

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

Present: Police Chief Kevin Chittenden, Fire Chief Phil Kessler, Council President Chamberlin, Councilors Galbraith, Simon, Tijerina, and Schneider, Jamie Giguere, Tom McWatters, Mayor Kathy Huner, Jan Tropf, and Brandi Galbraith

Committee of the Whole was called to order by Council President Chamberlin at 7:15 a.m.

Committee Reports:

- Park Board- Martin Furhop developed a contract for tournaments. The fees are all basically the same, except for some added costs for field maintenance during the game, etc. This contract was modelled after Toledo and Findlay's. Tom is currently reviewing. The concession portion was removed and will be a separate contract. The biggest changes are adding a security deposit so if there are any damages, we are not trying to chase down for payment because we already have some funds from them, and we need a copy of their liability insurance on file.

1st Reading Legislation

- Ordinance 2026-5: Recommendation to Increase Utility Rates Effective on the March 1st Bill – Emergency

2nd Reading Legislation

3rd Reading Legislation

Chief Kevin Chittenden

- Police Department received tasers and will begin training for all staff.
- Police chief will be on the radio on 2/12
- Fulton County Commercial got rescheduled to the 24th

Chief Phil Kessler

- Fire Department has their annual preventative physical, there will be a physical trailer on the south side of the building starting 2/11-2/12
- Zoll training on new monitors has been delayed and is to be rescheduled.
- Phil along with Jamie met with physical representatives and other fire chiefs in the county about where commissioners see EMS going in the next contract. They were informed that the southern stations were going to receive a less amount, Archbold Delta and Swanton, Fayette, Lyon and Metamora are going to receive a larger amount. Wauseon main station will stay the same. More discussion is to be had with Phil and one of the commissioners.
- Wauseon ALS team responded to in a few weeks less than one year:
Archbold-104
Delta- 77
Fayette- 5

Lyons-
Metamora- 0
Morenci- 0
Swanton- 5
Wauseon- 2,031

- City contributes \$870,000 of EMS services
- Levy is going back on the ballot; contracts will not be distributed until after the election

Jamie

- TIF payment was due on the 1st of this month
- In court for Reighard vandalism
- From Huntington the Argent transfer has not taken place as of yet
- ODOT grant for hybrid beacon, still hasn't received full amount of funding, remaining funds owed is \$21,000

John Arps

- Up to 9 watermain breaks
- Waiting for follow up with contracts for Utility companies working in our right of way, discussion was had.

Tom

- Richer request for damages, contingent negotiations for \$3000 easement, most easements are in the boulevard
- Terry Finn sent an email to counter part in the enforcement of the EPA; positive response is to come next week to go from EPA to GAC
- Annexation Assessment eliminations are down to one, the Senior Villas

Danny

- Wanted to thank everyone for the scriptures, encouraging emails and prayers!!!
- Inspections are doing good
- Contractors are doing video walk throughs and documenting everything to keep things current
- TIF-Brett and Ben are working together to see the progress of different buildings over 60%
- Tom Zimmerman is out until March 6, Rex from defiance is the backup
- Meeting with Michelle and Mayor to work Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the office
- Possible Intern to where they train under his license to be able to step into his role after some time
- Taking Electrical Exam to be able to do everything in house

Mayor

- Tucker Fredericksen, an engineer, is on board, has visited sites and will be working with Ryan to start bids for valve replacements.

Shane

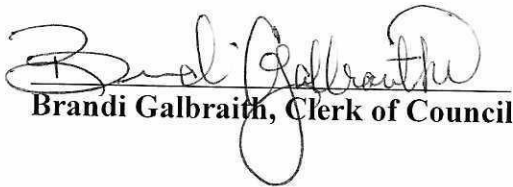
- Swearing in Sarah Heising Monday 16, 2026
- New business: Motion to approve revised committee assignments to incorporate Sarah Heising
- Larry Zimmerman asked Heather Galbraith if the levy on the ballot will provide funding for operation of the pool


Jan

- Pool reservations are coming in
- There will be no homecoming this year
- Received call about 4th of July
- Discussion of parade for the 4th of July
- Brandi is doing very well; she has moved her desk around to her liking and has also typed up meeting minutes from the council meeting from February 2nd and has also been working in Civic Plus.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion the staff meeting was adjourned at 7:57 am.


Brandi Galbraith, Clerk of Council



Council President, Shane Chamberlin