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Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on July 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Kline presided.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (0:06)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:14)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:37)

Members: Councilwoman Kathleen Sivo, Council Vice President Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie A. Belich, Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, Council President Michael Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht, and Councilwoman Vicki Miller

In Attendance: Mayor Christopher Hallum, Finance Director Bruce, and Scott City Engineer Pete DiFranco

Absent: Law Director Michael Lucas

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:10)

Motion made by Council Vice President Taylor Draper, seconded by Councilman Knecht, to approve the **July 7, 2025**, Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation Minutes.

Discussion on the Motion:

– No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

– **Motion** passed to approve the **July 7, 2025** Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation Minutes.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE Audio (2:35)

Email dated 7/22/25 from Michney, Sharen FW: Walter Drane Co - 2025 update

Email dated 7/21/25 from Michael C. Lucas Re: Requirements for WH Planning Commission formal recommendation to Council

Email dated 7/21/25 from Mehollin, Karen Re: Mandatory Disclosure – Immediate Public Records Demand For Official Bond And Liability Policy Information

Email dated 7/21/25 from Knecht, Dan Re: Agenda for 7-21-25 Working Committee

Email dated 7/21/25 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: Requirements for WH Planning

Email dated 7/21/25 from Commission formal recommendation to Council

Email dated 7/21/25 from Hallum, Chris Re: Letter to Those Charged with Governance

Email dated 7/20/25 from Katherine D. Lloyd Re: Requirements for WH Planning Commission formal recommendation to Council

Email dated 7/19/25 from Michael C. Lucas Second Amended Ordinance No. 2025-042

Email dated 7/18/25 from Marybeth Betsa CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Email dated 7/18/25 from Taylor Draper, Tanya Re: One Week Vacation

Email dated 7/17/25 from Joan Kemper Information

Email dated 7/17/25 from Mehollin, Karen Re: Eyeglass Collection

Email dated 7/16/25 from Naegele, Matthew Request for Ordinance Surplus Vehicles

Email dated 7/14/25 from Rice, Clark RE: WH flash drive

Email dated 7/14/25 from Willoughby Hills Service Dept. RE: River Road Paving

Email dated 7/12/25 from Taylor Draper, Tanya Mic

Email dated 7/12/25 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: FOLLOW UP from 7/9/25 Special PCABR Meeting

Email dated 7/11/25 from Stephanie Kellner Re: Public Hearing Notice

Email dated 7/11/25 from Michael C. Lucas RE: News Herald Notice

Email dated 7/11/25 from Stephanie Kellner Re: Times for Notice

Email dated 7/10/25 from Stephanie Kellner Re: Public Hearing Notices for Referendum Zoning and Clerk of Council Charter Changes for August 11, 2025

Email dated 7/10/25 from Taylor Draper, Tanya Re: NAC report

Email dated 7/10/25 from Michney, Sharen RE: Proofs

Email dated 7/10/25 from Mehollin, Karen Fw: NAC report 7/9/25

Email dated 7/09/25 from Miller, Vicki Re: Public Hearing Dates

Email dated 7/09/25 from Jarmuszkiewicz, Joe Re: Opposition to proposed development at 33901 Chardon Road

Email dated 7/08/25 from Pietro DiFranco Resident Feedback - 33901 Chardon - Dollar General - Smyntek/Root

Email dated 7/08/25 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: Special Meeting of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION 7/9/25 WEDNESDAY

Email dated 7/08/25 from Jarmuszkiewicz, Joe My knowne4 completion certificate

Email dated 7/08/25 from Michney, Sharen RE: Walter Drane Co - 2025 update

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 2:35)

An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight's agenda.

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:02 p.m.

- **Don Akins Dodd's Hill:** Pertaining to the cell tower, I assume you all are aware that our neighbor across the river in Waite Hill has gotten theirs passed through zoning and Council, and has now passed it over to the mayor to work on the agreement. They are focusing on safety, and the mayor and their residents really put in their two-sense at the meetings. It was interesting to see. I had an incident at 2:00 a.m. on the Fourth of July and I needed assistance from our Police Department. What a circus to get through to the dispatcher. That gives me an eerie feeling, being out and about at 2:00 a.m. and you are left standing there by yourself. I did get through, and I can't say enough of the police department in handling my incident I was in the midst of.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:04 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Good evening! Musicfest is fast approaching, and we could use your help to make it the biggest success yet. Musicfest is scheduled for Saturday, August 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help with the various activities going on throughout the day. You can sign up to help by going to the Recreation page and clicking on the volunteer signup link. This year we'll have 2 stages in order to keep the live music going. The bands start at 1:30 p.m. and will go until 9:00 p.m. Check out the flyer in the newsletter for information on times and bands playing. There's a dunk tank where you can take a shot at dunking a city or school official (check out the dunk tank flyer later in the newsletter). Tell your kids that they'll have a chance to dunk Principal Bonick for only \$1.00. There's a teen area where they will have all kinds of fun games. The teen area is being sponsored by Onyx Gym, and they will have fun challenges in which the teens may compete. The Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League is sponsoring a beer tent where beer and other adult beverages may be purchased. Our headline sponsor, Mario Fazio's will be there serving up there fantastic cuisine along with several food trucks providing all sorts of tasty snacks and meals. Many of our other event sponsors will be there to answer questions and share their products and services. Without their sponsorship, this free event wouldn't be possible, so please be sure to visit the various sponsor tents and find out what they have to offer. We want to get the word out about Musicfest in our neighborhoods and main roads, so if you have a good location for an event sign, please contact our Communications Supervisor at kmehollin@willoughbyhillsohio.gov, and while you're at it, let her know that you can volunteer to help out for a couple hours. You can also help out by going to the City of Willoughby Hills Facebook page and like and share the event on your page.
- Last week's Safety Town was a great success! The children learned a lot about many different situations to better prepare them for kindergarten. I want to thank our Recreation Coordinator, David Patton, our primary sponsors Elaine Crane, Scott and David Soble from Zoom Car Wash,

Mark Palko from Foster's Ice Cream, Alice Navarro from Texas Roadhouse, Dan Clayton from Willoughby Hills Fire Department, Members of the Willoughby Hills Police Ofc. Garrett Leonbruno, K9 Unit Paul Cocanower, Eric Sharp and K9 Mia, youth volunteers Clare Marsh and Mary Hildebrecht, Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss and the Service department, and the faculty, staff and 8th grade class at the School of Innovation for the new buildings. Check out the pictures in the newsletter of the children riding around the new town on their new trikes!

- Tonight, I support passage of Ordinance 2025-35 to ask the electors for a change to our charter that would enable the Mayor to extend Council up to an additional 30 days to appoint a Council clerk upon a vacancy. As well as Ordinance 2025-42 which provides additional language that the state required in order to place the road levy renewal on the ballot in November. Lastly, Ordinance 2025-43 which enables the City to sell 2 police vehicles which are beyond their useful life and are being replaced with new vehicles that are currently being outfitted for service.
- That ends my report, and I stand open for questions.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 8:03)

- No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 8:20)

- **Finance Director Scott:** Financials were put out on the website last week. Income tax was ahead of last year's, which was great. I don't want to get too excited because it can change. We will see what happens. Property taxes are up considerably. Everything else looks pretty good. From a revenue standpoint, I would say we are in pretty good shape going into the next month.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 9:25)

- **City Engineer DiFranco:** I have no report, but I am open to questions.
- **Councilwoman Miller:** I have one question from a resident on the water main repair on River Road by Hayes that the Cleveland Metroparks is responsible for. Do we have any update on that and when that might be fixed because people are driving over that steel plate.
- **City Engineer DiFranco:** I have not gotten an update, but I will check with Mark tomorrow.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** I saw in the News Herald this morning that the grant has been approved through ODOT for sidewalk improvements on S.O.M. Center. I want to ask about that and ask you to let us know about how that looks in terms of timing, so we have an idea of what is happening.
- **Mayor Hallum:** That article is probably not accurate. As you all recall, we did do some work to get grants to extend the multi-use path. Some of that went to sidewalks. There are two different grant paths. One of them has been approved. Unless we get the second half approved, I don't know if we would be able to move forward because it would just be ending in the middle of nowhere. It is not fully approved. I think there were some issues...she was talking about the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills and then she was talking about here and I think it made it

confusing. I will say I was not made aware of that article going out, nor was I asked questions about it before it went out. I wish that would have happened because I probably could have clarified some things. The good news is that one of the grants has been approved for over a million dollars, which is great for us. Now, we are just hopeful that the other part will get approved too. If it does, I think it will cost the City around a couple thousand dollars to get a lot of very beneficial pathways for the City. I will keep you posted as soon as I hear, but we are still waiting for the second half.

- **Councilwoman Belich:** When I was reading the article, it didn't look like there were quotes from you. It looked like statements that appeared to be, but not actual quotes. That is what was confusing to me, reading that article. I didn't really understand because we had not heard about it. It just seemed a little strange to me that the way that it was written looked like it was actually you speaking, but instead, it was statements that were being made relative to maybe some information that was received by that reporter who wrote it. I just wanted to say that.
- **Mayor Hallum:** There was an article in the News Herald, where they were just talking about all these grants that got approved. There was a snippet in there about Willoughby Hills and projects that we had requested. I think that is what prompted part of it. I think there was some confusion about that project and the one over there. I very much appreciate Marra. She does a great job, generally speaking. There are some things that could use a little bit more communication on her end in terms of letting us know what she is planning on putting out there so that we can make sure there is clarity on our upcoming projects. This is so that we don't create confusion within the residents. Thank you for bringing that forward, and I hope that it will be clear to the residents.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** Have there been any updates with the CVS on Bishop? Has anybody come to you with any ideas or anything like that?
- **City Engineer DiFranco:** Nobody has approached me.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio: 13:55)

PC-ABR reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** The group met last Thursday, July 17. During the Architectural Board portion of that meeting, there were several projects. We approved a new second story addition at 29239 Chardon Road. Second, we approved a house addition of a living and storage space at 2930 Canterbury Court. Third, we approved a new home at 34300 Giovanni Avenue Sublot 12. Next, we approved a new home at 36210 Eddie Road. Then, we approved an in-ground pool at 34225 Giovanni Avenue. That is pending landscaping plans being submitted and approved. Lastly, we approved a new addition to an existing house at 33750 Eddie Road.
- During the planning portion of the meeting, there was a request for a lot split at the animal hospital on S.O.M. Center Road. That is at 2730 S.O.M. Center Road. The owners had bought this extra land thinking they were going to expand, but since then, their plans have changed so they are selling the property back to the land owners. We approved that lot split. That was the meeting, and I stand for questions.

Beautification Committee reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper

No report.

Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz (Audio 20:00)

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** The flag football registrations have started. They are ongoing now. Practices will start the week after Music Fest in August. Boys and girls are encouraged to join. We are talking about a girl's league if we can get enough girls signed up. It seems to be becoming a big sport among young girls. That ends my report, and I am open for questions.

Finance Committee Report by Council President Kline

No report.

Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich

No report.

Business Subcommittee – reported by Councilwoman Sivo

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Audio: 16:40)

Mayor Hallum: I have heard some comments in regard to coyotes and perhaps including coyotes during the bow season for deer. Have you heard that and if so, are there considerations of having a meeting to talk about getting that in?

Councilwoman Belich: I have been contacted by several residents with regard to coyotes and I did reach out to our administrator, Officer Walsh. About a month and a half ago, I asked him what would be the feasibility if we were to add coyotes to our deer management ordinance. I asked him his thoughts since he is a park ranger and has had more experience with that. He thought it was a good idea. We do have neighboring communities that have it where it is currently allowable in ordinances. The answer is yes. As we approach deer hunting season, that is something that we will explore. I have spoken to our deer management committee and made mention to this. I see us talking about this and potentially adding that depending on public comments. Also, the Council should gather together to determine whether or not that would be something we would want to add. So, yes. Thank you for asking.

LEGISLATION: (Audio: 18:38)

ORDINANCE 2025-035-THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO TITLED, THE COUNCIL, (SECTION 3.25 TITLED, THE CLERK AND OTHER EMPLOYEES) TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY TO EXTEND THE PERIOD BY WHICH A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO SIXTY (60) DAYS AT THE MAYOR'S DISCRETION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Motion** made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2025-035.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** We are simply asking the residents to extend the Council’s ability to hire a clerk from 30 days to 60 days. Nothing else changes, we are just asking for additional time.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 7/0

- Ordinance 2025-035 has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2025-037-AMENDED-THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER TITLED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, (SECTION 5.15, TITLED MANDATORY PUBLIC VOTE ON LAND USE CHANGES), AND ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER TITLED LEGISLATION, (SECTION 6.2, TITLED EFFECTIVE DATES OF ORDINANCES), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Council President Kline:** This ordinance will remain on first reading. On August 14, Council will be conducting a public hearing on this ordinance. Following this, there will be a Special Meeting of Council to consider passage of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2025-039-AMENDED-THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, TITLE 11 CAPTIONED “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS” CHAPTER 1161 CAPTIONED “REGULATIONS FOR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES.” SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 1161.06 TITLED “STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Council President Kline:** This ordinance will remain on third reading. It is going through review and there will be some changes to it.

ORDINANCE 2025-041-THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 11 TITLED “PLANNING AND ZONING CODE”, TITLE 11 CAPTIONED “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS” AND THEREBY ESTABLISH UNDER CHAPTER 11 “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS”, CHAPTER 1157 “GENERAL USE REGULATIONS”, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1157.011 CAPTIONED

“PROHIBITED USES-SHORT TERM RENTALS”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- This Ordinance remains on third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-042-SECOND AMENDED-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 2.5 MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, BRIDGES AND THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF NECESSARY ROAD EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MATERIALS, LABOR & FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilman Knecht to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-042-Second Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Councilwoman Miller:** We are moving this forward in time so that this could be on the November 4th ballot for consideration to the public. We really need to make sure that we get it there so that we can improve our roads and keep our plan on target.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** This is a renewal, it is not an increase in the tax rate for the road levy. Not passing this would cost the City 30% more if this had to be passed at a later date or renewed as a new levy.

**Roll Call: AYES: Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 7/0**

The Three Reading Rule for Ordinance 2025-042-Second Amended has been waived.

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilman Knecht to adopt Ordinance 2025-042 Second Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

- No discussion.

**Roll Call: AYES: Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 7/0**

Ordinance 2025-042-Second Amended has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2025-043-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE TWO (2) CITY VEHICLES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SAID SURPLUS VEHICLES ON THE OPEN MARKET UPON SUCH TERMS AND AT SUCH PRICES AS ARE DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-043.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** This ordinance is going to allow the City to sell 2 police cars that are going to be replaced with new ones that are being outfitted right now. They will be ready in the next few weeks. That way, we can get as much money back from them as we can.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

The Three Reading Rule for Ordinance 2025-043 has been waived.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2025-043.

Discussion on the Motion:

- No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Ordinance 2025-043 has been adopted.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 27:23)

- **Motion** made **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to call for Council's August recess.

Discussion on the Motion:

- No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion to call August recess has passed.

- **Mayor Hallum:** Just to confirm, that includes Council Committee Meetings and Council Meetings, correct?
- **Council President Kline:** Yes.
- **Motion** made by, **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, authorizing the Clerk of Council to confirm with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that no objection and need for hearing is requested by the City regarding Jardee and Moes LLC, dba 29007 Chardon Road and Patio's Liquor Permit Application under transaction number OCT TRFO 10004463-1.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** This is strictly a transfer of the liquor license from the old local tavern to the new restaurant Jardee & Moes.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 7/0

Motion has passed.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 30:20)

An opportunity for the public to address Council with any comments, issues or concerns.

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:30 p.m.

- **Don Akins Dodd's Hill:** I am disappointed at not hearing any progress about where we are at on our east end cell tower. It is frustrating to say the least, watching the progress that took place across the river and we don't have anything to report in terms of what are goals are timewise and whether we will see one in my lifetime.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:31 p.m.

- **Councilwoman Miller:** We are working on that legislation. It still needs to be worked through, talked through, and researched a bit more. Hopefully once we get that in place, we can start moving forward a little more with some plans. We are still looking for ideas for sites and that is hard to do. Hopefully soon.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** I experience the same thing, so I sympathize with what you go through as well. I feel that as a dais here with our mayor, we really sought to find the ideal location. I know we have spoken about cell tower companies and we have spoken about what we can and can't do and where they will and will not place cell towers. I realize that you follow, and you know this. I feel the same way that you do. I think that we are moving as fast as we can. Our engineer has done a great job helping us put together legislation so that wherever we place it, we will have a good setup to protect those around the cell tower. It looks like we found a good place. I am thinking it is just a touch more complicated for us in the location where we exist versus our neighboring communities in terms of what we can and can't do. I am with you in the sense that I would like to see it move forward as

quickly as possible. I think everybody here would agree with that and we want to do that. We are still in the same place that we have been. We have some legislation that we put together and we are trying to tweak it to make sure that we are doing the right thing for all that surround that cell tower. Thank you.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 33:36)

- **Councilwoman Miller:** I believe that Waite Hill will probably add some value to our cell phone reception. Just a reminder to people, please be aware of your surroundings and make the calls you need. I am in the same situation. I am in a dead spot. I make sure that I get my cell phone connected to my internet service when I am in the house. I am able to make calls a little easier that way as well.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** Just a reminder that the Lake County Fair is up and running right now as we speak. Our fair has really grown in the last couple years. The 4-H program has grown bigger than ever. As a Lake County resident, I would encourage and ask everybody to please support that by attending and going and seeing the 4-H participants that have animals and livestock that they are showing. I think it is very important for us as a community to go and support that and to help make sure that the fair continues and moves forward because it is a wonderful program for the young children that are involved in it. There are a lot of folks that live in Willoughby Hills who have been involved in 4-H. For that to continue, we as residents in our County need to continue to go, attend, and support that. Saturday is the livestock auction. I get lots of letters in the mail that kids are there and students are there, and they have livestock on their farms throughout Lake County that they have been raising all year long. They put everything they have into them in hopes that they will earn back money as a result. They are buying animals for the future so that they can set money aside for their own education, whether it be college, trade school, or whatever they decide to do. I would ask that everybody consider going to the fair this year with their families. I just want to point out too, that admission is free for our seniors this Friday, July 25. Free admission goes through 3:00 p.m. Laketrans is providing free rides, and they are providing free boxed lunches. It is first come first serve. I would encourage everybody to come this weekend and spend some time outside and go see the animals. Thank you.
- **Mayor Hallum:** I went to the fair Wednesday night, and it is a lot of fun. For the 4-H program, they decorate the barn, and it is really fun to see the kids and their creativity. If that is not enough, they have busses crashing into each other.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** Just to add on to that, the students (elementary school-college students) are so excited for us to go and walk around, see their progress, and ask questions. They really want to be there to answer. It is a really nice fair for everybody.
- **Councilwoman Miller:** The livestock auction is open to anybody. You can bid on things. In the past, I have gotten a pig and stocked my freezer with that. Also, a turkey and beef. These are good ways to stock some good produce, and help out the kids. The sale does go towards their education.

- **Council President Kline:** Yesterday was Mayor Hallum's birthday, and we hope that you had a good birthday. I also want to wish the Council Clerk, Nick, an early happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 40:10)

Motion made by Councilwoman Belich, seconded by Councilwoman Miller to adjourn the meeting.

**Roll Call: AYES: Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: SEPT 11, 2025
Date



Michael Kline
President of Council

ATTEST: Nick Aiello
Nicholas Aiello
Clerk of Council