

Minutes Approved

As circulated August 4, 2025
Sept 2, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday August 4, 2025 at 7:02 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence as well as to keep the Lorain Police Department, Officers Peter Gail, Brent Payne, their families and Officer Phillip Wagner who lost his life in a senseless act that took place recently in our neighboring community in our thoughts and prayers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Mitchell. President Stewart requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent mode.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Tollett, Siwierka, Davis, Schneider, Stewart

ABSENT: Lipian .

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the absence of Council member Lipian.

MOTION CARRIED

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Fire Chief Pronesti, Engineer Schneider, City Planner Schoenig, P&R Dir. Reardon

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025 council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker provided an update that Sam Jacob Superintendent of the Water Pumping Plant retired after nineteen years of service. Mr. Jacob's last day was July 31st. Mayor Brubaker wished Mr. Jacob well in his future endeavors. He stated that Mr. Jacob will stay through the end of the year during the transition of the new superintendent as well as finishing up facilitating water classes at the water pumping plant. Mr. Jacob will work as a 1099 employee. Mr. Scott Nailitz, comes to the city of Elyria from the Crown Water Plant in Westlake as a part of the Cleveland Public Water, his employment will begin on September 18th.

Council member Siwierka inquired if the new superintendent has a class four water license? SSD Pyanowski responded, yes Mr. Nailitz possesses a class four license as well as over thirty-three years experience in the water plant business with the city of Cleveland.

Council member Siwierka asked if there was an update regarding the EMS study? SSD Pyanowski responded yes, he explained information gathering had continued. There is finally enough information of the CAD. The report will be prioritized, analyzed and submitted as soon as possible.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

Council member Siwierka inquired about an update to the Salary Study and if it would be provided in September? SSD Pyanowski responded that he believed the timeframe to be September and it remained the same.

Safety Service Director: No Report

Finance Director: No Report

Law Director Deery:

Law Director Deery explained there are two ordinances that were last minute additions that will be considered under miscellaneous and unfinished business. The first ordinance, which was recently brought to the administration's attention, is the not to exceed price that was set in Ord. 2025-95. The ordinance addressed the city's acquisition of vacant lots on Woodford Ave. The not to exceed amount needs to be increased after receiving additional detailed costs for the survey and title work. The not to exceed amount is requested to be increased from 10,000 to 12,000.

The second matter is a resolution regarding the Council clerk's office receipt of an annual notice from Ohio Department of Commerce Liquor Control that the annual renewal of permits will be coming up this fall. The city, through council's legislative act may let the division of liquor control know if there are any annual renewals they are objecting to. In conversations with several city departments, safety service, police, fire, building, the request is being made that the liquor permit premises known as The Bistro located at 645 Taylor Street, which is being held by Xanmar M77 LLC, that an objection is submitted to the Division of Liquor Control Department of Commerce. The resolution from council and a letter from the law office must be postmarked by September 2nd.

EPD:

President Stewart read a letter submitted from Fire Chief Pronesti regarding the police ambush in Lorain and Chief Welsh's leadership (attached)

Chief Welsh thanked Fire Chief Pronesti for his kind words. Chief Welsh expressed his appreciation to the citizens of Elyria and Lorain County for their support. He shared that he received many thanks and kind words in support of law enforcement and Lorain police. He explained this experience was one of the most tragic scenes that he had ever experienced in twenty-seven years in law enforcement. Chief Welsh expressed his sincere condolences and support for the Lorain Police Department. He explained Elyria has been tasked with conducting an impartial investigation into the events that led up to the July 23rd shooting in the city of Lorain. He explained EPD is in the early stages of the investigation, currently conducting interviews, cataloging and processing evidence and trying to determine why and how this tragic incident happened. Findings will be disclosed as they continue to conduct an impartial and transparent investigation. He explained the EPD officers stepped up tremendously during the events in providing mutual aid to the city of Lorain. Lorain Mayor and Police Chief have also expressed their appreciation. Chief Welsh expressed his appreciation of his officers.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

Chief Welsh shared that he also wanted to provide feedback regarding the Law Director's previous comments regarding the 645 Taylor Street doing business as The Bistro Bar. He stated it has become a chronic location that threatens the safety of the community. Chief Welsh stated the consistent failure of the establishment to operate responsibly has left EPD no choice but to request that council support a formal rejection to the renewal of the liquor license which is due October 1st. He stated the location is operating as a bar and is open sporadically during the week, two to three times on random days of the week. In the last three years since it's been open, EPD has responded to ninety-one calls, and another one hundred fifty proactive patrols based on issues that have been occurring at The Bistro. There have been shootings, drug arrests, individuals in possession of firearms, assaults, robberies, and gang violence. Chief Welsh stated that based on his years of experience in narcotics, it is not a matter of if, but when we have another shooting or homicide at this location. He further stated that what is also troubling, is issues with overcrowding. In partnership with Elyria fire and Lorain County Public Health, operations have been conducted based on overcrowding complaints. The certified occupancy of the location is eighty persons including staff. March 9, 2025 the occupancy was one-hundred, seventy people inside, which is double the occupancy limit. March 28 2025, the bar was found to be well over capacity again and was ordered shut down by Elyria fire department. Both Lorain County Public Health and the city of Elyria building department have issued multiple citations for code violations. These actions led to two formal investigative operations involving multiple departments, which is rare and underscores the gravity of the situation. Chief Welsh stated that The Bistro is also a major nuisance to the nearby businesses at 605 and 711 Taylor Street. The majority of the complaints from the businesses and neighbors, are loud music, noise disturbances, reckless driving, parking issues, fights, public intoxication, littering and public urination, and for those reasons, he asked that council members vote to object to the liquor renewal.

Council member Siwierka asked is there any other action the council members could take besides objecting? Chief Welsh stated EPD will continue to monitor the activity at the bar. Patrols have been increased and they are working with fire, building, public health. They will continue conducting covert operations.

Council member Siwierka commended Chief Welsh on a job well done.

Council member Davis, asked if The Bistro is a bar or a restaurant bar, because in the past they were a restaurant bar? Chief Welsh responded not to his knowledge, the location is more of an after-hours location. The patrons show up late in the evening and carry on until 3:30a.m. He's not sure if food is served during the day or not. He stated it is being used more like a bar than a restaurant.

Council member Armstrong asked if this is the only bar in the city acting like this or are there others on the police radar that maybe doing the exact same thing? Chief Welsh stated this is the most problematic and what the efforts are focused on. Chief Welsh shared that attempts to contact the managers and owners of the bar have been of little help to try to remedy the situation. He stated they have given them plenty of chances and they have failed to take action.

Council member Schneider shared he has received resident complaints due to the parking. He asks if the fence the neighboring business installed was to prevent people from using their parking lot? Chief Welsh responded, yes and further stated there was littering and disturbances in

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

the parking lot well into the morning hours., which dictated the fence being erected to keep unwanted vehicles and persons out of that property.

EFD:

Chief Pronesti shared that he wanted to echo what Chief Welsh was saying regarding The Bistro and the overcrowding. Chief Pronesti stated, The Bistro will advertise a birthday party or private event and get a tremendous crowd. He stated his biggest concern is the two dreaded words, 'active shooter' in these situations when the place is overcrowded, it is not designed to hold one hundred sixty people. Chief Pronesti shared a staffing update that on August 19, 2025, due to the administration award of a safer grant the fire staff will increase to sixteen members on duty. The fire department will put into service a pumper at Station Two/ Engine Two that will cover the southeast quadrant. It will run out of Cedar Street. There will now be four frontline pumpers covering four fire districts in the city since the late 1960's. Chief Pronesti shared that as excited as he is, the southeast fire station is still greatly needed due to response time issues. He expressed his appreciation to the administration for making public safety a priority. Chief Pronesti expressed his appreciation to Elyria fire for their assistance in Lorain, although it was a police issue, fire responded as EMS due to an active shooter caller to assist LifeCare. The members of Elyria fire had to navigate a boat for ATF agents that wanted to get on the Black River. He shared the task can place the firefighters in harms way and isn't something they are tasked with regularly. He is hopeful an occurrence like this never happens again.

Eng. Schneider: No Report

Council member Oswald expressed his appreciation for the third lane on Broad Street. Council member Davis asked if there was an update to Street resurfacing? Engineer Schneider responded, they will be going out for bids later in the week of August 4th. He explained they are later than anticipated and are looking to complete the project this year. Pre-construction meetings have been held.

Council member Siwierka shared she noticed there had been several main breaks over the last two weeks or so. She thought it unusual for summertime and asked is there any specific reason. Engineer Schneider responded he wasn't sure why, however there was a break earlier in the day on the southwest side of town and what he was aware of, is that the water tower was down near the Lorain County Jail for maintenance painting.

Building Official:

BO Farkas provided an update on the demolition of 130 Cedar Street; the home is down and the site is almost near completion. They are working on finishing up a sidewalk that was damaged and have secured the property that overlooks the river with a fence. He shared regarding the lien, the ownership has not had any contact with the building department since the order. His final update was regarding Motel 9, he explained they were requested by the ownership to grant an occupancy for the site. BO Farkas stated this is the first time they were permitted complete access to the property; multiple concerns were discovered. One concern resulted in a request for Columbia Gas to come to terminate the gas feed due to a large hole discovered in the line.

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Council member Oswald shared that he is glad the Washington Ave. home was saved. BO Farkas shared the same sentiment and stated he was happy that someone took an interest and took it seriously working on the structure. He stated it is a legacy home, significant progress has been made and should be completed in a year or so.

SSD Pyanowski asked BO Farkas to provide feedback on The Bistro from his involvement. BO Farkas shared the building department were advised of the incident with the overcrowding. He stated he witnessed the body cam footage and reports that were provided. Based on that information he took steps to prepare a letter to the ownership advising them of the severity and ultimate revocation of their occupancy, which would forfeit use of the structure. BO Farkas stated since the letter was issued he had not heard of any instances that had been brought to his attention. He stated the last inspection of the building department, they were operating as a restaurant and they do have the equipment to do so. He is uncertain if they are using the building that way or not.

Council member Siwierka asked about an update on the old Friendly's, BO Farkas stated the last contact, they were in the process of trying to obtain additional permits and since then, there has been no additional communication.

City Planner: No Report

P&R Director:

Parks and Recreation Director stated the summer has been very busy. She provided numbers for the Parks and recreation department from June through August. Safety Town numbers are around 180

Council member Schneider asked about East rec chemical storage building, are there any plans to restore the building. Dir. Reardon explained they are in the middle of a pool study, that repair of that building would be included.

Council member Armstrong expressed his appreciation to Dir. Reardon and her staff. He encouraged his colleagues to participate in the summer concert series events. He shared they have been wonderful and well organized. He expressed appreciation to the staff for the hard work and overcoming obstacles with the Taste of the South.

Exhibit 'A' attached

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a request for Final Plat for 652 Cedarwood Trail, Elyria at Harvest Meadows.

REFERRED BY: K. HOVNANIAN

REFERRED TO: PLANNING COMMISSION/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of easements for 652 Cedarwood Trail, Elyria at Harvest Meadows.

REFERRED BY: K. HOVNANIAN

REFERRED TO: PLANNING COMMISSION/ UTILITIES

3. The matter of a request for a Conditional Use Permit for 525 Mussey Ave.

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued

REFERRED BY: ANNISSA NEIDER

REFERRED TO: PLANNING COMMISSION/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. The matter of a request for re-zoning from H-I Heavy Industrial to S-I Special Industrial for 525 Mussey Ave.

REFERRED BY: ANNISSA NEIDER

REFERRED TO: PLANNING COMMISSION/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5. The matter of a request for a Downtown Facade Improvement Application: 301 East Ave.

REFERRED BY: CDM ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

6. The matter of a request for a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement Agreement with TWG Development LLC.

REFERRED BY: CDM ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

7. The matter of levying the final assessment for the replacement of private sewer services.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

8. The matter of levying the final assessment for the replacement of private water services.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

9. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement with Elyria Township to resurface Murray Ridge Rd.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

10. The matter of authorizing the delinquent Stormwater Utility fees past 180 days to be certified to the Lorain County Auditor.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

11. The matter of the reduction of building permit fees for Open Door Christian School.

REFERRED BY: MAYOR KEVIN BRUBAKER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

12. The matter authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tyler Technologies for the processing of credit card, debit card and e-check transactions.

REFERRED BY: IT DIR ROTHGERY

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

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13. The matter of disposal of equipment unfit for municipal use: IBM # 1623.

REFERRED BY: PWS EYE

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

14. The matter of updating Ch. 939 Water Rules and Regulations (Referred April2025)

REFERRED BY: PWS CONNER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

15. The matter of review and or amending ordinance 311.06 titled Game in Street.

REFERRED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD- WARD 4/ JAYSON & JESSICA BENDIK

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES

Items 16 - 19 received and placed on file in the clerk's office:

16. June 2025 General Fund Cash Balance Report.

17. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's Office for June2025.

18. Approved Claim for Damage: Jill M. Christiansen

19. Denied Claim for Damage: Natasha Nalle

Council member Mitchell inquired about the referral regarding games in the street. Law Director Deery confirmed the referral was made.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None

8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Sponsored by
Community
Development

C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
T. Callahan

Finance

C. Schneider
P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
J. Cerra

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2025- 4

WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DEVELOPMENT UTILIZING THE MULTI-FAMILY FUNDING PROGRAMS OF THE OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (OHFA), AND THE COMMITTEE **DOES NOT** OBJECT TO SAID PROJECT.

Schneider moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this committee report and the city of Elyria does not object .

Council member Siwierka stated that she had several people involved in Education share that this would cover two school districts. He stated she is happy to see all of the documentation provided.

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules.

Council member Siwierka asked if SSD Pyanowski if the department was any closer to a process on the same delinquent accounts. SSD Pyanowski asked if the question was regarding a past conversation late fees, the Law Director provided a revised codified ordinances with the changes made. They plan to take an additional look over the changes and present to council.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett

M. Siwierka

C. Schneider

J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 33

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-115

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY
PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.

Companion to above Resolution

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 116

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION,
THROUGH THE LAW DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, OF
APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL, STATE OF OHIO, AND TO ACCEPT, IF OFFERED, A
2025-2026 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT AND THE
2025-2026 STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) GRANT
FOR THE VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

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Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 117

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND ACCEPT, IF OFFERED, THE FY 2024 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ELYRIA CITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE ELYRIA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Utilities

D. Mitchell
B. Davis
V. Stewart III
K. Oswald
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 118

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF OHIO FOR ROUND 40 GRANT AND/OR LOAN FUNDING, ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, FOR REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, AND RESURFACING OF CERTAIN ROADS IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT AND/OR LOAN, IF OFFERED; PROVIDING LOCAL FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECTS.

Mitchell moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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V. Stewart III
K. Oswald
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Finance

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M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 119

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE LOR-ELYRIA TLCI PHASE 6 PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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D. Mitchell
B. Davis
V. Stewart III
K. Oswald
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 120

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE TLCI PHASE 6 PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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V. Stewart III
K. Oswald
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 121

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
THE WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT (WWPCP)
POLE BARN PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 122

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-37,
KNOWN AS THE "2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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Community

Development

C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
T. Callahan

Finance

C. Schneider
P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 123

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF
CERTAIN VACANT LAND (REAL PROPERTY), LOCATED
WITHIN THE CITY OF ELYRIA'S URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, TO
AN ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER.

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17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 34

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE RENEWAL OF PERMIT NO. 0999804038-1, 645 TAYLOR STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution without the benefit of a committee report on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-95, TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN VACANT LOT (S) ON WOODFORD AVENUE, ELYEIA, OHIO, 44035 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

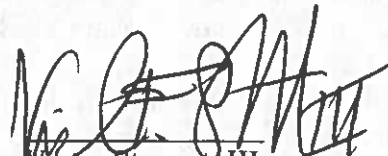
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ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council


Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGa0nXcSYgE>

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NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
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14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.02, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 131 WILLIAMS STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, FROM R-TH RESIDENTIAL-TWO HOUSEHOLD DISTRICT AND H-I HEAVY-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO L-I LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Public Hearing Scheduled for September 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mon. 8/11/2025 Beginning at 6:00 PM

All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

JOINT CD/ FINANCE

Mon. 8/11/2025 Immediately following Community Development All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

UTILITIES

Wed. 8/6/2025 Immediately following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

FINANCE

Mon. 8/11/2025 Immediately following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tues. 9/2/2025 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers

W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer



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July 24th, 2025

Mayor Brubaker & Director Pyanowski

All of us are certainly aware of the tragic events which transpired on Wednesday July 23 2025 in the City of Lorain involving their Police Department. This letter is to share with you my opinion of the performance of Chief Jim Welsh.


The scene was obviously chaotic and quite emotional, Lorain police officers not only had witnessed three of their brothers go down, but had to still deal with the possibility of additional assailants and victims in the area. Chief Welsh arrived and instantly took a leadership position directing the officers on scene coordinated investigation efforts, AND served as the Public Information Officer giving hastily convened press conferences, which from experience, can be very difficult to do.

I have studied leadership under stressful conditions my whole adult life and have seen both good and bad leadership, (*myself many times being under the bad part!*) But what I saw from Chief Welsh on the afternoon of July 23rd in Lorain was the best leadership under stress I have witnessed in my career.

Welsh will never acknowledge it, and is always quick to praise those he leads, but I just felt a compelling need to tell city Council and our Administration just how well Jim performed as well as his officers and of course, our firefighters who responded from Elyria, some whom were placed in harms way standing by as medics for EPD and County SWAT as they raided a home of the suspect and navigated our rescue water craft on the Black River with tactical officers who needed to clear the river bank nearby and also make sure there were no other victims.

As I wind down my career as a Firefighter, it makes me so proud to know that the future is in such good hands with this generation of firefighters, police officers and leaders like Welsh.

Respectfully



Joseph B. Pronesti
Fire Chief



Aug 4TH Council Meeting

2025 Parks and Recreation

June – August by the Numbers

Summer Camps - 243 Campers

Sports Camps – 149 Campers

Private Swim Lessons – 162 lessons

Swim Lessons – 673 participants over 3 sessions

Summer Soccer – 200 participants

T-Ball – 71 participants

Tennis – 35 Participants

Concerts – 12 (Thursday afternoon and Saturday evenings)

Special Events – Our own special events and helping with other organizations

Shelter Rentals - May – August: 194 shelter rentals

Donations – Over \$22,000 in donations for Camps and Special Events so far this year.

