

December 5, 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 December 5, 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 Melnyk 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

Pat Snyder from the Wood County Health Department spoke before council to share funding opportunities available for city facilities and other nonprofit or government facilities in our jurisdiction in an effort to prevent infectious disease and the spread of infectious disease. She stated the city is eligible for HVAC cleaning, touchless water bottle fill stations and hand or mop slink areas and gave a flayer with information on how to apply for funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Finance Council President Louis Fahrbach - Next Meeting: December 5th @ 6pm

Meeting held on December 5th
Discussed the 2025 budget and moving the shortfall from the budget from the general fund that has been accumulated over the years. Reminded Council that around 18 months of general expenses are in the general fund and about \$250,000 of those funds will be moved. Stated there will be an amendment to the budget that includes dispatch and a few other items. Follow up items for the City Administrator and City Clerk.

Recreation Board Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Safety Councilor Mark Stoner

No Report.

Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk

No Report.

Service Councilor Dean Edwards

No Report.

Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark

No Report.

Committee of the Whole Council President Louis Fahrbach

No Report.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NEW RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2024-13 A RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE THE WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION PLAN.
1st Reading - Melnyk

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PENDING RESOLUTION

NEW LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2024-47 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 881.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF INCOME TAX FUNDS.

1st Reading - Fahrbach

PENDING LEGISLATON

ORDINANCE 2024-44 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AETNA FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **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 2024-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INCREASING ESTIMATED RESOURCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

2nd Reading - Edwards

ORDINANCE 2024-46 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

2nd Reading - Edwards

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.

MOTION: Council President Fahrbach made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; 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

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.

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; 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

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Move to Adopt**; seconded by Councilor Kozina

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Amend Section 3. to add Dispatch Personal Services for \$516,985, change contractual services to \$7,850, total dispatchers to \$529,285 and total general fund to \$8,390,864** ; 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

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption as Amended**; 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

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MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

No Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES REPORT

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the November Financial Reports ; 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

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

Invoice	Description	Amount
THE SHELLY COMPANY	ARBOR DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$456,310.68
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	2 PORTABLE RADIOS AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE FIRE DEPT.	\$10,524.92
BOWERS ASPHALT & PAVING INC	FARNSTEAD RD IMPROVEMENTS	\$242,027.12

MOTION: Councilor Melnyk made a motion to Approve; 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

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

No Report.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

City Engineer's Report
City Administrator Laughlin gave report.
- Curtice and Wheeling project complete.
- Had final negotiations with the sewer district on Farnstead project. The city will be getting some money back.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

1. Audrey Caligiuri - 423 Ravenwood Dr. - Thanked council for taking the public's option on dispatch into consideration and for putting out information regarding the roundabout.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Kozina made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15pm with 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 to discuss collective bargaining ; seconded by Councilor Stoner.
ROLL CALL:
Yes: Council President Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Kozina, Councilor Stoner
No: None
Abstain:None
MOTION: Passed

The meeting was called back to order at 7:33pm 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, Councilor Stoner City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, and City Attorney Brian Ballenger.
No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

07:33 PM

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ATTEST: _____
Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor