

January 2, 2025

City of Northwood
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Northwood City Council was called to order by Council President Kozina at 07:04 PM on January 2, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

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: Council President Kozina, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Stoner, City Administrator Kevin Laughlin and City Attorney Brian Ballenger.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 12, 2024 Council meeting minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Pamela Brown - 3947 MacArthur Dr. Ms. Brown stated she recently moved back to the city in September and just received an email notice from Columbia Gas stating the service would be changed to Archer Energy. She stated she did not approve of the change and was told that Northwood was responsible for the change .She shared her displeasure with the lack of notification and information regarding the switch and the poor reviews for the new gas company.

Councilor Kozina stated when the contract is approved residents have the ability to opt out. City Attorney Ballenger stated the city of Northwood is part of an aggregation group including Toledo, Sylvania, Oregon, Waterville etc. which Palmer Energy manages for all of the communities with the idea that a bigger group with get better rates. Additionally a card should have been mailed by Columbia Gas to every resident notifying them of the change and providing information on how to opt-out. Ms. Brown stated she did not receive a notification in the mail. Mr. Ballenger stated he would investigate why she did not receive the notification.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Finance Council President Louis Fahrbach

No Report. Next Meeting: January 23rd at 6:30pm

Recreation Board Councilor Jim Barton

No Report.

Safety Councilor Mark Stoner

No Report.

Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk

No Report.

Service Councilor Dean Edwards

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No Report.

Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark

No Report.

Committee of the Whole Council President Louis Fahrbach

No Report.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None.

NEW RESOLUTION

PENDING RESOLUTION

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

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

NEW LEGISLATION

PENDING LEGISLATON

MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ZOLL	AUTOPULSE NXT CPR ASSIST - FIRE DEPT	\$22,507.88
FELLER FINCH	PROJECT 10E08864- THE ENCLAVE	\$10,424.00
D.R. EBEL	SET-UP OF 3 NEW POLICE VEHICLES	\$47,005.14
AETNA HEALTHCARE	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE 1/1/25-1/31/25	\$71,495.52

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

Administrator Laughlin stated Council President Kozina had a question regarding the percentage of insurance premiums the city is picking up. Per the collective bargaining contract, employees are not intended to pay more than 15% of the premiums, right now we are at about 6%. Council President Kozina asked if they would go up to the 15%. to which the Administrator stated no, not per the current contract. Further discussion on this matter will take place at the t Finance committee meeting on January 23rd.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

No Report.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

NA

OLD BUSINESS

NA

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

07:16 PM

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ATTEST: _____
Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor