

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2026**

Mayor Huner called this meeting of the Wauseon City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. She led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of Council took roll, present were Council President Chamberlin, Councilor Tijerina, Councilor Galbraith, Councilor Simon, Councilor Heising and Councilor Hite. With six members present constituting a quorum.

Staff present were Fire Chief Phil Kessler, Police Chief Chittenden, Director of Finance Jamie Giguere, Director of Public Service Austin Abbott, and Director of Law Tom McWatters.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There was no one wishing to address council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Huner asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Councilor Hite moved and was seconded by Councilor Tijerina to approve the minutes as printed.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety and Code Committee (7.28.26)

Recommendation \$2000 from the nuisance fund to be provided to the Fulton County Humane Society for use in their TNVR Program in Wauseon for cats.

Motion to approve safety and code recommendation to transfer funds moved by Councilor Tijerina and seconded Councilor Galbraith.

No Discussion

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays

Utility Committee (7.29.26) Councilor Simon reported that the Utility Committee met on July 29 to discuss the water rates and the pumps at the Water Treatment Plant that need replacing. The Utility Committee is waiting to receive reports from the American Pump Repair and Services to reevaluate the situation. There is no action at this time.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Phil Kessler reported Assistant Shirkey is finalizing working with outside departments on the well incident. The fire department is also working on putting together a post analysis from the fire. Staff are using the ODOT property to train with the new struts and airbags they were able to purchase for another week. The fire department also participated with Walmart and the police department for Safety City Day and this weekend

they will be assistant Archbold with their 150th Anniversary of the Fire Department. There will also be a free concert following.

Police Chief Chittenden reported that the fire department had a busy weekend with traffic stops and calls. The police department participated in Safety City Day with the fire department and Walmart, due to weather, the event was moved inside. Keeping Our Girls Safe, Health department and a few others were in participation also. There are still no reports of incidents on S. Shoop due to the speed limit change.

Finance Director, Jamie Giguere reports that she has posted the end of the month reports on the CivicPlus website, income taxes are down 12%.

Austin Abbott reports that the last day of the pool is August 22, the party in the park was cancelled this past weekend with no reschedule plan, there are QR code placards in all the parks in the city that citizens can scan with their phones to let the city know what changes they would like to see and maintenance requests, it is anonymous. Public Works will be having interviews to fill two open spots that are available and they have also filled in some spots with pavement issues on Douglas, Lawrence and Chestnut Street.

Law Director, Tom McWatters reports that Resolution 2026-25 is presented tonight in regard to authorizing the mayor or her designee to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Ohio department of Medicaid. The Charter amendment and the pool levy have been submitted to the Board of Elections, so both will be on the ballot. The general plan for the GAC project has been submitted also and is pursuing.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

Resolution 2026-25: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to place Resolution 2026-25 on emergency Reading moved by Councilor Heising and seconded by Councilor Tijerina.

No Discussion
6 Yeas 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Motion to place Resolution 2026-25 on final reading moved by Councilor Chamberlin and seconded by Councilor Galbraith.

No Discussion
6 Yeas 0 Nays
Motion Carried

THERE WAS NO SECOND OR THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Chamberlin presented council with a draft policy for Social Media Use and the Live Streaming City-related Meetings Policy.

Recommendation to approve the Social Media Use and the Live Streaming City-related meetings Policy

Motion to approve the recommendation for the Social Media Use and the Live Streaming City-related meetings policy moved by Councilor Heising and seconded by Simon.

Discussion:

Councilor Galbraith asked about a section in the Social Media and Live Streaming City-related Policy that talks about comments that cannot be deleted including hate speech.

Law Director, Tom McWatters appreciated that Councilor Chamberlin provided the draft policy so that his office could revise the draft, do thorough research and make sure it was consistent with the first amendment. More discussion took place.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion for Approval of the Bills moved by Councilor Galbraith and seconded by Councilor Hite.

No Discussion

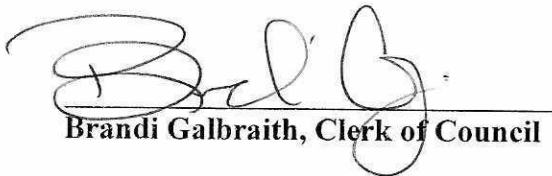
6 Yeas 0 Nay

Motion Carried

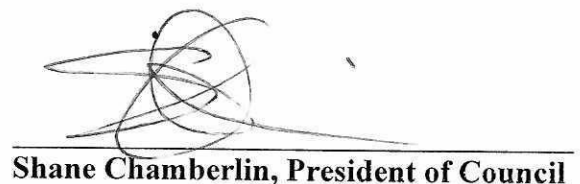
ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Councilor Galbraith motion to adjourn and Councilor Simon seconded adjourning the meeting at 5:26 pm.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*



Brandi Galbraith, Clerk of Council



Shane Chamberlin, President of Council