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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

***Council Members - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah
Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, Jamie Hise***

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Dildine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Finance Director, Michael Loges - Development Director, Mike Poirier - Chief Building Official, Steve Farst - City Engineer, 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

Committee Chair Dildine asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Absent: 1 - Cleary

Present: 5 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, and Hilbert

V. Approval of Minutes

The August 18, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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VI. Business of Guests**A. Madison Township Representative**

Madison Township Police Commander Nick Tiller said that Madison Township just wants to congratulate the City on a successful Apple Butter Day, and thank you for extending the invite to the Township. We enjoyed being there. Lastly, we look forward to joining you and the residents of Groveport for trick or treat at Town Hall.

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MTFD Monthly Report

Attachments: [MTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)**B. Gary Johnson**

Resident Gary Johnson expressed his frustration with a neighbor's truck having been parked in front of his house for thirty eight days now. He said that he has already spoken with Property Maintenance Inspector Shisler and Chief Adams about it and that he knows Mrs. Shisler has had problems with the neighbor in the past about excess junk in his yard. He further explained his grievances, including he and his wife having trouble seeing to come out of their own driveway because the truck is parked there and is stacked up with junk. He told Council that the neighbor has not been very agreeable and at times threatening when he tried to talk to him about moving the truck. He expressed his doubts as to whether the truck even runs and could be moved on its own. Council and staff asked questions for further details and continued conversation with Mr. Johnson about the situation and what could be done.

C. Cynthia Grim

Madison Township resident Cynthia Grim spoke about an OVI her son was charged with and how she disagrees with the type of field sobriety test that was conducted by the officer at the time of her son's accident. She expressed her thoughts on the modified Romberg test that was given and how she feels it is outdated and inaccurate. She claimed that in the midst of email correspondence with Chief Adams she had received a computer virus. She supplied Council with many emails where she had been in contact with the Ohio Attorney General's office and other entities about her complaints against the City. She informed Council that she is seeking legal action against the City. Council could make no comment because of the impending legal action.

VII. New Business**VIII. Unfinished Business****IX. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings**[Ord. 2025-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND

ZONING CODE, TITLE ONE, CHAPTER 1102, SECTION 1102.02 AND TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 1177, SECTION 1177.08

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-033 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon explained that the City is having instances in which individuals are choosing to live in their mobile home or recreational vehicles as opposed to living in a dwelling, which is what they're required to do under our codified ordinances. Council and staff discussed at length the number of complaints from neighbors, the individual's living situation and how they are exposing of their waste, the parameters of the codified ordinances, and possible changes that could be made in order to ensure that all the City's citizen's rights are not being impugned. It was decided to recommend postponing this ordinance to a further date so that necessary edits can be made and to allow for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to recommend postponing to a date certain. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jack Rupp, and Jean Ann Hilbert

B. 2nd Readings

X. Financial Report

Finance Director Carr gave highlights from the Financial Report.

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XI. Other Business

XII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp addressed City Engineer Farst, stating he had gone by Pontius Road and that Franklin County is working diligently on the culvert there. He moved on to remind everyone of the high school football game coming up on Friday night.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King spoke about the final session of Citizens Academy

and graduation tomorrow night at the Paddock Pub as well as the Halloween Block Party coming up on Thursday night. He announced that Port Road had reopened today. Mr. Farst elaborated on more details on the Port Road construction and Development Director Loges spoke on the communication the City has had with neighboring businesses through this process. Mr. King gave kudos to Mr. Farst and Mr. Loges for doing such a great job in managing that project. He then updated Council on communications being put out on the Wirt Road project at Mr. Rupp's request.

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams reported that it's the Haunted Park this weekend down at Blacklick Park and we'll have an officer down there both evenings and we've got a trailer on both sides of the trail to kinda monitor that situation over the weekend. And then next week, Monday through Thursday, we'll have 5 officers in drone school. The first couple days will be at the Town Hall, and then they'll be out at the Rec Center Wednesday and Thursday doing their practical exercises.

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PD Council Report

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F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges

Mr. Loges, Mr. Farst, and Mr. Poirier gave highlights from the Development Projects report.

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Development Projects

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G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer

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H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier

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I. Director of Golf

J. Recreation Director - Seth Bower

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K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke

L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

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M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler

[#201-2025](#) DOT Council Report

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N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers

[#202-2025](#) HR Council Report

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O. Director of Information Technology - Chris Snyder

[#203-2025](#) IT Council Report

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P. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

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

Mr. Rupp commented on his opportunity to attend the high school's academic awards, where 217 students received academic acknowledgement.

Mr. Dildine recognized Mayors Court Clerk Rachel Ricker on a job well done putting together this year's Citizen's Academy.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Edward Dildine, President Pro Tem

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

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