.00

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION: *Brian Ballenger*

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION: *Dave Kuhn*

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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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.

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **to extend the moratorium on recreational marijuana and to allow medical marijuana as defined by the** ; 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

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

2024-12

RESOLUTION 2024-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD MAYOR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY CLERK AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN A FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE INSURANCE POLICY TO REPLACE SURETY BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio passed HB291 in 2020 which allows municipal entities to obtain a faithful performance policy issued through their Crime insurance, rather than a surety bond. HB291 allows such a policy to cover any entity or individual as determined by statute, charter or ordinance who are required to have a surety bond, and:

WHEREAS, HB291 also makes it clear that municipal entities may switch from utilizing a surety bond to a faithful performance policy even when its officers are mid-term or during an employees' employment, as opposed to current law which requires a policy to be in place before an officer takes office or before an employee begins employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with ORC 3.061, the political subdivision must adopt a policy by resolution to allow the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty" coverage document, rather than a surety bond, to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; the following shall apply to the policy:

- 1. An officer, employee or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without acquiring a bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified and filed as required by law.
- 2. An officer, employee or appointee shall have the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in effect before the individual's term of office or employment and the officer, employee or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until coverage is documented.
- 3. All officers, employees or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.
- 4. The coverage amount for an officer, employee or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.
- 5. Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the PEP coverage agreement and affirm that the public entities coverage complies with ORC 3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by the City of Northwood in Wood County

SECTION 2. The Council of the City of Northwood hereby authorizes the public entity to purchase and use "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through the PEP instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect as an emergency measure and therefore is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

Vote to suspend rules: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___
Vote on emergency clause: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___
Vote on final adoption: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___

2024-12

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.
Effective: _____, 2024

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

City Attorney

Mayor



ITEM REPORT/DISCUSSION

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

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. *2nd Reading*

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Support Resolution needed to apply for the LWCF application due by November 15th.

ADMINISTRATORS RECOMMENDATION: *Suspend Rules & Apdot as Emergency*

2024-11

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.

WHEREAS, The City of Northwood is desirous of constructing an outdoor multipurpose rink as a way to enhance physical activity and wellness options for the community, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program and;

WHEREAS, The City of Northwood desires financial assistance under the Land and Water Conservation Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. That the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

SECTION 2. That the City agrees to obligate funds required to satisfactory complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___
Vote on emergency clause: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___
Vote on final adoption: For:___ Against:___ Abstain:___
Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024 as an emergency measure.
Effective: _____, 2024

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

City Attorney

Mayor

2024-42

ORDINANCE 2024-42 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM UNTIL DECEMBER 1, 2025, ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR ANY PROCESSORS OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2 on November 7, 2023 adopting proposed legislation authorizing the cultivation, sale and use of marijuana products for recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the operation of Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, the proposed legislation now approved by Ohio voters will automatically be incorporated into the Ohio Revised Code as Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 and become effective on December 7, 2023 with no further action required by the Ohio General Assembly (the “Act”); and,

WHEREAS, upon the passage of Issue 2, members of the Ohio General Assembly have already expressed an intention to amend the Act but have not yet clarified whether the Act will be repealed, modified, or materially altered; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3780.03 of the Act provides that a newly created “Division of Cannabis” shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the implementation of the adult use marijuana program, including licensing requirements for cultivators, processors, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Act, as currently constituted, provides the Division of Cannabis a period of nine months after December 7, 2023 to implement rules and regulations regarding the adult use marijuana program; and

WHEREAS, Council intends to adopt legislation that provides for the orderly implementation of adult use cannabis in the City consistent with State laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and local ordinances, City Council possesses the inherent power to enact appropriate planning, zoning, and business regulation laws that further the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of its citizens, including restricting, prohibiting and/or regulating certain business uses; and

WHEREAS, at least until such time as regulations are adopted, the amendments to the Act are adopted and the City has had an opportunity to study the foregoing, Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the community health, safety, and welfare to impose an immediate moratorium on any cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of recreational marijuana for adult use business purposes in any form within the City of Northwood, except as required by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. Except as required by the Act, Council hereby imposes an immediate moratorium on the issuance and processing of any permits for cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of adult use recreational marijuana as defined in Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the City Administration and Council to consider amendments to pertinent Codified Ordinances, including the Northwood Zoning Code, to prepare regulations which may be necessary, and to determine where and whether to allow, limit or prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries in the City.

SECTION 3. Council hereby directs and orders that no permits for cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries of adult use marijuana shall be issued or processed by the City during the moratorium, except as may be required by the Act with respect to existing dispensaries of marijuana products for medical use.

SECTION 4. The moratorium shall be in effect for a period beginning from the effective date of this Ordinance through December 1, 2025 until changes are enacted to amend the Codified Ordinance of the City of Northwood to address these issues, or until Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of council concerning or relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Northwood and the State of Ohio.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare of our citizens. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Vote to suspend rules:

For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____

Vote on emergency clause:

For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____

Vote on final adoption:

For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Effective: _____, 2024

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

City Attorney

Mayor

2024-43

ORDINANCE 2024-43 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS THEREON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. That to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Northwood, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and the following sums are appropriated and accounts established.

SECTION 2. That the City Administrator and Finance & Revenue Director are hereby authorized to draw warrants for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certification and voucher therefore approved by the officers authorized by law to approve the same or an Ordinance or Resolution of Council to make expenditures, providing that no warrant shall be drawn or paid on salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with the law and Ordinance; provided further that appropriations for contingencies can only be expended upon appeal of seven members of Council for items of expense constituting a legal obligation against the City for purpose other than those covered by the other specific appropriation.

SECTION 3. That there be appropriated from the GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE the following:

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
110-7110	POLICE DEPT.	
50201-50590	Personal Services	\$2,697,875
51176-51821	Contractual Services	82,200
52110-52320	Supplies & Materials	119,225
54272	Other Expenses	<u>3,000</u>
	Total Police Department	\$2,902,300
110-7115	FIRE DEPT.	
50201-50571	Personal Services	1,440,258
51210-51821	Contractual Services	93,907
52110-52320	Supplies & Materials	<u>145,373</u>
	Total Fire Department	\$1,679,538
110-7120	CIVIL DEFENSE	
51267	Contractual Services	<u>3,800</u>
	Total Civil Defense	\$3,800
110-7125	DISPATCHERS	
51626-51816	Contractual Services	300,000
	Total Dispatchers	\$300,000
10-7220	HEALTH DEPT.	
51292	Contractual Services	6,000
	Total Health Department	\$6,000
110-7310	PARKS	
	Personal Services	000
51209-51682	Contractual Services	16,120
52268-53501	Supplies & Materials	<u>6,500</u>
	Total Parks	\$22,620
110-7315	RECREATION	33,500
110-7316	Concession Stand	18,000
110-7317	Northwood Community Center	<u>390,942</u>
	Total Recreation	\$442,442

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110-7320	BASEBALL	
51170-51202	Contractual Services	12,000
52150-54902	Supplies Materials, Refunds	<u>8,000</u>
	Total Baseball	\$20,000
110-7315-52264	SOCCER	
	Contractual Services, Supplies	15,000
110-7410	ZONING	
50201-50550	Personal Services	136,839
51814	Contractual Services	11,000
52110-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>2,300</u>
	Total Zoning	\$150,139
110-7425	RIGHT OF WAY MOWING	
50212	Personal Services - Mowing	28,865
51262-51682	Contractual Services	5,000
52268-53501	Supplies & Materials	<u>500</u>
	Total Right of Way Mowing	\$34,365
110-7427	NUISANCE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
50212	Personal Services	1,720
51262	Demolition Contracts	<u>10,000</u>
	Total Nuisance Property	\$11,720
110-7430	TREE COMMISSION	
50212	Personal Services	\$11,600
51262	Tree Maintenance/Grant Program	10,500
52268-53501	Supplies & Materials	<u>1,900</u>
	Total Tree Commission	\$24,000
110-7435	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
51170	Contractual Services	40,000
52147-52904	Supplies & Materials	<u>20,000</u>
	Total Economic Development	\$60,000
110-7610	STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINT & REPAIR	
57015	Transfer to 222 S.C.M.R. Fund	225,000
57015	Transfer to 230 Brush Pickup	15,000
	Total SCMR Streets	\$240,000
110-7710	MAYOR'S OFFICE	
50111-50550	Personal Services	49,350
51814	Contractual Services	300
52160-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>300</u>
	Total Mayor	\$49,550
110-7715	FINANCE DEPT.	
50201-50550	Personal Services	245,550
51251-51814	Contractual Services	182,500
52110-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>4,600</u>
	Total Finance	\$432,650
110-7720	ADMINISTRATOR	
50201-50550	Personal Services	161,255
51814	Contractual Services	5,300
52150-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>1,800</u>
	Total Administrator	\$168,355
110-7725	CITY ATTORNEY	

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50521-50541	Personal Services	106,580
52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>1,500</u>
	Total City Attorney	\$108,080
110-7730	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	
50230-50511	Personal Services	1,800
51170-51814	Contractual Services	430,800
52110-52268	Supplies & Materials	13,950
54902	Refunds	<u>1,000</u>
	Total General Administration	\$447,550
110-7735	CITY COUNCIL	
50112-50550	Personal Services	67,155
52160-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>500</u>
	Total General Administration	\$67,655
110-7737	CITY CLERK	
50203-50550	Personal Services	101,980
51274-51814	Contractual Services	17,820
52110-52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>1,400</u>
	Total City Clerk	\$121,200
110-7740	MAYORS COURT	
50201	Personal Services	\$139,030
51176	Contractual Services	21,800
52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>9,000</u>
	Total Mayors Court	\$169,830
110-7745	CIVIL SERVICE	
50212	Personal Services	2,780
51210-51335	Contractual Services	7,000
52268	Supplies & Materials	<u>50</u>
	Total Civil Service	\$9,830
110-7750	BUILDING & GROUNDS	
50212-50571	Personal Services	165,400
51636-51814	Contractual Services	46,200
52268-54500	Supplies & Materials	<u>30,200</u>
	Total Buildings/Grounds	\$241,800
110-7755	ENGINEERING	
51188	Contractual Services	\$10,000
110-7770	COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCTIONS	
51292	Contractual Services	4,350
110-7825/7838	STREET LIGHTING	74,295
	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND	356,000
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$8,173,069

SECTION 4. That there be appropriated from the **STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CASH BALANCE** the following:

222-7610	S.C.M.R.	
50201-50581	Personal Services	560,010
51841-51821	Contractual Services	5,250
52268-52320	Supplies & Materials	<u>42,000</u>
	Total S.C.M.R.	\$607,260
222-7630	SNOW REMOVAL	
50212-50234	Personal Services	20,000
51682	Contractual Services	15,000

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52268-52310	Supplies & Materials	<u>28,000</u>
	Total Snow Removal	\$63,000
222-7635	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	
50212	Personal Services	10,100
51641-51711	Contractual Services	<u>20,200</u>
52258	Supplies & Materials	<u>3,500</u>
	Total Traffic Signals	\$33,800
	TOTAL S.C.M.R. FUND	\$704,060

SECTION 5. That there be appropriated from the **MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

223-7640-51209	Road Striping	17,000
	TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FUND	\$17,000

SECTION 6. That there be appropriated from the **STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

224-7610	STATE HIGHWAY	
224-7610-50501	Personal Services	24,240
224-7610-50511	Supplies & Materials	<u>4,250</u>
	Total State Highway	\$28,490
224-7635	STATE HIGHWAY-TRAFFIC SIGNALS	
51711	Contractual Services	<u>7,600</u>
	Total State Highway Fund	\$36,090

SECTION 7. That there be appropriated from the **NORTHWOOD WASTE/ENVIRONMENTAL FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

230-7454-50212/50511	Personal Services	<u>17,580</u>
	TOTAL WASTE/ENVIRONMENTAL FUND	\$17,580

SECTION 8. That there be appropriated from the **DRUG FINE FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

235-7110-53301	Supplies & Materials	<u>1,100</u>
	TOTAL DRUG FINE FUND	\$1,100

SECTION 9. That there be appropriated from the **SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

236-7110-52272/53301	Supplies & Materials	<u>4,000</u>
	TOTAL SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$4,000

SECTION 10. That there be appropriated from the **ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION/ALCOHOL FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

237-7740-54272	Crime Prevention	<u>1,000</u>
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION ALCOHOL	\$1,000

SECTION 11. That there be appropriated from the **COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

238-7740-53302	Computer Equipment/Accessories	<u>7,000</u>
	TOTAL COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH FUND	\$7,000

SECTION 12. That there be appropriated from the **OPIOD CRISIS FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

239-7110-53302	Canine Unit	<u>15,000</u>
	TOTAL OPIOD CRISIS FUND	\$15,000

SECTION 13. That there be appropriated from the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

240-7435-53302	Contractual Services	25,000
	Master Plan Update	75,000
	Façade Program	90,000

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Water Tap Grant	10,000
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$200,000

SECTION 14. That there be appropriated from the **TREE CITY USA GROWTH CASH BALANCE** the following:

243-7430-53501	Tree Plantings	5,000
	TOTAL TREE CITY USA FUND	\$5,000

SECTION 15. That there be appropriated from the **ENCLAVE DEBT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

332-7910-54140	Principal payments	75,000
	TOTAL ENCLAVE DEBT FUND	\$75,000

SECTION 16. That there be appropriated from the **MENARDS DEBT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

333-7910-54140	Principal Payments	70,000
333-7910-54240	Interest Payments	132,800
	TOTAL MENARDS- DEBT FUND	\$202,800

SECTION 17. That there be appropriated from the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

401-7110-53301	Police Dept.	56,000
401-7410-53301	Fire Dept.	71,000
401-7610-53530	Street Construction	1,122,744
401-7610-53588	Engineering – Street Const.	134,050
401-7715-51170	Rita Commission (20%)	42,000
401-7750-53301	NCC Gym Equipment	50,000
401-7910-54210	Principal – OWDA The Enclave	164,410
401-7910-54210	Principal – The Enclave	120,000
401-7910-54110	Principal – NCC	200,000
401-7910-54210	Interest – The Enclave	191,200
401-7910-54220	Interest - NCC	340,875
401-7910-54250	Interest – OWDA The Enclave	13,425
	TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$2,505,704

SECTION 18. That there be appropriated from the **RECREATION PARKS COMBINED FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

402-7310-53201	Wetlands Restoration	\$167,000
	TOTAL RECREATION PARKS FUND	\$167,000

SECTION 19. That there be appropriated from the **REC/COMM CENTER BLDG FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

404-7610-53530	Building Construction	113,000
404-7610-53588	Engineering and Technical Svcs	15,000
	TOTAL ENCLAVE CONST	128,000

SECTION 20. That there be appropriated from the **CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

408-7810-53531	Police Capital Replacements	142,300
408-7810-53532	Fire Capital Replacements	40,000
408-7810-53533	Building/Grounds Capital Replacement	9,175
	Recreation Capital Replacement	50,000
708-7810-53534	Public Service Capital Replacement	68,133
408-7810-53535	General Admin Capital Replacement	156,398
	TOTAL CAPITAL REPLACE FUND	\$466,000

SECTION 21. That there be appropriated from the **STORM WATER MGMT FUND CASH BALANCE** the following:

701-7510-50212	Personal Services	28,635
701-7510-51711	Contractual Services	15,700
701-7510-53020	Storm Sewer Construction	378,950
701-7510-53588	Engineering	15,000

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701-7510-53201	Curtice Road Ditch Fund	<u>500,000</u>
	TOTAL STORMWATER FUND	\$938,285

SECTION 22. That there be appropriated from the KEEP NORTHWOOD BEAUTIFUL CASH BALANCE the following:

704-7421-53201	General Improvements	<u>20,000</u>
	TOTAL KNB FUND	\$20,000

SECTION 23. That there be appropriated from the NORTHWOOD CIVIC EVENTS CASH BALANCE the following:

705-7330-53201	Donations	<u>5,000</u>
	TOTAL CIVIC EVENTS FUND	\$5,000

Vote to suspend rules:	For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____
Vote on emergency clause:	For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____
Vote on final adoption:	For:____ Against:____ Abstain:____

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.
Effective: _____, 2024

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

City Attorney

Mayor



MAYOR'S REPORT

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Recommendation to appoint Terry Hartman to the Planning Commission.

Recommendation to appoint Diana Ruffalo to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

POLICE:

FIRE:

Amanda Hughes has received her paramedic certification from the State of Ohio and has completed her training requirements to operate as a paramedic with the Northwood Fire Department. She should be promoted to a firefighter/paramedic, effective 10/21/2024.

Chief Whitmore recommended hiring Damien Boyer as a part-time firefighter EMT. Mr. Boyer already has the required training and should be an immediate asset to our department.



CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Extension of Existing Listing Agreement with Miller Diversified

Miller Diversified has requested an extension of 90 days, providing enough time for the various parties currently involved in negotiations to come to terms.

Request a motion to authorize City Administrator to extend the existing listing agreement with Miller Diversified 90 days.

Nature Trails GLRI Project

Work is anticipated to be substantially complete this week with final acceptance walk-through scheduled for November 12, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

NCC Drainage Issue Update

Received a quote from Lathrop for approximately \$20,000. Discussing rolling project into Phase II parking for 2025 with City Engineer.

Other Project Updates

Some updates on varioious projects:

- Enclave Ditch enclosure is on schedule to begin November 11, weather permitting.
- The Bridges will begin work on water and sewer for Phase III soon. Phase II should be wrapped up in the next few months.
- Anticipate Wallick senior/assisted living submission to ARC by November 13.
- 84 Lumber project is proceeding nicely on Wales Road.
- Discussions with various entities and agencies for funding to complete Dalling Drive at the Enclave.
- Cases for both Great Eastern and 2551 Woodville Road (former Smokes for Less) have been filed in Wood County Court of Common Pleas.