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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jack Rupp

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jack Rupp, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn M. Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The September 8, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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Attachments: [2025.09.08 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Swearing in of Police Sergeants Benner & Poffenbarger

Law Director Shannon led the ceremonial swearing in of Sergeants Benner and Poffenbarger.

VII. Proclamation

Mayor Westcamp read aloud the Constitution Week Proclamation and presented it to Jill Hawes, member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Elizabeth Sherman Reese chapter.

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Constitution Week Proclamation

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VIII. Business of Guests

A. Chris Andrews

Madison Township Trustee candidate Chris Andrews introduced himself to Council and spoke about his candidacy, involvement in his church, and service to the community. Council thanked him for coming to speak and wished him luck on his campaign.

B. State Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe

State Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe shared how grateful she was to have been a part of the September 11th memorial event at Mott's Military Museum. She expressed her excitement to attend more City events and continue to grow her relationship with Groveport, as well as the other municipalities she represents in House District 5. She then presented a brief legislative update to Council. Administrator King spoke about Groveport's projected growth and asked State Representative Lawson-Rowe what kind of support the City can rely on, especially with the upcoming US 33 interchange improvements. She concurred that improvements to US 33 are long overdue and pledged to be an advocate for the City. She told Mr. King she would back any applications for government funding through grants as well.

Mayor Westcamp introduced audience member Madison Township Trustee Debbie Miller and thanked her for coming tonight.

Administrator King introduced the City's new Communications Manager Brent Ebright to Council. Mr. Ebright gave a brief overview of his previous experience with the City and expressed his excitement for his new role. He spoke about a video communication regarding the Wirt Road project that will be sent out over the City's social media, and several of his previous videos he had made during his role at the Golf Course.

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

B. 2nd Readings

C. 1st Readings**X. Reports****A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp thanked President Pro-Tem Dildine for leading the charge in coordinating the September 11th memorial event. He commented on how great the memorial was and spoke highly of the guest speakers. He reported on the City's first ever Apple Butter Day Softball Tournament to be held at the Rec Center on Apple Butter Day weekend.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King congratulated our new Sergeants and reported that the Wirt Road parking lot expansion bid is opening this Friday. He added that Choptank will be attending the October 13th City Council meeting to give their final presentation for the City's rebranding project.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams conveyed his excitement for the new Sergeant promotions and spoke highly of their experience and credentials. He said both Sergeants are continuing to further their training, will be shadowing Lieutenant Short and Sergeant Westhoven on the administrative side with the Police Department's ultimate goal of reorganizing and transitioning some of the Sergeant's duties to take on more responsibilities. He moved on to recognize officer Dillard for keeping up with camera trailers, speed trailers and signs. He said he was shocked to see that the trailer on Main street recorded over 197,000 vehicles within a thirty day period. He attributed some of the extra traffic to the construction on Winchester Pike.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Finance Director Carr recognized Accounting Clerk Jason Cooper for his efforts in furthering his education and passing the test to become a certified Government Financial Manager. He said it is a professional certification that adds another level of credibility to the Finance Department.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

F. Development Director - Michael Loges**G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp**

Mr. Rupp filled Council in on the school board meeting he had attended, reporting on improvement in the school's grade cards.

Mr. Lockett gave recognition to the schools for their improvements.

Mrs. Hutson commented on how well the September 11th ceremony went.

Mrs. Hilbert reflected on the passing of Director of Golf Tom Walker. Council and staff shared their sentiments on how greatly he is missed. Administrator King said he'd keep everyone informed on services when the information is available.

Mr. Dildine thanked all who were involved in the planning and set up of the September 11th ceremony. He expressed his appreciation to the guest speakers and their stories, stating they will be back next year. He spoke about what an honor it is to have speakers who were actually there and lived it firsthand.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay**I. Standing Committees****XI. Other Business**

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 7: 19 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

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