

August 21, 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 Mayor Schimmel at 07:07 PM on August 21, 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

July 2, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Councilor Stoner 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 (7-0)*

PRESENTATION

Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Ann Mannon

Ann was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict. Proclamation will be presented at the September 11th Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Councilor Jim Barton

No Report. Request to schedule a meeting in September to discuss Progress Report. Meeting date will be shared once confirmed.

Finance Councilor Louis Fahrbach - Next Meeting: August 21 at 6:30PM

The committee discussed long-term financial projections for the remainder of this year and into next year, including possible allocation models (such as a80-20 or 70-20-10 split). Further discussion will take place during the October budgeting process. Glenn provided an update on the incorporation of the city’s master plan, outlining future infrastructure investments and project priorities. He also reported on several developments, including the new welcome sign for Wallick, progress at the Enclave, the TMACOG TAP application, and participation in the Better Buildings program for the roof. Finally, the committee discussed the Dalling Road extension project, which is anticipated to go out to bid pending council approval.

Recreation Board Councilor Jim Barton

- The basketball court has been completed at Brentwood Park.
- We turned the old basketball court into a pickleball court at Brentwood Park.
- Central Park now has two pickleball courts.
- New benches with grant money were installed at the pickleball courts and basketball court at Brentwood.
- The Beats and Eats event at the NCC went well.
- Fall Soccer season starts next week.
- Working on scheduling a Rec Board meeting next week.

Safety Councilor Mark Stoner

No Report

Tree Commission Councilor Michael Melnyk

The committee met in July, with the primary topic being the Memorial Tree Program. Since that meeting, members have been gathering additional information on how to structure the program. An update and potential recommendation for Council approval is expected following the September committee meeting.

Service Councilor Dean Edwards

No Report

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Parks, Rec & NCC Councilor Pat Huntermark

Adjustments were made to the timing on some of the spray zones on the splash pad back in May. This was done in effort to save some money on the water bill.

	2024	2025
June	\$627.28	\$512.57
July	\$7,763.10	\$7,253.95
August	\$9,352.18	\$7,829.49
Total Savings to date \$2,145.55. The Splash pad will be, closing on Sept 2nd for the year.		

Committee of the Whole Council President Kozina

No Report

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NEW RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2025-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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 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) Effective Immediately*

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.

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, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Passed (7-0) Effective Immediately*

TABLED LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2025-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.16 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NCO) TITLED PROXIMITY OF ANIMALS TO RESIDENCES.*TABLED on 6/26/25 for 90 Days*

Council discussed the status of the proposed chicken ordinance, noting it had been tabled since the June 25th meeting. Concerns with the previous draft centered on setbacks, distances, and enforcement responsibilities, particularly whether police officers should be tasked with measurements. City Administrator Laughlin recommended a simplified approach modeled after Sylvania’s ordinance, focusing on clear and enforceable standards: a limit of six hens per residential property, prohibition of roosters, hens required to remain in secure coops/runs in the rear yard, no free-ranging, restrictions on noise/disturbance, and no visible slaughtering. The goal is to allow current chicken owners to continue while keeping regulations straightforward and not overly burdensome to enforce. Council discussed whether to amend the current ordinance or vote it down and reintroduce a simplified version at a future meeting. Consensus was that voting down the current draft and introducing a new one would be more efficient.

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **utable** ; seconded by Council President Kozina. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President 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:** None; **No:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Failed (0-7)*

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NEW LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 2025-27 AN ORDINANCE CONCURRING WITH THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE 0 WILLISTON ROAD (M50-812-350000031000) FROM R-4, MULTI-FAMILY TO R, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Edwards

ORDINANCE 2025-28 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1244.06 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NCO) TITLED CONDITIONAL USES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Edwards

ORDINANCE 2025-29 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 1250.12 OF THE NORTHWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NCO) TITLED SITE PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading - Edwards

ORDINANCE 2025-30 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER 7.94 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION (M50-812-340406006000),TO THE NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION(CIC); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark 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
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark 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) Effective Immediately*

ORDINANCE 2025-31 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADOPT A TRANSITIONAL WORK POLICY FOR 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:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Stoner.**ROLL CALL: Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **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) Effective Immediately*

ORDINANCE 2025-32 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Edwards 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
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards 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
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards 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,

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Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Passed (7-0) Effective Immediately*

ORDINANCE 2025-33 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET LINE ITEM TO ALLOCATE SAVINGS FROM THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF DISPATCH CONTRACT TO FUND THREE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS UPON EXPIRATION OF THE SAFER GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1sr Reading - Edwards

PENDING LEGISLATON

ORDINANCE 2025-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #31-967 FOR GREENWAY ESTATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; seconded by Councilor Stoner.**ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Fahrbach, Councilor Edwards, Councilor Melnyk, Councilor Huntermark, Councilor Barton, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Move on Final Adoption**; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **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) Effective Immediately*

ORDINANCE 2025-23 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT #31-956 FOR THE JOHN KURFESS ADDITION; AND DECLARING 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
RESULT: (7-0)

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
RESULT: *Passed (7-0)*

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, Council President Kozina, Councilor Stoner; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
RESULT: *Passed (7-0) Effective Immediately*

ORDINANCE 2025-24 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT #31-955 FOR THE WOLF CREEK ADDITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; 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: 7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards 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) Effective Immediately*

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.
MOTION: Councilor Stoner made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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

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RESULT: (7-0)

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
RESULT: (7-0)

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) Effective Immediately*

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.

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Suspend the rules**; 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: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards made a motion to **Move on Emergency Clause**; 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: (7-0)

MOTION: Councilor Edwards 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)Effective Immediately*

MAYOR Mayor Schimmel

Mayor's Report

RECREATION:

Tiffani Gill-Carew, Assistant Recreation Director, submitted her letter of resignation on July 28, 2025. Her day with the city will be on August 8, 2025.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Kevin Laughlin

City Administrator's Report

TOPIC/ ITEM	DISCUSSION
Wallick Project at the Enclave	Final Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval was granted August 4, 2025. - Wallick plans to close on the property by September 16, 2025 and typically begin mobilization 1-2 weeks from closing. - This moves up the need for an appropriation for Dalling Drive. - Groundbreaking anticipated around September 16th, with mobilization within 1–2 weeks thereafter. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled, and Council will be informed.
Police Secretary Position	Administration and Chief Zahradnik have reviewed the existing description, and it meets the needs of the department. If Council is supportive of the addition, Administration recommends and will move forward quickly to fill the position. Council expressed no objections.
Ordinance 2024-33 - Self Storage Moratorium	Ordinance 2024-33 was adopted September 12, 2024. 365 Day moratorium on storage establishments. - Administration recommends extending the moratoriums Council indicated support for renewal. Administration will prepare a new ordinance.
Dispatch Consolidation Social Media	Ongoing coordination with Wood County Sheriff. Tentative changeover date is October 1, 2025. Three of the City’s dispatchers applied for positions with the Sheriff’s Office. Administration recommends that no posts will be tailored to any specific person. City will continue to apprise followers of events and activities. Individuals are welcome to share posts through their specific accounts.
Recreational Marijuana Moratorium	Current moratorium set to lapse December 1, 2025. Council was advised to keep this timeline in mind for future discussion.

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Tabled Ordinance Legislation to be revised and brought back to Council on September 11th.
2025-18 (Chickens)

CITY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **acknowledge receipt of the June and July City Financial Reports**; 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
RESULT: *Passed (7-0)*

JULY 2025 EXPENDITURES

JUNE BANK RECONCILIATION

JULY BANK RECONCILIATION

JUNE MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORTS

JULY MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORTS

LIST OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$10,000

INVOICE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
VC3	JULY 2025 MONTHLY BILLING	\$11,543.99
THE SHELLY COMPANY	ARBOR DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTOR PAYMENT	\$39,679.18
FELLER FINCH	2025 PAVEMENT RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS	\$11,796.75
AETNA	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE 8/1/25-8/31/25	\$70,999.20
INTOXIMETERS INC	NEW INTOX DMT BREATHALYZER	\$13,621.50
BOWERS ASPHALT & PAVING INC	FARNSTEAD DRIVE PAYMENT 2	\$15,884.46
VC3	AUGUST 2025 MONTHLY BILLING	\$11,551.14
VERNON NAGEL INC	THE ENCLAVE CONTRACT A	\$330,074.45 \$228,166.05

MOTION: Councilor Melnyk made a motion to **Approve the list of expenditures over \$10,000** ; 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)*

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Brian Ballenger

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION Dave Kuhn

City Engineer's Report			
Project Name	Project Budget	Current Status	Key Changes Since Last Meeting
The Enclave	N/A	Construction	Contract A - Reported that the final paym negotiations with the community center contrac have been ongoing since the beginning of the yea single change order is being requested, primarily du material delays, EPA-required winter straw cover and other adjustments related to the project. W there were several deducts throughout the process, contractor is seeking \$101,908.40 in this change ord which would bring the total project cost \$4,033,419.68, up from the original contract amoun \$3,931,511.28. Council questioned whether it was appropriate to se at the full requested amount given ongoing conce with the quality of some work. Members no dissatisfaction with certain aspects of the proj including sprinkler system issues, though ot problems such as the pond leaks and pumping syst have been corrected. There was discussion ab whether to pursue further negotiation, with so

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			members suggesting the request be reduced by 10% before agreeing to payment.
			The Engineer emphasized that the settlement would close out the project and remove it from the City books, but the City Administrator agreed to con- sult with the Law Director regarding the City's opti- mal settlement before moving forward.
Curtice Rd. Resurfacing & Curbs over I-280	\$195,600.00	Design	Finalizing plans & submit to ODOT for approval the 1st week in September. Bid after approval.
Dry Creek Aquatic and Riparian Restoration Project	\$500,000.00	In Design	Waiting for 100% design plans from DRG to review. Construction to be later in fall of 2025.
NNC	N/A	Warranty Work	We contacted contractor about replacing the 100' sidewalk sections and will be in on September 2nd to inspect the sidewalks. Council expressed skepticism over start date. The Engineer, Rec Director and Director of Public Service have consistently been in contact with the contractor to complete the repairs.
ODOT	N/A	Misc. Item	ODOT is working on traffic sequencing traffic signals at Woodville Rd. and Curtice Rd.
ODOT	N/A	Misc. Item	ODOT performed a traffic safety study at Fostoria and Williston Rd. (SR 579) and recommended a roundabout to be 100% funded by ODOT and grant. ODOT performed a traffic safety study at Bradner and Williston Rd. (SR 579) and made several recommendations, including making the intersection a 4-way stop and eliminating the left-turn lane.
Wolf Creek Court Drainage Improvements	\$261,775.00	Construction	Contractor indicated that work will begin the week of Sept. 1, 2025. Letters have been sent out for sidewalk assessments.
West Andrus Road Pavement Improvements	\$405,060.12	Construction	Contractor indicated that work will begin the week of Sept. 15, 2025. Letters have been sent out for sidewalk assessments.
Northwood 2025 Pavement Resurfacing Improvements	\$611,975.25	Construction	Council needs to award the contract and decide whether to include sidewalk alternate along Oregon Rd. they want to perform. Recommend awarding the contract to Gerkin Paving. The base bid for pavement work totaled \$611,975.25. Adding Alternate 1, covering sidewalks on the east (subdivision) side, brought the cost to \$721,775. Alternate 2, which would cover the west side, totaled \$706,282.75. Including sidewalks on both sides would cost \$816,082.50.
			Council discussed the options and agreed that Alternate 1 should be included with the base bid, noting that the \$15,000 difference made it the more practical choice.

MOTION: Council President Kozina made a motion to **award the 2025 Pavement and Resurfacing project with Alternate 1 to Gerkin Paving - \$721,775;** 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)*

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Edwards asked for an update on the Great Eastern property, noting that it remains in poor condition and “in shambles.” Concerns were raised about safety issues, including lack of water and gas service in several units, nonfunctioning fire suppression systems, and lights that were reportedly installed last year but are not working. He also commented on the deteriorated parking lot and the proximity of a rehabilitation facility to a childcare center on the site. Administration reported that a court date has been set for April 2026. Upon the city attorney’s return, the city will consider filing a supplemental motion for summary judgment. Staff emphasized that summary judgment is the only legal option to potentially expedite the process. It was confirmed that the State Fire Marshal has already been involved in reviewing conditions at the property.

Councilor Stoner clarified that during the prior discussion on the dispatch ordinance and funding for full-time firefighters, he had spoken with Mike Melnyk beforehand and wanted to ensure he received credit for his input.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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Audrey Caligiuri - 423 Ravenwood: Audrey addressed council regarding the timing of the traffic lights on Woodville Road. With school back in session, concerns have circulated on Facebook criticizing the city for not correcting the issue. The resident clarified that the timing of the lights is ODOT’s responsibility, not the city’s, and stressed the importance of making this clear to the public. It was noted that the city has been working with ODOT and contractors to address the matter, which has been an ongoing problem since last year.

Finance Director Ken Yant asked council for clarification regarding payment on Contract A, noting that the list of bills included \$330,000 to Vernon Nagel INC, which encompassed a \$101,000 change order. He asked whether council wanted to authorize the full payment that included the change order. Administration explained that the change order could not be paid until formally approved by council. Without that approval, only the original contract amount could be paid. Council discussed the matter and agreed that payment should be limited to the original contract amount, excluding the \$101,000 change order.

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **Amend the list of expenditures to pay the original contract amount to Vernon Nagel** ; seconded by Councilor Stoner. **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)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council President Kozina made a motion to **enter into Executive session at 7:54 with Council, Mayor and City Administrator to discuss hiring and firing of public employees, collective bargaining and compensation;** 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)*

The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 and the roll was called by Council Clerk Popovitch. 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 Attorney Dave Kuhn.
No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

08:05 PM

ATTEST: _____
Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor