

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 2nd , 2026.

INVOCATION

Paige Bierce 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, Paige Bierce, Kay Hines and Joe Johnson . 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 February 17th minutes . Roll call: 5-ayes, Hines Abstained.

GUESTS

Brandon McCunn, Street Supervisor, Robert Walker and Seth Keller, both of whom are with the Mt. Gilead Fire Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that the police cruisers are now equipped with less lethal (bean bag) shotguns, giving officers another force option. The patrol shotguns were decommissioned and upfitted with orange stocks and forends to designate them as less lethal only. Training was held on February 27th to train and certify officers in their use.

Chief Lakey gave council his 2025 annual report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey gave council his monthly statistics.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

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

SAFETY - KAY HINES

The next meeting will be determined.

SERVICES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Johnson had asked what the plans were for streets. Allen said that he would cover this in his report.

RULES - MARK PHILLIPS

Committee met and discussed the "No U-Turn" signs for the downtown intersection. He noted that this was "carry-over" legislation from the previous council.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to place the "No U-Turn" signs at the monument and codify the legislation. Carey thought that people would be confused if we put the signs up.

Johnson commented that he did not see a need, and if you can safely make a U-turn then you should be allowed to. Phillips believes it would improve safety, especially for pedestrians trying to cross. Police Chief Lakey stated that the walker signs for pedestrians are in the crosswalk and are safe to cross even if someone tries a U-turn.

Roll Call: Sherbourne - no, Phillips - yes, Hines - no, Johnson - no, Carey - no, Bierce - no.

Motion failed 5-nays, 1- aye.

Committee also discussed developing an official seal and buying a podium for the village.

Mayor Carver said that our logo can be used as our seal. The village will try to see if someone locally can build a podium.

Phillips discussed developing a new zoning district map for Mt. Gilead. Allen will begin paperwork for this process.

Chief Lakey requested updating parts of the Village codes for improvements.
Next meeting will be 3/30 at 6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that while they were in the process of looking for a water main break, they had found that the 10" water line that runs down South Main St., and under Whetstone Creek is exposed. This will have to be lowered as the line should be 3' underground.
Street projects for this year include part of Westview Drive, Buckeye Lane, and part of W. Marion Street.

Since there is no dedicated revenue source for street projects Allen said there are 3 possible grants. One for \$750,000.00 with no match for Town St, part of Douglas St, and Highland Ave. A \$270,000.00 formula grant, with a match, in low-moderate income areas which would be Rich and Cherry Streets. The last one is Issue II money for up to \$500,000.00 which would be for water line projects for Vine St., and Walnut St. It could also cover Park Ave. water line or resurface Bank St.

If a street has a water/sewer line under them then those will have to be repaired before resurfacing them. Allen will get council a street analysis.

Allen will be getting bids for street patching as those will be over the bid threshold. Bid threshold for 2026 is \$79,568.00.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver attended two America 250 meetings and the ribbon cutting at the Ohio Means Jobs.

She is requesting legislation opposing the 23/71 connector.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Phillips moved, and Carey seconded to approve the bills. Roll call: all ayes.

Sherbourne moved and Bierce seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2010, "bidding for trash service". All ayes.

Hines moved and Bierce seconded to pass ordinance 2010. Roll Call: all ayes.

Carey moved to suspend the reading of ordinance 2011 "supplemental appropriations". Roll Call: all ayes. Phillips had asked what the sewer problem was on Park Ave. Allen explained that the school had jetted their lines and pushed it into the residents' line, which flooded his basement with sewage. Brandon will talk to the school about letting us know the next time they jet.

Hines moved and Carey seconded to pass ordinance 2011. Roll Call: all ayes.

Carey moved and Hines seconded to pass of ordinance 2012 "writing off small credit balances" to the second reading. Phillips asked what these were. Davis explained that it is due to minor adjustments that were under \$25.00. Our solicitor will be fine tuning this ordinance for the next reading. Roll Call: all ayes.

Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 3-2-26 "purchase of a fire truck". Roll Call: 5-ayes, Carey abstained.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass resolution 3-2-26. Roll call: 5-ayes, Carey abstained.

Hines moved and Bierce seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 3-2-26 A "loan for the new fire truck". Roll call: 5-ayes, Carey abstained.

Sherbourne moved and Phillips seconded to pass resolution 3-2-26 A. Roll call: 5 ayes, Carey abstained.

Sherbourne moved and Carey seconded to pass resolution 3-2-26 B "write off outstanding debt" to the second reading. Roll call: all ayes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.
