

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the organizational meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 6th, 2025, with the regular council meeting immediately following.

INVOCATION

Aron Fraizer offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL

Mayor Carver opened the floor for Council President Pro Tempore nominations. Kay Hines nominated Mark Phillips. Emily Shaffer nominated Chris Sherbourne. Nominations were closed, and roll call was taken for votes.

Tim Clapper for Chris Sherbourne
Aron Fraizer for Chris Sherbourne
Kay Hines for Mark Phillips
Mark Phillips for Mark Phillips
Emily Shaffer for Chris Sherbourne
Chris Sherbourne for Chris Sherbourne

Mayor Carver declared four votes for Chris Sherbourne and two votes for Mark Phillips. Hines moved, and Phillips seconded the appointment of Chris Sherbourne as Council President Pro Tempore for 2025. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

MINUTES

Sherbourne moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the December 16th minutes with one correction. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips – all yes.

GUESTS

Police Chief Adam Lakey and Fire Chief Mark Carey.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that a local chamber member created care packages for the homeless. We have one male and one female package available if someone in need is identified.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey will be selling the ladder truck on GovDeals. Fiscal Officer Davis will prepare legislation for the next council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported a 4" water main break at Highland and N. Delaware. This was fixed without incident.

Streets were plowed for the first time in 2025 on January 3rd. We have plenty of salt on hand, but we placed an order to refill the salt shed.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver presented the council's Rules of Procedure for 2025. Shaffer presented council with her changes to the rules.

Shaffer moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the 2025 Rules of Procedure with her changes. Roll Call: Shaffer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips – all yes.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – CATHY DAVIS

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

Phillips moved, and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 1/6/25, “village of Mt. Gilead supporting the America250-OH”. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes. Shaffer moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 1/6/25. Roll Call: Shaffer, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Clapper asked the Mayor for an update on the SRO officer. Mayor Carver stated that she would know something on Friday, January 10th. She also commented that she is waiting on the judge concerning the Swank hearing.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor