

August 18, 2026

At 6:00 pm., the meeting of the council was called to order by Mayor Douglas Plyler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: ALYSSA MILLER, ALLISON MILLER, ZACH TROYER, TOM RICHTER, ABSENT: LISA LASH.

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting by Tom Richter, 2nd by Alyssa Miller; roll call vote: four (4) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$88,411.03 by Tom Richter, 2nd by Zach Troyer: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Motion to accept financial report by Allison Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter; roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Motion to accept PNC bills totaling \$1,077.15 Allison Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter; roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

VISITORS:

RUTH PLYLER

JODI SALVO:

JODI ADDRESSED COUNCIL AND DISCUSSED THE DISTRICT, WHICH CONSISTS OF 21 VILLAGES AND 3 CITIES/ IT WAS NOTED THAT LOCAL FUNDING IS CURRENTLY LIMITED.

FIRE:

Tornado Siren System: Council reviewed the current system and noted that the existing control box is outdated and must be upgraded or replaced. The county can also activate the siren by pager for an additional fee.

Grant Funding: Council discussed pursuing grant funding for a new tornado siren. Alyssa will research the Reeves Grant and other potential funding sources.

Firefighting Gear: Approximately 14 new sets of gear will eventually be needed. Council will explore grant funding for 7 sets and may obtain 4 additional sets through government purchasing programs. The estimated cost to equip each new member is approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Air Horn Quote: Burgess submitted a quote of \$881.40 for a new air horn.

Motion by Tom Richter, 2nd by Zach Troyer, to approve Burgess's quote of \$881.40. Roll-call vote: four (4) ayes; motion carried.

Sign and Remodeling: A new sign has been ordered, and the remodeling project is progressing well and is nearly complete. The sign is expected to be finished in approximately four weeks.

Landscaping Donations: The landscaping labor and materials are being donated. Keith will remove the grass, and the department will install river rock, and Zook will donate approximately four to five feet of concrete.

Unit 910 Incident: While responding to an emergency call at a residence, the driver of Unit 910 backed into an awning, causing minor damage to the carport. The resident will complete the necessary repairs and submit the bill to the department for reimbursement.

Fire Safety Inspector Training: Darly Miller and Nelson Troyer Jr. enrolled in the Fire Safety Inspector course at Stark State and requested reimbursement of \$650 each for the course fee.

Motion by Zach Troyer; 2nd by Tom Richter, to approve reimbursement for class. Roll call vote; four (4) ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNITY INTEREST/PARKS/MAINTENANCE:

Pavilion Water Heater: The pavilion water heater has experienced problems over the past several days. The unit is 16 years old, and its aging thermocouple can no longer be replaced because parts are unavailable.

Grass Fertilizer: Keith requested fertilizer to restore the park grass at the end of the season. Approximately eight bags will be needed to cover the area.

Motion by Tom Richter, 2nd by Alyssa Miller, to spend up to \$100 on fertilizer for the park grass. Roll-call vote: four (4) ayes; motion carried.

Buena Vista Parkland: The Community Club will pay to have the park and adjoining land on Buena Vista rolled.

Pavilion Coffee Pot: The existing coffee pot at the park pavilion is not working. Keith requested approval to purchase a replacement.

Motion by Allison Miller; 2nd by Zach Troyer, to spend up to \$200 on a new 100-cup coffee pot for the pavilion. Roll-call vote; four (4) ayes; motion carried.

Lock Replacement: Council discussed replacing the locks at an estimated cost of \$220 to \$250 each. Members considered the Schlage system, which can be operated by phone and allows temporary access codes to be issued with automatic expiration dates. The matter was tabled until next month's meeting.

STREET/EQUIPMENT:

Keith mentioned that both dump trucks are going in for their yearly service.

FINANCE:

Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee met last Tuesday to discuss several proposals, with local EMTs in attendance.

Volunteer Night Program: Council discussed establishing a Volunteer Night Program with the following proposed compensation: \$50 for a 6-hour shift and \$100 for a 12-hour shift.

Motion by Zach Troyer; 2nd by Tom Richter, to begin the Volunteer Night Program. Roll-call vote; four (4) ayes; motion carried.

EMS Billing Update: Council noted that EMS currently bills only for patient transport. The proposed pricing update would add a mileage charge of \$23 per mile.

Motion by Tom Richter; 2nd by Allison Miller, to approve the updated pricing. Roll-call vote; four (4) ayes; motion carried.

LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT/ CEMETERY:

No updates or new business were reported.

TREE COMMISSION:

No updates or new business were reported.

ZONING:

Buena Vista Pole Shed Request: Council discussed a request to construct a pole shed on Buena Vista.

FISCAL OFFICER:

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SAFETY & WELFARE:

Flashing Speed Sign: The 811 utility-marking requests has been processed in preparation for installing the poles for the flashing speed sign.

Mayor:

Mayors' Meeting: Baltic Winery will host this month's meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Tom Richter, 2nd by Alyssa Miller. Roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer