

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on December 15TH, 2025

INVOCATION

Emily Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded the approval of the December 1st meeting: Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne- all yes.

GUESTS

Brandun McCunn, Village Street Supervisor, Sean McMickle, VP of Spire Development, Sondra Carey, Annie Fraizer, Amanda Sherbourne, and Jamie Brucker, Director of Operations for Morrow County.

Mr. McMickle is asking to rezone 785 W Marion to residential and build a 65-unit senior housing project. Allen stated that his project is the same as "the reserve" located in Mt. Gilead. Clapper asked if the water and sewer would support his project. Allen said it would. Allen is meeting with the planning committee and will report back to the council.

Mr. Brucker reported that the Morrow County Engineer is now making bridges. They made one for \$150,000.00, which would have cost them \$450,000.00 if outsourced. The deed for the old county garage was signed over to the Village of Mt. Gilead. The new Fire Safety Coordinator for the county is Rocki Huddleston. Fraizer had asked if there was any interest in the old HPM facility. Brucker says they have had offers because of the rail spur, but the asking price is a deterrent.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey reported that Officer Jeff Cline submitted his resignation, effective January 1st, 2026. Recruit McIntire is scheduled to take the PT portions of the state testing on December 16th. He is expected to take the written test on January 8th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey gave the council his monthly statistics.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

No more meetings in 2025.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

No report.

SERVICE -MARK PHILLIPS

There will be no more meetings in 2025.

CODES & REGULATIONS - EMILY SHAFFER

No more meetings in 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that Kyle Burson had resigned as of 12/9/25. Another employee is potentially leaving, and one is still out due to an injury. We will have to revisit the idea of getting rid of the garbage truck.

Phillips asked about the “no U-turn” signs. Allen says he will look into ordering.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver asked the council to approve the contracts for the magistrate and solicitor. Sherbourne moved, and Shaffer seconded to approve the 2026 magistrate and solicitor contracts. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips - all yes. Mayor Carver announced that our victory shaft marker has arrived.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call: Phillips - yes, Hines- yes, Clapper - yes, Fraizer- yes, Shaffer -abstain, Sherbourne -yes.

Fraizer moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the employee vacation carryover and vacation cashouts. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Shaffer moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2007 “amending wage ordinance”. Roll Call: Shaffer, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes. Hines moved, and Phillips seconded to pass ordinance 2007. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

The organizational meeting will be held on January 5th, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Carver announced that all are welcome to attend America's 250th meeting.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor