

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 17th, 2026.

INVOCATION

Chris Sherbourne offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of council answered roll call: Chris Sherbourne, Mark Phillips, Sondra Carey, and Paige Bierce. Kay Hines and Joe Johnson were excused. Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Fire Chief Mark Carey, Police Chief Adam Lakey, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Carey moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the February 2nd minutes. All ayes.

GUESTS

Sean McMickle, Vice President of Spire Development.

Mr. McMickle explained his request for a zoning change at 785 W Marion St. He would like to develop a 65-unit senior housing complex. They will be applying for state funding and also state tax credits.

Carey asked if they would be the only owners of it and if he could email her the locations of other senior housing that they have done. Mr. McMickle stated that Spire Development would be the long-term owner.

Phillips asked if this was an American company. Mr. McMickle stated that they were an American company.

Bierce asked why they decided to build in Mt. Gilead. Mr. McMickle said that the state sends out a scorecard of locations with data looking at income, annexations, etc., for grant purposes. Spire Development reviews these criteria and decides whether it would be a good fit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that Captain Cronenwett instructed an Electronic Speed Measuring Device training on February 2-6. The training was a collaboration with Sergeant Binkley of the Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Cronenwett assisted the Morrow County Sheriff's Department with the hostage barricade situation at Marvin's Market on February 16th, 2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported that the Fire Academy is in the process of renewing its charter.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The next meeting will be on 3/16 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - KAY HINES

No report.

SERVICES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The next meeting will be determined.

RULES - MARK PHILLIPS

The next meeting will be on 2/23 at 6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen stated that the council must hold a public hearing on the proposed zoning change.

Carey moved, and Sherbourne seconded that the council hold a public hearing during our council meeting on 4/6/26. All ayes, motion carried.

Astro Pools provided a quote of \$59,246.98 to replace the pool's diving boards. We should have money left from our loan to purchase these. Phillips moved, and Sherbourne seconded to purchase the diving boards. All ayes, motion carried.

Allen requested council allow him the remainder of his sick leave from his previous employer. The previous council only allowed him 305.29 of the 1795.85 when they hired him in 2019. Sherbourne moved, and Bierce seconded to allow him the remainder of his sick leave, which is 1490.56 hours. All ayes, motion carried.

We have received 15 applications for the service worker II position. The deadline is February 20th, and interviews will begin after this date.

The U-turn signs have been delivered. Carey asked why we needed these. Phillips stated that Captain Croenwett brought it up last year. He also stated that many people have made U-turns around the monument. Fiscal Officer Davis stated that this ordinance has not yet been codified, so the council may repeal it. Discussion will be made at the next council meeting.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver attended the planning commission meeting. She announced that there will be two America 250 meetings on 2/19, one in the morning and one in the evening.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Sherbourne moved, and Carey seconded to approve the bills. All ayes motion carried.

Phillips moved, and Bierce seconded to pass ordinance 2010 "bidding for trash service" to the second reading. All ayes motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sherbourne asked if ducks are allowed in the village. Allen said that we would have to look in the codified ordinances to see.

Phillips asked what was moving into the old Family Dollar building. Bierce said that Gilead Fitness has a contract.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor