

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PRAYER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Rich Bingham.

Council Members Present: Louann Artiaga, Dave Riggenbach, Steve Fine, Joe Bublick and Larry Yunker

Council Members Absent: Carrie Tuohy – excused by Mayor Bingham

Staff Present: Municipal Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Police Chief Allan Baer, Fire Chief Jason Francis, Public Works Director Mike Hill and Clerk of Council Nicole Hartbarger

Guests Present:

Council Prayer was given by Sister Cheryl Darr of Lial

Mayor Bingham requests an executive session following citizen comments.

Motion by Councilman Riggenbach, seconded by Councilwoman Artiaga to enter into an executive session following citizen comments regarding ORC 121.22(G)(3). 5 ayes

Motion by Councilman Bublick, seconded by Councilman Yunker to approve the minutes of the May 19th, 2026, Council meeting. 5 ayes

Riggenbach asks for clarity on distribution for Monclova Twp that is listed in the bills, does this cover three quarters. Daugherty confirms yes that this is a sizable amount, the three quarters are held then paid out.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Bublick to approve the bills totaling \$841,831.69 dated May 29th, 2026, the Addendum bills totaling \$88,326.32 dated June 2nd, 2026. 6 ayes

PERSONS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asks for anyone scheduled to appear before Council. There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Bingham asked if there are any Committee reports to share.

Report on the Fallen Timbers Union Cemetery District Meeting

Yunker reports that the group met on May 18 at 5:30pm. Financial update included report of \$4,509.07 in revenue, \$15,782.63 in expenses and a \$539,090.39 cash balance. There are 13 foundation orders scheduled for spring, and maintenance scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day. Working with Tree Commission regarding tree removal and replacement for older trees that are subject to falling, working on them proactively. Update regarding staffing; Dewitt had resigned; Kaiser was hired at \$21 an hour with potential up to \$22 per hour after 90 days. Kaiser has experience with heavy machinery, repairs, etc. working out very well so far. Community and volunteer support, DAR cleaned some memorial stones, cub scouts scheduled to place flags for Memorial Day. No July meeting, next meeting is June 15.

Report on the May 22, 2026 SOPEC Meeting

Fine shares that this was a board meeting for the group to update the mission statement for SOPEC. Compared to old mission statement, the big change is to emphasize importance of cost savings and meeting goals.

Report on the June 2, 2026 Records Commission Meeting

Baer shares the group voted on chair positions. Several things are being added to and updated within the retention schedule. The Commission reviewed police body cam video retention, waiting on state of Ohio for final guidance. Will meet June 1, 2027, for the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Upcoming events include the summer concert series June 18 along with Cherry Fest upcoming June 11-13, have invited Kid Mayor and Council. For the parade all should meet at 11:55 at maintenance garage. Safety Town graduation is June 26 at the primary school. Founders Day is July 2. Ice cream with Mayor, Council and Department Heads on August 16 from 1:00-2:30 at the gazebo next to general's ice cream – Daugherty will reach out to new owners.

Bingham shares there was a zoning complaint from the steeplechase development. Heban along with Hill have been working on the situation.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mayor Bingham asked for any items to report from Clerk of Council Hartbarger. There were none.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Bingham asks Administrator Daugherty for any items to share.

Electric Aggregation Update

Daugherty shares that Whitehouse did execute pricing last week. There was a narrow window to lock in on a decent rate; 11.1 kwh standard offering, 10-month contract at just over 10.1 kwh which around a full point less than standard. After 10 months it will true up with other aggregates. Staff will be sending out education to residents. Will start with the August 2026 meter read. Fine shares that all who are eligible will get a letter giving them an opportunity to opt out. Riegenbach confirms negative consent – you are in it until you opt out, this is confirmed. Staff will do full blitz of information, social media, app, etc.

Daugherty shares that earlier this year Whitehouse applied for some capital funds through the state for the front wedge of the park, around \$50k. Got news that it looks like this grant request will be funded, will do some good things in that front area that was discussed last year.

Operations Report Summary

Mayor Bingham asks Daugherty for any items to report. There were none.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Mayor Bingham asks Solicitor Heban for any items to report. There were none.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Hill shares that Cemetery Road resurfacing project will start July 6 and last for one to two weeks depending on weather. His team is currently working on Cherry Fest prep. Artiaga comments that the striping for parking lot at hall looks very nice. She asks about the handicap parking section by the Buzz, curb and mailbox, asking if it can be striped to designate that it is not a parking spot. Artiaga is still getting complaints about darkness in parking lot by the trail; Hill is reviewing.

Fire Chief Francis shares that tomorrow the Fire Department will be celebrating Dave Beakas at the Fire Department during the association meeting. Spencer Wilkerson passed his paramedic exam; 19 paramedics are now on the roster. Reviewing policies and procedures and creating joint procedures with Lucas County where there are joint responses. Have approved two policies so far.

Police Chief Baer shares that June is a busy month with vacations, Cherry Fest and parade, safety town, multisport event. Julie’s Fitness no longer having 5k and 10k on Friday night of Cherry Fest, this will help with police staffing but it was well attended in the past. Baer comments the department may have an officer leaving to move to Perrysburg; there may be a full-time position to fill in later this summer.

Mayor Bingham asks about replacing Hartbarger at the RCOG/911 meetings for Lucas County as the Whitehouse rep; this will be reviewed. Mayor confirms there is Committee of the Whole next week and then no additional Council meeting in June.

Riggenbach asks Baer if it is possible to take note if there are car shows in/near town to have officers stationed around town to keep an eye on excessive speeding. Baer will do this.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Bingham asks for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any ordinances to be reviewed or voted on. There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Bingham asked Solicitor Kevin Heban for any resolutions to be reviewed or voted on. There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asks for any Council comments.

Yunker shares positive thoughts on cars and pizza event at DeweSoft over the weekend – very well attended. Largest car show he has seen in this area. Huge variety of cars. Agrees with comments Riggenbach made about speeding and loud as they were leaving the event.

Fine thanks Daugherty and team for the \$50k grant that Whitehouse will be receiving. Heads up on Committee of the Whole for next week, agenda includes murals, mayoral replacement ordinances and how to build the pipeline of residents willing to run for Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Bingham asks if there are any citizen comments to share. There were none.

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Fine at 6:56pm to enter into an executive session regarding ORC 121.22(G)(3) conference with attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action. 5 ayes

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach at 7:58pm to reconvene the Council meeting. 5 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Artiaga, seconded by Councilman Riggenbach to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. 5 ayes