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Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

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, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain, 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

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert, Cleary, and Dildine

V. Approval of Minutes

The November 17, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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

Fire Chief Robinson thanked Council and staff for their invitation to participate in Heritage Holiday over the weekend. He expressed appreciation for being able to interact with the public and for the use of golf carts for their Santa Parade on Saturday, which helped them distribute gift bags to children.

Chief Robinson took time to share fire safety reminders for the holiday season, emphasizing the importance of having working smoke detectors on each level of homes and carbon monoxide detectors. He noted that

carbon monoxide is a silent killer as it is odorless and tasteless. The fire department offers free smoke detectors through their partnership with Walmart in Canal Winchester and encouraged residents to contact them if they need detectors.

He also recommended having chimneys professionally cleaned and wood-burning stove pipes inspected, as the department responds to many chimney fires that can cause significant damage to homes, particularly problematic during winter months when families could be displaced.

He concluded by expressing appreciation for the collaborative relationship with the city throughout 2025 and looked forward to continued partnership in 2026. He acknowledged Councilman Dildine's upcoming retirement from Council but noted they would still see him in the future.

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MTFD Monthly Report

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B. Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive

Mr. Cleary provided an update on the Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive. He began by acknowledging the food donation from the Cypress Grove Condominium Association, which would be distributed through the Groveport Madison Township food pantry.

Mr. Cleary reported that this year's toy collection was the largest he had seen in all his years of involvement. He mentioned that John Jones, described as "the guru" of the toy drive, was unable to attend due to health concerns but had been in contact multiple times that day providing guidance. Mr. Cleary acknowledged Mindy Kay's strong support and expressed gratitude for the generous financial contributions from Council and the Paddock Pub, which donated three large tubs of toys. He remarked that everyone involved should feel blessed to be part of such a generous community effort.

VII. New Business

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

B. 2nd Readings**X. Financial Report**

Mr. Carr stated that the financial report would be available at the next council meeting due to the short week.

XI. Other Business**XII. Reports****A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp thanked Jessica Wyke and the Community Affairs Department, as well as Parks and Recreation, for the successful Heritage Holiday event held the previous night. He noted that while other communities like Canal Winchester have their own events, he considered Groveport's event to be excellent despite being a shorter three-hour program. He particularly praised the decision to move the event to Sunday and end at 6:00 PM, with the fireworks serving as the "icing on the cake."

The Mayor commented that the fireworks were perfectly timed, coinciding with when Santa hit the light switch. He also expressed appreciation for the addition of the animal exhibits from Mount Sterling, including two teams of Haflinger horses providing carriage rides for children. He observed that these animal experiences were valuable for children, and added that the festive atmosphere put even him in the holiday spirit.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King reminded everyone about the City's Christmas luncheon scheduled for Friday. He mentioned that the new Director of Golf would attend, providing an opportunity to introduce him to Council and staff.

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon**D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr****E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams**

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PD Council Report

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F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges

G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer

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H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier

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I. Director of Golf - Danny Sorgini

J. Recreation Director - Seth Bower

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K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke

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L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

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M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler

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N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers**O. Director of Information Technology - Chris Snyder**

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P. Communications Manager - Brent Ebright

Communications Manager Ebright reported that the recap video from the previous day's event was already available on the City's social media platforms. He mentioned that the video had turned out well, and that he would be posting pictures from the toy drive the following day.

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Q. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay**R. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp**

Mr. Rupp stated that he planned to attend the school board meeting the following day.

Ms. Hutson took time to thank Mr. Dildine for his service, acknowledging that this was his last meeting. She expressed appreciation for their time serving together on Council, noting that while they didn't always agree, they always found ways to make things work.

Mr. Cleary echoed the positive comments about the previous night's fireworks display. He then addressed Mr. Dildine, noting their long history together and expressing appreciation for Mr. Dildine's leadership and knowledge.

Mrs. Hilbert wished Mr. Dildine well on his upcoming surgery and reflected on their 20 years of service together. She described him as an inspiration to all Council members, praising his knowledge, intelligence, and ability to see the complete picture. She expressed that he would be missed but deserved time off and encouraged him to enjoy every minute of it.

Mayor Westcamp added that while Mr. Dildine was leaving Council, he wouldn't be completely gone, as the Mayor would be asking for his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the next meeting. The Mayor expressed appreciation for Mr. Dildine's thoroughness in preparing for meetings and bringing important matters to attention, particularly regarding development.

Mr. Dildine expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on Council for 20 years, noting how uncommon it is for someone in their 20s or 30s to serve on local government bodies. He reflected that he had been 10 years into his fire service career when he joined Council and came from a family with a service background.

Mr. Dildine observed that the City had seen significant positive change during his 20 years on Council. He emphasized that everyone on Council prioritizes improving the City for residents and visitors. He described his service as an honor and privilege and expressed enthusiasm about his upcoming role on the Planning and Zoning Commission, where he felt his Council experience would provide valuable perspective.

He promised to send a thank-you email to staff before the end of the year and asked Council members to pass along his appreciation to all City directors and staff. He confirmed he would attend Friday's Christmas luncheon and thanked everyone for their kind words.

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, to include all members of Council, the Mayor, himself, the Administrator, Finance Director and the HR Generalist.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to go into Executive Session at 6:03pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert, Cleary, and Dildine

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to come out of Executive Session at 7:37pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert, Cleary, and Dildine

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adjourn at 7:38 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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