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March 2, 2024
December 15, 2025
Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday December 15, 2025 at 6:58 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by council member Callahan. 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, Schneider, Tollett, Lipian, Siwierka, Davis, Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Captain Grooms, Engineer Schneider, HR Director Yousefi

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker presented proclamations to outgoing council members Callahan, Siwierka, President Stewart and Clerk Lotko. Mr. Lotko was recognized for thirty years of service to city council. Mr. Callahan was recognized for ten terms as Council at Large service to city council. President Stewart was recognized for ten terms served to city council. Council member Siwierka was saluted in her two terms on city council and the first women to become Safety Service Director of the city of Elyria.

SSD:

Safety Service Director Pyanowski shared a significant snow event was experienced over the weekend of December 13th. Snow plows were on the roads for thirty hours. Employees worked multiple cycles during the snow event, with rotating shifts, going home and coming back to work. The team was able to plow ancillary streets as well as the main roads with multiple departments helping out over the course of the snow event. SSD Pyanowski expressed his appreciation to all that helped out.

Council member Oswald expressed his appreciation for the shared use bike path being plowed during the snow event. He asked for confirmation of leaf pick-up now that the snow has begun. SSD Pyanowski shared that later in the week, temperatures will warm back up and the street department will prepare for leaf vax trucks to make one last round throughout the city for the season.

Council member Schneider expressed his appreciation for how well the roads were maintained as well. He inquired if there was an update on the number of water main breaks the city was experiencing. He stated the number of breaks seemed to be pretty high with us not being in the thick of high winter temperatures. SSD Director Pyanowski responded with each break there is a check in with the water distribution team. The team has confirmed the recent breaks are weather related. There was some conversation had after the December 1st meeting that there were indeed

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

some findings of pressure fluctuations at the water pumping plant. There is a high service pump that is in need of some repairs that is causing some complications. The situation is being monitored to address the fluctuations.

Finance Director:

Finance Director Pileski expressed congratulations to all outgoing council members. He wished everyone all the best.

Law Director Deery:

Law Director Deery expressed congratulations to all outgoing council members. She expressed what a joy and a privilege it has been to learn from and work with each member. Law Director Deery shared that part-time Prosecutor Matt Marsalka accepted a position in her office beginning January 2026 as full-time prosecutor. Erik Breunig is no longer an attorney with the city law office. Attorney Breunig will be missed.

EPD:

Captain Grooms expressed congratulations to all outgoing members of council. He expressed what a profound impact they provided to the Elyria Police Department starting with retention. The impact has been helpful in the city's safety through crime reduction and the reduction of serious accidents.

Engineer Schneider: No Report

Council member Siwierka asked if there was an update to the manholes on East River between University and the corporate limits. Engineer Schneider responded there are seven to eight manholes that have not been adjusted to grade as of yet. Due to the weather the project should be completed in spring of 2026.

Council member Schneider expressed his appreciation for the no right on red light at Bon Aire and Abbe being taken care of timely. He asked if a light would be placed at Hilliard and Abbe? Engineer Schneider responded he would follow up regarding the other light.

HR Dir. Yousefi:

Director Yousefi congratulated all outgoing council members and reminded council members Armstrong, Oswald and Schneider that the holiday decorating judging would take place on Wednesday December 17th.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of hiring a Project Manager for the Waste Water Pollution Control Plant.

REFERRED BY: HR DIRECTOR YOUSEFI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

2. The matter of disposal of city property unfit for municipal use.

REFERRED BY: FIRE CHIEF PRONESTI

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

3. The matter of a Project Change Order for 2025 OPWC- Leona Rd. (Original contract \$95,105.85, total cost, \$130,000.00).

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to apply for and enter into a loan agreement through the DEFA for the SSO/CSO/WWPCP Wet Weather Activated Sludge Aeration Tank Improvement project.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of a request for a 2026 funding contribution to the Elyria Community Partnership in the amount of \$75,000.

REFERRED BY: MONE'T ROBERTS, EX. DIRECTOR, ECP

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of amending Elyria Codified Ordinance 137.01, to change the number of fire Captains, Lieutenants.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to purchase chemicals for the Elyria Water Treatment Plant for 2026-2027.

REFERRED BY: SUPT. NAELITZ

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

8. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to purchase chemicals for Water Reclamation Operations.

REFERRED BY: SUPT. STEWART

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Items 9-10 received and placed on filed in the clerk's office:

9. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's office for October 2025.

10. Notification of interim clerk of the Elyria Municipal Court, Omer E. Cunningham.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None

8. PETITIONS-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Sponsored by
Finance
P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 57
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.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by
Finance
P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 58
A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by
Finance
P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 210
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA TO DISPOSE OF CITY PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR MUNICIPAL USE.

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Companion to above Resolution

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

- P. Tollett
- M. Siwierka
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-211

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELYRIA AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, FULL-TIME DISPATCHERS, 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

Finance

- P. Tollett
- M. Siwierka
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 212

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-73, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TO REFLECT THE CORRECT WAGES OF THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, FULL-TIME DISPATCHER EMPLOYEES, 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	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 213

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

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-214

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE YEAR 2026, AND
OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA.

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

Lipian abstained

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
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
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 215

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR
AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN
FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EPA, DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DEFA),
FOR THE SSO/CSO/WWPCP WET WEATHER PROGRAM,
SEWER LINING PROJECT PHASE 1, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0

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ABSENT: 1 ABSENT: 1 ABSENT: 1
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Sponsored by
Utilities

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 216

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
THE WET WEATHER PROGRAM-SEWER LINING PROJECT
PHASE 1, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Finance

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

Mitchell moved, Armstrong 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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 217

AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE 2026 OHIO
MINIMUM WAGE FOR PART TIME SEASONAL PAY GRADES,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION PASSAGE EMERGENCY
AYE: 11 AYE: 11 AYE: 11
NAY: 0 NAY: 0 NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by
Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 218

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR
TO ADVANCE MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION PASSAGE EMERGENCY
AYE: 11 AYE: 11 AYE: 11
NAY: 0 NAY: 0 NAY: 0

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ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS:

Finance

- P. Tollett
- M. Siwierka
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, TO HILL TIDE VENTURES LLC FOR A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT WEST RIVER ROAD NORTH, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Public Hearing Scheduled for 1/5/2026

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 1/5/2026 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items
Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Law Director Deery explained that item number thirteen on the agenda is a contract from the Elyria Police Department that is time sensitive, the request is without the benefit of a committee report, the item was served with the full council packet.

SSD Pyanowski shared the proposed legislation is an add-on feature to the Axon services for body cam and in car cam footage. The submission was a late submission on behalf of the vendor, which delayed the submission to council. If there are any additional questions, Captain Grooms would be available to answer them. The request is for additional technology over the next ten years at a cost of \$17,000 a year.

Captain Grooms explained the technology uses cameras as a reactionary crime fighting measure. The technology would add an additional one hundred more cameras to the existing two hundred fifty cameras that stream. Captain Grooms shared the cameras assisted in solving the hit skip accident on Reaser Point Parkway as well as K-Jeweler robbery, both crimes were solved through the Fusus camera system. The Fusus technology is real-time intelligence technology. Council member Tollett stated that safety of the safety forces and residents would be well worth the money.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 219

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR FUSUS TECHNOLOGY, FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Council member Lipian expressed sentiments to outgoing council members.

Finance Director Pileski requested from the clerk’s office certified copies of Ordinances 2025-213 and 214 for submission to Lorain County Budget Commission.

Council member Schneider expressed sentiments to all outgoing council members.

Council member Mitchell expressed her appreciation and gratefulness of the valued friendships over her eighteen years on council and congratulated all outgoing council members.

Council member Tollett expressed the importance of the involvement of the council members as young adults prior to their roles as council members. He believes their life of civic involvement shaped them into strong leaders.

Council member Cerra stated that he joined council as a member with no civic background experience at all and the outgoing council members were so knowledgeable in always answering questions. He congratulated them all.

Council member Mitchell congratulated Mr. Breunig on his new position and wished him well in his new role.

President Stewart shared that he was taught to always leave things better than the way you found it. He expressed his appreciation for all of the departments he worked with as well as the law director’s office and finance office.

Council member Callahan expressed his appreciation to all council members, and departments that sent him cards and messages. He thanked Mr. Lotko for his years of service, Mrs. Siwierka for her knowledge and President Stewart for his steadiness. He stated how hard it was to believe that it had been twenty years served on council. He stated he believed the incoming members would quick learners.

Clerk Lotko expressed his appreciation to the department heads, city and administration and shared how much he enjoyed his time of service and what a privilege it had been

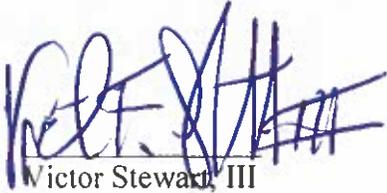
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17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council member Siwierka shared that her total years of service with municipal government had been forty-seven years. She wished everyone well.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m.



Victor Stewart, III
Clerk of Council



Donna Mitchell
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk1fXjSfTEc>

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