

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting  
**AUGUST 5, 2025**

Held

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Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with the following members present: Darrin Schneider, Fred Hansen, Shane Ogden, Herm Scott, Barry Eyre and Jay Shaw

**MINUTES**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the July 8th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Scott Yea, Hansen Yea, Schneider Yea, Ogden Yea, Eyre Abstained, Shaw Yea. Motion Carried

**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Hansen moved to accept Fire Chief Rymer's recommendation to hire Logan Warner as a part-time Firefighter/EMT at an hourly rate of \$19.75 per hour as needed, conditional on pre-employment physical and drug screen. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea

**POLICE SURPLUS**

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the following list provided by Chief Hahn as surplus and no longer needed for public purpose for the Village.

2014 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8AT9EGB85487

Miller Welder Syncrowave 351 SN: KF955351

Lincoln Power MiG 255 SN: U1110800830

Holden Industries Trailer Model MTO16A1 SN: 12hts26236S081029

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea

**HOMAN WAY BLACKTOP BID**

Council received only one bid for the Homan Way road reconstruction project and it was below the engineer's estimate.

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the bid for the Homan Way Road Reconstruction Project from John R. Jurgensen in the amount of \$303,419.50.

Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

**TRAFFIC STUDY HIGH AND MAIN STREET**

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the contract proposal from McCarty Associates, LLC for an analysis of US68 and East Main Street intersection including traffic count, signal optimization, permits and crash review in the amount of \$8,365.00

Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

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**FULL-TIME STREET WORKER**

Councilman Shaw moved to hire Robert Kellum as a full-time street worker at a rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour and place Mr. Kellum on a six month probation  
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Schneider moved to enter executive session to discuss the following item at 8:24 p.m.

To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance as well as personnel.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:23 p.m.

**EFT PAY STUBS BY EMAIL POLICY**

Councilman Eyre moved to approve the EFT pay stubs by email policy as presented by Chief Fiscal Officer Boyd.

Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS**

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the following list provided by Chief Rymer as surplus and no longer needed for public purpose for the Village.

6 Dell OptiPlex 9020	2 HP 18.5" Monitors
2 Dell OptiPlex 5040	1 HP ProDesk
3 AOC 24" Monitors	1 HP Elite Desk
1 HP ProDesk	JVC 22" flat screen with DVD player
1 NEC Overhead Projector & mounting HW	

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

**BILLS AND ADJOURN**

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

  
CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

  
MAYOR

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Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with the following members present: Darrin Schneider, Fred Hansen, Shane Ogden, Herm Scott, Barry Eyre and Jay Shaw

**MINUTES**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the August 5th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Sherry Maher was present to discuss her dad's legacy with the creation of the Mt. Orab Life Squad and requested council consider naming a street in her dad and mom's honor. Vernol and his wife Doloris were instrumental in the founding of the Mt. Orab Life Squad. Fire Chief Rymer felt it would be fitting to rename Hickory Alley which runs east and west next to the fire department and extends out to High Street with the name Luttrell Street. Council to review legislation to consider the change.

Southern Hills Superintendent Kratzer was present to discuss a cooperative effort to construct a learning center near the existing fire tower for use by the various fire departments, Career Center and storage for fire tower supplies. Council to review options including potential grant and donation funding.

Carol Myer, licensed shooter for Starlight Pyrotechnics, discussed with council their proposal for a fireworks show to celebrate the 175th year of the Village. Council discussed the logistics of providing music at the park and the fireworks at the school district property. After much discussion and the input from the Mt. Orab Fire Chief the fireworks would be moved to the Mt. Orab Music in the Park location if the Fire Chief after review feels it meets safety standards.

**RESIGNATION**

Councilman Schneider moved to accept the resignation from part-time fire department employee Kyle Cornette effective August 18, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea

**FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL DETAIL RATES**

Councilman Schneider moved to accept Fire Chief Rymer's recommendation to approve the following special detail rates charge schedule effective August 19, 2025.

<b>Personnel and Equipment</b>	<b>HOURLY</b>	<b>Employee Cost</b>
Personnel	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00
Engine	\$ 175.00	
Aerial	\$ 275.00	
Tanker	\$ 175.00	
Brush	\$ 100.00	
ATV	\$ 75.00	
Medic Unit	\$ 175.00	
Fire Marshall/Inspector	\$ 70.00	\$ 55.00

Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

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**175th FIREWORKS 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BIDS**

Mayor Howser provided council with the two fireworks proposals.

Rozzi's Fireworks \$25,000 28-30 minute show with approximately 4,050 shots

Starlight Pyrotechnics \$17,600 32 minute show with approximately 10,000 shots including 4-5 fireballs.

Councilman Shaw moved to accept the bid from Starlight Pyrotechnics at the cost of \$17,600 to provide the fireworks show for the 175th birthday celebration pending site review from Fire Chief Rymer. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Schneider moved to enter executive session to discuss the following item at 8:55 p.m.

To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance as well as personnel.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:45 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WORKER**

Councilman Scott moved to accept the recommendation from Mayor Howser to offer full-time office worker employment to Kaitlyn Thompson at an hourly rate of \$17.00 pending passing a background check effective September 8, 2025.

Seconded by Councilman Schneider. All Yea

**ASPEN ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT**

Councilman Schneider moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a three year energy sales agreement for Aspen Energy through MP2 Energy LLC a Shell Energy North America Subsidiary using the index price per kWh of \$0.02074 with the ability to move to a fixed price per kWh if during the terms it financially benefits the Village beginning February 1, 2026.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

**GOVMVMT-COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the no cost membership into the USA Bluebook GOVMVMT cooperative purchasing program for water and wastewater needs.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

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**HOMAN WAY ALTERNATE BID**

Councilman Eyre moved to approve the additional alternate bid of \$78,750 from John R. Jurgensen in the event that the alternate soil remediation measures are required per a third-party Geotechnical Engineer's recommendation once the existing street is removed.  
Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

**STREET RESURFACING BIDS**

Council received two bids on the 2025 Street program surface asphalt project

Brown County Construction Co., Inc.           \$80,585.70

The Shelly Company                               \$91,792.00

Councilman Eyre moved to accept the bid from The Shelly Company in the amount of \$91,792.00 after evaluating qualifications, past performances and other factors beyond price to ensure a successful project outcome.

Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

**VIOX CONTRACT TERMINATION**

Councilman Schneider moved to request the Solicitor review the terms of the contract with Viox and Viox and begin the termination process.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

**COUNCIL MEETING START TIME**

Councilman Ogden moved to change the start time of regular council meetings to 7:00 p.m. effective October 21st and authorize the Mayor to advertise such notice in the paper.

Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

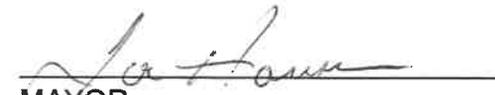
**BILLS AND ADJOURN**

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

  
CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

  
MAYOR