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City of Northwood
Regular 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 July 2, 2025 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, Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner City Administrator Kevin Laughlin, and City Engineer Dave Kuhn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Councilor Stoner 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 (7-0)*

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Terry MacDonald 5951 Corduroy Rd. - A current city dispatcher addressed Council, expressing a desire to remain in their position while acknowledging they may seek employment with the Sheriff’s Office if necessary. He raised concerns about system vulnerabilities, such as cybersecurity and the need for a backup dispatch center. Terry clarified a question regarding dispatcher mealtime and bathroom breaks, stating that in his 20 years of service he has not left for lunch and typically eats at his desk. He added that officers assist by providing bathroom breaks and, at times, will bring food if requested. He also addressed comments made about Rossford’s satisfaction with dispatch services—pointing out that Rossford has never had its own dispatchers. In closing, Terry emphasized that the proposed change affects five employees and the entire city and urged Council to either vote to retain local dispatch services or consider tabling the decision to allow for further research.

2. Molly Tomazewski 211 Earl - Molly expressed appreciation for Council’s attention to prior communications but raised concerns about the process and transparency surrounding the proposed dispatch services contract. She noted that while the Mayor and Sheriff indicated they would interview three of the five current dispatchers, there is no guarantee of employment for any of them. She also stated that information provided to Council and the public has changed multiple times over the past five weeks, including projected costs and savings. She criticized the lack of public discussion before voting on such an impactful decision and urged Council to table the legislation to allow for more public input and transparency. They referenced a public Facebook post by the Mayor and read a portion of a comment by resident Dave Gallagher (with permission), stating if this is the best direction for Northwood's future today, it will be the best direction tomorrow, next month, and next year. This legislation needs to be tabled until more information is shared with all of the people that it affects. She expressed strong support for the city’s current dispatchers, describing them as professionals who serve the community with pride and loyalty. Molly noted that if the dispatchers wanted to work for the county, they likely would have done so already. She urged that their service be recognized and respected, regardless of where they may work in the future. Molly voiced concern about the speed at which the legislation was being considered, stating that such an important decision—impacting both jobs and public safety—should not be passed without thorough public discussion. She emphasized the need for transparency and suggested the issue be tabled for further review, potentially placed on the ballot or offered to voters through a levy or income tax decision. Lastly, Molly referenced confusion over potential address mix-ups in emergency response and urged Council to give residents more time and information before proceeding.

Audrey Caligiuri 423 Ravenwood - Audrey requested additional time to speak, noting she was on vacation during the previous meeting and had submitted an email to all Council members asking that their concerns be read into the record. She expressed disappointment that only two Council members responded—one forwarding the message to administration, and the other being told there was no need to read it aloud. Audrey emphasized their long-standing connection to the community and their volunteer contributions. She proceeded to read the email they had originally submitted which stated: Good evening. I just wanted to take an opportunity to share my concerns about the possibility of our dispatch center moving to Wood County. I would have liked to attend the in person, but I will be out of town. I would like to ask that a council member please make a motion to have this correspondence read into record. I am thoroughly upset that this has appeared on the agenda again before any conversation at safety or finance. It appears our city is being forced into approving a contract based on our sheriff's timeline. Once again I ask, what is the hurry? If we act now he will hire another dispatcher. We are all concerned about the budget and the sheriff's offer to add another employee If we act now. Does he need another dispatch or not? I would hope that the number of dispatchers in Wood County is not contingent on the number of memberships he can sell. I'm wondering how this was all negotiated without the issue showing up on a committee agenda. I would like to request a copy of all correspondence, both written and electronic, between the city of

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Northwood and all its representatives, meaning council members, and any representative from the Wood County Sheriff Department concerning this issue. There must be an explanation for this situation, and the people deserve to have that information. The topic today is about our dispatch center. The real issue is, who in this administration is listening to the residents who in this administration represents our residents? Who is willing to be our voice on council. I will help you discuss the budget. I will help you bring businesses in here. If you want to discuss or include me on discussions. I will help you discuss a levy. I will help you discuss increasing taxes. I will help you plan a Northern dispatch center, but I will never support dispatchers going to Wood County. Thank you for your time and being my voice. Audrey shared a recent example highlighting the value of local dispatch, referencing a medical alert call where Wood County failed to notify a keyholder, while Northwood dispatchers followed up promptly—demonstrating their dedication and familiarity with the community. She emphasized that Northwood dispatchers provide a level of care and service that could be lost with outsourcing. Audrey proposed an alternative to outsourcing by suggesting a 0.25% income tax increase, estimating that at an average salary of \$80,000, it would cost residents approximately \$200 annually—less than \$4 per week—to preserve local dispatch services. She warned against short-term cost savings that may lead to higher costs later, citing Rossford’s experience of rising dispatch costs after one year. Audrey expressed concern over a lack of transparency and committee discussion before the legislation appeared on the agenda. Audrey criticized what she perceived as political motivations behind the proposal and urged Council to slow down the process, review the numbers more carefully, and consider the personal impact on dispatchers whose employment is not guaranteed under the new contract and who may be unable to accept new roles due to pay, location, or family obligations.

3. Angelina 2417 Norma Place - Angelina questioned the financial justification for outsourcing dispatch services, noting that the savings amount to only \$68,000 and expressing concern over the frequent changes in cost estimates. She urged Council to either table the ordinance or place the issue on the ballot for voters to decide. Angelina warned that approving the contract under political pressure could lead to consequences similar to those experienced in Oregon, referencing a personal concern for public safety. She reaffirmed the importance of allowing citizens to have a voice in the decision and requested that the matter be put to a public vote. Angelina further noted that if safety were truly the top priority, the issue would have gone through the Safety Committee rather than Finance. Drawing from personal experience in factory safety departments, she explained how financial considerations often override safety in practice. She criticized terms like “consolidation” and “transferred workload” as code words for outsourcing and job loss and emphasized that Northwood dispatchers are highly capable professionals with deep local knowledge, providing examples of how well they respond to informal location descriptions. Angelina raised concerns about the potential loss of other city services housed in the dispatch center, the lack of guaranteed employment for two dispatchers, and the personal impact on employees who relocated to work in Northwood. The speaker called out the inconsistency between the city’s push to support local businesses and the decision to outsource a critical frontline service, stating that it “doesn’t make sense—money or not.”

4. Dana 2128 Maryland Place - A Northwood resident and current Wood County Sheriff's Office employee spoke in support of transitioning dispatch services to the county. She acknowledged potential bias due to their employment but emphasized her respect for both Wood County and Northwood dispatchers, calling all involved professionals committed to public service. She shared confidence in Wood County’s dispatch operations, citing their responsiveness and efficiency, and encouraged others to visit the 911 center to see its effectiveness firsthand. Dana argued that shared protocols across EMS, fire, and police make centralized dispatch more efficient, especially during major incidents. She concluded by stating that if the change is viewed as the right decision for the future, then it should also be the right decision now, urging Council to base their vote on facts rather than emotion.

5. Noah Bloom 2494 Tracy Rd. - Noah stated he is not necessarily opposed to centralized dispatch but urged the city to fully explore its options before entering into a long-term contract with Wood County. He raised concerns about how a future regional fire district potentially involving Lake Township, Rossford, and Perrysburg Township would be affected by the transition, especially since Perrysburg City and Township are currently merging their own dispatch centers. He suggested reaching out to Perrysburg to request a cost estimate, noting it could offer better value for taxpayers and possibly preserve all five Northwood dispatcher positions. He emphasized the importance of protecting current staff and ensuring the best outcome for the community before committing to a three-year agreement.

6. Sharon Reiner 827 Anderson St. - spoke in support of keeping dispatch services local, emphasizing the value of having a live person present at the police station 24/7. She shared personal experiences involving custody exchanges related to domestic violence and expressed how vital it is to feel safe knowing someone is physically in the building at all hours. She contrasted this with other jurisdictions where visitors must use a phone to request help, calling it frustrating and impersonal. She urged Council to consider the human element and safety impact on residents when making their decision.

7. Kim Ferguson 1912 Glenross Place - Kim referenced a previous Council meeting where it was stated that the city has a substantial surplus and could cover additional expenses from it. However, she suggested that most residents would likely support a levy or income tax increase to fund those needs instead, allowing the surplus to remain intact for its intended purpose—emergencies or unforeseen circumstances.

8. April Miller 24509 Walnut St. - A current Northwood Dispatcher and Northwood employee and single mother expressed concern about the lack of job security if the city transitions to county dispatch. She emphasized that an interview opportunity is not enough and she needs a guaranteed position to support her family. She shared her

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gratitude for being hired in 2022 and asked Council to consider the impact this decision will have on the lives of the five families affected.

9. Dan Mikolajczyk 2513 Skagway - Dan expressed support for transitioning dispatch services to Wood County, citing financial concerns, including declining tax revenue and the need to plan for future expenses such as funding full-time firefighters after a grant expires. While acknowledging the professionalism of Northwood dispatchers, he noted the Sheriff’s office also appears capable of providing quality service at a lower cost. He urged Council to act now to preserve the opportunity to retain three dispatcher positions with the County, rather than delay and risk losing all five jobs. He concluded by opposing a potential income tax increase and encouraging Council to make the fiscally responsible decision.

10. Paula Heider 1932 Joseph St. - Paula asked for clarification on the financial savings of outsourcing the city’s dispatch services. The resident questioned whether the city would save \$68,000 annually. Mayor Schimmel clarified that the projected cost of maintaining the current dispatch center in 2027 would be approximately \$1,018,000, compared to the sheriff’s contract, which is just over \$200,000. He stated that the city is not saving the amount being publicly discussed, and explained that by 2027, the savings would total approximately \$800,000 due to increased staffing needs. The Sheriff explained the compliance deadline sharing that if the city does not comply by 2027, the county would lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in 9-1-1 funding. The importance of state funding was emphasized as a driving factor in the decision. Paula expressed support for the local dispatchers, describing their service as personal and responsive, and questioned how the savings would be used. Mayor Schimmel explained that approximately \$300,000 in immediate savings would be directed to public safety, specifically to help fund three of the six new full-time firefighter positions, three of which are currently funded by a temporary grant. Paula expressed concerns about the decision to hire full-time firefighters while simultaneously eliminating the local dispatch center, as well as the financial commitment to the newly opened community center. She suggested the possibility of a levy to retain local dispatch services; however, the Mayor responded that, based on conversations he’s had with residents, there appears to be little support. Paula also shared a personal negative experience with a 9-1-1 call routed through Wood County, emphasizing the value of local dispatchers’ knowledge of the community.

11. Cody Dunbar 175 W Andrus - Reference a letter he received in the mail regarding sidewalk replacement. He questioned why property taxes weren’t being used to fund these repairs, especially when some sidewalks fall outside of property lines. Cody also inquired about who determines whether a sidewalk is deemed irreparable and eligible for replacement. In response, it was explained that the City Engineer and Service Director evaluate the sidewalks. If the damage is due to city infrastructure, such as a city tree or utility, the city covers the cost. If not, the responsibility falls on the property owner. Cody was informed of the upcoming Sidewalk Commission hearing scheduled for July 22, where disputes can be reviewed.

12. Carol Alright 2010 Revilla - Carol acknowledged the ordinances on the agenda related to special assessments for street lighting and expressed appreciation for their inclusion. She noted that the only area not listed was Cedar Creek. It was mentioned that a bill has not been received yet, and the Finance Director is still looking into that matter. Carol stated that she has a landline and asked how 9-1-1 calls would be handled if dispatch services were consolidated with Wood County. The Sheriff explained that all service providers would be formally notified of the transition, including the specific date and time when 9-1-1 calls would begin routing to the County, which is standard procedure. Carol also inquired whether a Northwood dispatcher would continue handling 9-1-1 calls during regular business hours under the proposed contract. The Sheriff clarified that currently, landline 9-1-1 calls are routed to Northwood. However, if the City contracts with the County and retains a position at the station, that role would shift to more administrative duties and would no longer involve emergency dispatching.

13. Shannon 5951 Corduroy Rd. - Shannon stated her husband is a Northwood dispatcher and expressed concern over the potential job loss resulting from outsourcing dispatch services. She questioned whether City Council is actively working to attract new businesses to Northwood and urged members to take a more proactive role in supporting the local workforce. She also criticized the perceived lack of engagement with Northwood’s current dispatchers, noting that while some Council members had visited Wood County’s dispatch center, they had not done the same with their own staff. Shannon expressed frustration, stating it appeared the City prioritized the County’s services over its own, and urged Council to consider retaining local dispatchers if funds were being allocated for dispatch services regardless.

COMMUNICATIONS	
COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Economic Development	Councilor Jim Barton
No Report.	
Finance	Councilor Louis Fahrbach
No Report. Next Meeting: August 21, 2025 @ 6:30PM to discuss long term projections and incorporating our Master Plan.	
Recreation Board	Councilor Jim Barton
No Report.	
Safety	Councilor Mark Stoner
No Report.	

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Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk
No Report. Next Meeting: July 8, 2025 @ 6PM

Service Councilor Dean Edwards
No Report.

Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark
No Report.

Committee of the Whole Council President Kozina - Meeting on 7/2 @ 6PM
Meeting held this evening; no report given.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NEW RESOLUTION

PENDING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2025-06 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 335 AND URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REJECT LEGISLATION THAT ELIMINATES INSIDE MILLAGE AND TRANSFERS LOCAL BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
2nd Reading - Melnyk

RESOLUTION 2025-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION(S) WITH THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TMACOG) RELATIVE TO A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) AND/OR CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) GRANT; COMMITMENT OF FUNDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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 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 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 (7-0)*

RESOLUTION 2025-05 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND PART TWELVE (12) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NCO), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Edwards. **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 Edwards. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Passed (7-0)*

TABLED LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2025-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.16 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NCO) TITLED PROXIMITY OF ANIMALS TO RESIDENCES.
No Action Taken

NEW LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2025-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #31-967 FOR GREENWAY ESTATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Edwards

ORDINANCE 2025-23 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT #31-956 FOR THE JOHN KURFESS ADDITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Edwards

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**ORDINANCE 2025-24 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT #31-
____ FOR THE WOLF CREEK ADDITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

1st Reading - Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2025-25 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES UPON
LOTS AND LANDS IN THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

1st Reading - Edwards

**ORDINANCE 2025-26 AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS TO THE WOOD COUNTY
AUDITOR FOR THE CUTTING OF WEEDS AND PLACING THOSE ON THE TAX DUPLICATE UNDER PROVISIONS IN
OHIO REVISED CODE 731.54, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

1st Reading - Edwards

PENDING LEGISLATON

**ORDINANCE 2025-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER CITY OWNED
PROPERTY IN THE BILTMORE GARDEN SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS LOTS 374, 375, 376 AND 377,TO THE
NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION(CIC); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilor Edwards asked if the plan was to have asphalt put down; City Administrator responded yes.

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

RESULT: *Passed (6-1)*

**ORDINANCE 2025-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO
A CONTRACT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY
DISPATCHING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilor Huntermark made a motion to put the ordinance on the ballot, stating that while he doesn't disagree with the proposal, he believes it should be the public's decision, not just council. He added that this may be the right financial move for the City, especially with the upcoming need to fund full-time firefighter positions, and acknowledged that a tax increase will be necessary to fund both, whether now or in the future. Councilor Fahrbach disagreed, stating that it was reviewed and with proper budgeting that statement is not accurate. There was no second to the motion on the floor.

Councilor Fahrbach made a motion to move on final adoption;
Councilor Stoner requested the floor for further discussion. He requested clarification on conflicting financial information regarding the dispatch contract, referencing a recent meeting with the Finance Director and City Administrator to review updated figures. Councilor Stoner asked the Finance Director to confirm current and projected costs for maintaining in-house dispatch versus contracting with the Wood County Sheriff's Office, including equipment needs and staffing levels.
Finance Director Yant confirmed the following figures:

- The estimated cost **to maintain in-house dispatch for the current year is approximately \$514,328**, not including an additional \$250,000 in potential equipment upgrades listed in the five-year capital plan.
- **By 2027**, with the need to staff 10 dispatchers, the estimated cost of in-house dispatch is projected to rise to **\$1,018,557**.
- Under the proposed contract with the Wood County Sheriff, the annual cost for dispatch services would be **\$204,735**, plus an estimated **\$94,255** for retaining one full-time records clerk, for an estimated cost of **\$298,990**. The estimated savings for **2026**, assuming the staffing changes would not take effect until 2027, would be **\$215,338** based on the current budget. However in 2027, the proposed contract would result in an estimated savings of approximately **\$719,000 annually**, even while retaining a records clerk position. Councilor Stoner emphasized the importance of making an informed decision based on verified facts, not speculation. He also stated if the contract were approved, he intends to propose a motion under New Business directing all savings from the dispatch contract to be placed in a restricted budget line item for funding the full-time firefighter positions once the SAFER grant expires.

Mayor Schimmel asked if council could offer clarity on the records clerk position, noting that, if three current dispatchers are hired by the Sheriff's Office and the City retains one as a records clerk, only one position would be displaced. The goal, as stated, is to minimize the impact on existing dispatch staff. Chief Zahradnik was asked to speak on the need for retaining more than one records clerk. He explained that the department would benefit

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from two positions to ensure coverage, particularly during weekday business hours. The proposed schedule would include 10-hour shifts from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., providing in-person assistance at the police station and handling calls.

Councilor Fahrbach addressed concerns about the decision-making process, specifically why the matter did not go through committee. He emphasized that substantial due diligence had been conducted behind the scenes, including over five hours of personal research and site visits to the Sheriff's facility by at least five Council members. He stated the decision was not made lightly and was informed by direct engagement and data review. Councilor Fahrbach confirmed that alternatives, such as contracting with Perrysburg Township were thoroughly explored but found to be significantly more expensive. He also noted that transitioning dispatch services could support future efforts towards regional fire services, given the increasing costs of fire operations.

The Mayor stated that he, along with Bob Anderson and Kevin, has participated in over 20 meetings in recent years regarding regional fire and dispatch services. He emphasized that all potential regional partners have made it clear they are unwilling to join a regional dispatch system if it costs more than their current agreements with the Sheriff’s Office, citing Rossford contract of approximately \$200,000, and \$45,000 for Walbridge; compared to the proposal of over \$800,000 we had received from Perrysburg Township.The Mayor noted that discussions on regional dispatch have been ongoing since he took office 18 years ago, and even prior to that. However, based on current and past conversations, he expressed doubt that regional dispatch will ever materialize and believes regional fire services are unlikely in the near future. He concluded by reinforcing that this has been a long-standing issue that the city has seriously explored.

MOTION: Councilor Fahrbach made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Melnyk. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Barton; **No:** Councilor Edwards, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Stoner; **Abstain:** Council President Randy Kozina
RESULT: (3-3); The Mayor, as permitted by the City Charter, cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the ordinance. Ordinance 2025-21 was thereby passed (4-3)

MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

Mayor's Report
ADMINISTRATION:
Appoint Corey Speweik as the interm city attorney
MOTION: Council President Kozina made a motion to **appoint Corey Speweik as the interm City Attorney**; seconded by Councilor Fahrbach. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Passed (7-0)*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

City Administrator's Report

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

JUNE 2025 EXPENDITURES
MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **acknowledge receipt of the June 2025 City financial reports**; 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 (7-0)*

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COTS, LOAD SYSTEMS, & STAIR CHAIRS	\$11,026.26
MOTION: Councilor Huntermark 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: <i>Passed (7-0)</i>		

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

No Report.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

City Engineer's Report

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2025 Pavement Resurfacing Improvements project is currently out for bid, with a bid opening scheduled for July 16. Sidewalk pricing will be available in time for the Sidewalk Committee meeting on July 22nd. No other changes were reported.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing a budget line item to allocate the savings from the Wood County Sheriff dispatch contract, to be used to fund the three full-time firefighter positions once the SAFER grant expires.**; 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 (7-0)*

OLD BUSINESS

NA

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA

ADJOURNMENT

08:05 PM

ATTEST: _____
Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor