

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2025-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present - Meeting is in Session.
4. Proclamations & Presentations.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor’s Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.
10. OLD BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.
11. NEW BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

A. An **Ordinance** Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal.

Description: When it is determined that certain vehicles or equipment are no longer useful to, or needed by the City, Council must declare the item(s) as surplus and authorize the disposal of the items. The following are being declared surplus:

2019	John Deere	1TC970RGHKT070127	Z970RZtrak
2019	John Deere	1TC970RGEKTO70145	Z970RZtrak
2016	John Deere	1LV3033RAGG100527	3033R
2011	NewHolland Backhoe/Loader	B95B-675240700	B95B

Action Needed: Approval of Ordinance

Attachment(s):

- B. An **Ordinance** Requesting Participation in Purchase Contract of the State for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) and Declaring an Emergency.

Description: As part of the City of Canfield’s participation in Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Winter Salt Contract for 2025-2026 we are required to pass legislation expressing our desire to participate in the program. The contract document binds us to purchase at least 90% of our requested number of tons for the contract year at the price that is awarded through the ODOT contract.

This ordinance requests participation in the State of Ohio purchase of road salt for the contract year 2025-2026. This is being passed as an emergency due to the requirement to submit our commitment of salt purchase by the deadline.

Action Needed: Approval of Ordinance

Attachment(s): None.

Public Comments

- C. A **Motion** To Authorize the City Manager to Apply for F-1 and F-2 Permits as Applicable from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control for Family Fun Night on August 14, 2025 and Fall Fest on October 4, 2025.

Description: Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.20 dictates how F-type (beer, wine, liquor) permits are treated in the State of Ohio. F-Permits are temporary and are utilized for special functions and can be issued to the City of Canfield.

The Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control issues temporary Type “F” Permits to certain non-profits, including cities to allow for this type of activity. The City of Canfield has previously hosted events in which an F-1 Permit was obtained. This motion authorizes the City Manager to apply for F-1 (Beer only) or F-2 (Beer and Wine) permits for the upcoming August 14, 2025 Family Fun Night and the Fall Fest on October 4, 2025.

Action Needed: Approval of Motion

Attachment(s): Motion.

Public Comments

- D. A **Motion** Amending the Employment Agreement of the City Manager

Description: See Mark or City Manager

Action Needed: Passage of this Motion

Attachment(s): None

12. Council Comments

13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that certain vehicles/equipment are no longer needed by the City; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to declare the following vehicles/equipment surplus and dispose of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: The following vehicles/equipment are hereby declared surplus:

2019 John Deere 1TC970RGHKT070127	Z97ORZtrak
2019 John Deere 1TC970RGEKT070145	Z97ORZtrak
2016 John Deere 3033R	1LV3033RAGG100527
2011 New Holland B95B Backhoe/Loader	B95B-675240700

Section 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to dispose of the listed vehicles/equipment in accordance with the applicable City of Canfield Ordinances.

Section 3: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D. 2025.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced By: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION
IN PURCHASE CONTRACTS OF THE STATE FOR
SODIUM CHLORIDE (Road Salt) AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code provides the opportunity for Municipal Corporations to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies, or other articles; and

WHEREAS, Canfield City Council desires to participate in said purchasing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: The City of Canfield requests authorization from ODOT to participate in the purchase contract for sodium chloride for 2025-2026.

Section 2: Upon authorization to participate in said purchasing program, the City of Canfield authorizes the City Manager to represent the City and execute all documents related to said Contract.

Section 3: The City of Canfield also agrees to the terms and conditions of the Contract authorized by the City Manager.

Section 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Canfield, Ohio. Said emergency exists by reason of the application deadline for State Purchasing.

Section 5: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____

Motion No. _____

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR
F-1 AND F-2 PERMITS AS APPLICABLE FROM
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/
DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR
FAMILY FUN NIGHT ON AUGUST 14, 2025, AND
FALL FEST ON OCTOBER 4, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield would like to conduct events on the Village Green from time to time where beer would be available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, Ohio law provides for the issuance of Temporary Permits for the sale of beer for such events, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD;

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for an F-1 (Beer only) and F-2 (Beer & Spirituous liquor) as applicable Permits from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control for the Family Fun Night on August 14, 2025, and Fall Fest on October 4, 2025 and any other city sponsored events.

Section 2. That this Motion and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Motion were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ Day of _____ A.D., 2025.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____

Motion No. _____

MOTION

A MOTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield has previously entered into an Employment Agreement with Attorney David D'Apolito to serve as the City Manager of the City ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield wishes to amend such Agreement to confirm and clarify that the City Manager is entitled to Holiday Pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: That that the Employment Agreement with Attorney David D'Apolito is hereby amended to include Holiday Pay as an employee benefit at his regular rate of compensation. The specific holidays shall be as delineated in the most recent Salary Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Canfield.

Section 2: The effective date of such amendment shall be January 1, 2025.

Section 3: That this Motion and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Motion were held in open meetings of this Council all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A. D, 2025.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 19, 2025-5:30 P.M.

The public hearing was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council. The clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Tieche.

Staff present: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; Charles Colucci, Chief of Police (entered the meeting, shortly after it began)

Absent: John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent and Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector.

The Public Hearing was advertised in the Vindicator on February 21, 2025.

MRS. OLIVER: Atty. Fortunato, will you explain this?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Right now, in B-3, our permitted uses are: highway commercial, retail sales and services, bowling alleys, restaurants, business and professional offices. Conditionally permitted uses are: car washes, service stations, automobile service and repair garages, Automobile service stations, theaters, drive-in restaurants, motels non-residential off-street parking, theaters, commercial recreation, inside storage facilities, adult oriented businesses and commercial wind energy systems. In taking a look at that, after the car wash had gone in, people asked us about, why would the car wash have gotten a conditionally permitted use. If they satisfy the conditions of the conditional use permit, then we must allow it. That was kind of the genesis of the changes. So, the permitted uses will be retail sales and services, branch or drive-in banking, restaurants (not drive through), business offices, professional offices, cafes and bars. The Conditionally Permitted uses are service stations, drive-in restaurants, hotels, theaters and commercial recreation facilities. Planning & Zoning, we talked about this quite a bit over the last 6 months and we eliminated things that just don't make sense there at this point in time.

MRS. OLIVER: Questions from council? Hearing none. We'll close the public hearing.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
 MARCH 19, 2025-5:35 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council. The clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Tieche.

Staff present: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director and Charles Colucci, Chief of Police.

Absent: John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent and Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector.

Under **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**, there were none.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2025 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**:

MRS. OLIVER: Does anybody have any communications? Hearing none.

Under **REPORTS** of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.

MR. TIECHE: I was not at the last meeting but I think all members received a copy of the Parks Board Minutes. That would be what I would report on.

MR. NEFF: I believe everyone received the minutes from the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. There wasn't anything extraordinary. Nothing controversial came out of that meeting.

MR. DRAGISH: I have the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. The fines and other monies collected and received, my total net collections to the city is \$333.01.

MRS. OLIVER: I knew you were going to say, one cent.

MR. DRAGISH: I received a text message from a neighbor on Canfield. In any case, talking about the broken drain in the parking lot of Hilltop. I'm like, that sounds like a Hilltop Elementary problem. To be honest with you, that's not a street that we maintain, that's the parking lot of Hilltop. He was wondering what we can do. I said, you should probably go to the school and have them take a look at it. They said, it's been like that for a while. Obviously, we can take a look but it's up to the school. I just wanted to run that by you guys.

MR. D'APOLITO: The party would have to call the city building and a work order would be generated. That's how it would have to occur, so we could have record of it. Then, we would look at it.

MR. DRAGISH: But, it's on the school property.

MR. D'APOLITO: Oh, okay, then we have nothing to do with that.

MR. DRAGISH: That's what I'm saying. It is in the parking lot. I just brought it up because they sent it. I thought that's what we would say but I just wanted to make sure. That's all I have.

MR. GRAHAM: No report this evening.

MRS. OLIVER: The Fire Board for February, total calls is 199, transports was 106, there were no fire losses, we provided and gave 7 mutual aid and received zero. That is what I have for the Fire Board for February. Who is going to do Mr. Rapp's report?

MR. D'APOLITO: I am. Mr. Rapp's daughter made the National Honor Society. They are having the induction ceremony. That's a great reason to miss our council meeting. Mr. Rapp wanted me to announce that the stick and limb pick-up is set to begin on April 7th. It's divided into 4 quadrants. Quadrant 1 will be April 7th-11th, Quadrant 2 will be April 14th-18th, Quadrant 3 will be April 21st-25th and Quadrant 4 will be April 28th-May 2nd. All of that information can be found on the city website. Important Note: Crews will not be returning to a previous quadrant after that quadrants week has been completed. Once they've been through your quadrant, they won't be coming back.

He also wanted me to mention, I was going to mention it myself, but the police K9 Memorial is nearly completed at Fair Park. The Public Works have done a phenomenal job. The removed 5 trees and added 15 white dogwood trees. It is really going to be a great tribute. Each dogwood would be a memorial for an individual K9 that served with the Canfield Police Department. Currently, there are 8 memorial plots that are already filled. So, we'll continue that on both sides of the drive.

He also wanted me to let council know that crews repaired shut off valves at 3 properties on Fairground Blvd and Mr. Rapp and Mr. Snovak attended a Consumer Confidence Credit Report update class at the north east district headquarters in Twinsburg. Big news for our Pickleball players is crews opened up the courts and hung the nets. Four of the six courts are playable. The two middle courts we're not allowing play. The winter has really disrupted those courts. It would be very unsafe to play on those. The restrooms are closed until any threat of freezing is over. There is a port-a-potty available.

MR. TIECHE: Question. Are all the courts going to be painted pink?

MR. D'APOLITO: They are not. Possibly, the two middle one's will be redone pink, depending on what happens with a possible sponsor of that yearly tournament. It's a great event.

MR. TIECHE: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Mrs. Clayton, our Finance Director.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: The check registers for January and February will be posted to the website this week. I've been working on receivable spreadsheets for our annual report. There is a new section that needs to be done this year for sick leave balances that we've been trying to figure out how to do it with our CPA Firm that does our report. The only remaining portion that I still have to do is the capital asset part. I'm hoping to have all of that done, sometime close to the end of this month, so I'm available to help with income tax. That's all I have tonight.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Who is going to do Mr. Thorn's report.

CLERK: I have Mr. Thorn's report. Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. For the month of March, we issued 2 bee keeping permits and 4 zoning permits. The updated status on projects. The new Dairy Queen is moving along. MCCTC is preparing to build soon. The next meeting is Design Review and that will be Tuesday, April 1st. That's all I have.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

MR. TIECHE: Did you find out any information about the water line going out to MCCTC? Mr. Rapp had called me and they were concerned about the year in which that line went out there and that kind of thing. I thought I made some suggestions as to where to look.

MR. D'APOLITO: We're not aware of any easements or anything.

MR. TIECHE: I had suggested that he take a look at the sewer books and see if you can tie a date together. That way, you can go back and look at city ordinances.

MR. D'APOLITO: We're under the impression right now, that it's their line.

MR. TIECHE: Okay.

MRS. OLIVER: Atty. Fortunato, did we ever find out anything for the people for the Dairy Queen.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes. We talked about that at staff meeting. That is a private easement. If we were to enforce the commercial property maintenance code there, that could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. It's quite a mess. Then we would have to enforce it across every private parking lot. It's hard for us to draw a line. If there is a pothole in the Giant Eagle parking lot, why aren't we citing them. I've been kicking it around quite a bit, I really think it's a private matter. Those are private property owners with access to a private easement. I think it's

fundamentally not a public issue. The property owners should get together and see what they can do. If the owner of the property doesn't want to do anything, I would understand that because that is not a cheap fix. At one point, the city engineer had taken a look at it and it was well in excess of \$100,000 or more. I don't think the city has a role when it comes to private easements and private access and private property.

MR. TIECHE: A number of years ago, some of the property owners had suggested that they dedicate the street. It was a good suggestion, up until the comment that I made was, you can consider to dedicate it as a city street, once that street makes city standards; which means you have to get together what the cost is going to be. It has to match with what our code is and that kind of thing. Then the city would consider accepting it as a city street.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The city doesn't build streets.

MR. TIECHE: That is correct.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Developers build streets. There are a lot of things they could do as a group, I think, if they're willing to sit down and try to figure it out.

MR. TIECHE: I'm not aware of any dispute between any of the property owners, that go back and cross that, to say that neighbor A or neighbor B can't drive up that right of way.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The owner of the property who is the grantor of the easement, has never, to my knowledge, closed off access to anybody. It's just the access is a bumpy access.

MRS. OLIVER: Very bumpy.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I really think the property owners, the grantor and the grantees of the easement, should sit down and figure it out. It's an expensive fix.

MR. DRAGISH: From my knowledge of the situation, now it's kind of coming to light because of the Dairy Queen going there, but even prior to that happening, I know that Manny at Tequila Jalisco, he went to him and said, this is kind of ridiculous, people come in and out. He even offered to say, I'll buy it or could we just fix that piece of it. The guy at that point was like no. So, every time somebody approaches him with something, they're like no. But maybe, if they all get together as a whole unit, maybe.

MRS. OLIVER: I know that the people from the Dairy Queen has also and the person is uncooperative.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: That's unfortunate.

MR. DRAGISH: It is unfortunate.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: They should look at their easement agreement and perhaps, again this is a private issue, but perhaps there is a duty to maintain. They should look at what the easement says.

MR. DRAGISH: I know that the owners of those buildings up front want to have a clear access. You should be leery of what you ask for because I guarantee you're going to have people flying through there. I know people that do it now. They're like, can you fix that, we're trying to cut through there. I'm like, it's not a cut through. That's a private road. A private access. So, even if it was fixed, you'd run into a secondary problem of people using that. I've talked to the Smith's too. I think that would be the best way to do it. Everybody come together. Those are my thoughts.

MRS. OLIVER: Teamwork is always nice.

MR. DRAGISH: Teamwork makes the dreamwork.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. D'Apolito our City Manager.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. The big news, the city is holding an auction on 3 of its surplus vehicles. We have a 2008 Ford Focus a beautiful car, very low mileage, it actually runs. We have a very attractive, 2009 Ford Explorer up for auction, it does not run and a 1999 International Dump Truck, very low miles. It's actually in great shape. We just put a new starter on it. That is on our city website. Our I.T. Department developed an online auction, so we can do it in-house. Reserves are set at \$600.00 for each of the two automobiles and \$16,000 for the dump truck. So far, we do have some action on them. It is scheduled to end on March 31st at 4:00pm.

Also, very good news, the city now is providing free public wi-fi on the Village Green. No password necessary. Just go on, meet our terms of use and the wi-fi is available to anyone on the village green. It is coming soon to Fair Park and Greasel Park. Kudos to the I.T. Department.

MR. DRAGISH: That's great. I have a question. You're saying agrees to the terms.

MR. D'APOLITO: Terms of usage.

MR. DRAGISH: Because that is going to be a free service, for the people of Canfield, can we, as the city, just like any other business, when you have access to things like that, sometimes ads are sent out. I'm not saying to send out an ad but maybe from the city, is there something that we can do like, these are the things that are happening in the city.

MR. D'APOLITO: We can ask the I.T. Department. It's access to the web. I don't think it's its own stream.

MR. DRAGISH: It would be kind of cool to be able to do that. If we're giving that free service, we'd be able to tell the people some information.

MR. D'APOLITO: In the terms it says it's a free service provided by the city.

MR. TIECHE: Can an individual business advertise on that?

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't believe that, that is available.

MRS. OLIVER: It sounds like when you go to a restaurant or a hotel and they happen to have wi-fi you can just log into it.

MR. D'APOLITO: Exactly.

MRS. OLIVER: It's not a website, it's just access to the internet.

MR. DRAGISH: 100% but what I'm getting at is, yes, you're exactly right but those hotels or wherever you're at and you're logging on, just like somebody would be logging on to the city, it captures those. What I'm trying to say is, the amount of people that we would have access to from them logging onto that, we would be able to send them messages back. We would obtain that information. I'm just saying, it might be something we might want to do. Not anything bad, just good things.

MRS. OLIVER: Any idea when fiber optic is going to be available to the residents?

MR. D'APOLITO: It's being installed all over the city currently. We are working on ordinances to legislate how these companies come in and install the fiber. They're going through out right of ways and things like that. We are trying to get some control over that. I believe there are some

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We have a right of way ordinance that we established in 2019. Based on what we're seeing, we need to beef it up a little bit.

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't know if it's going down the actual streets, other than the main street.

MRS. OLIVER: AT&T is not available in our area yet. It's in Austintown and Boardman but it's not here, that's why I was asking.

MR. TIECHE: Doesn't any provider that wants to put fiber in the city, don't they have to get a permit and pay a fee?

MR. D'APOLITO: Sure.

MR. TIECHE: Okay.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We have all that in place, it's just giving it a little more teeth based on our understanding today vs our understanding 5 years ago.

MR. D'APOLITO: If they cause damage to our lines or anything, liability involved.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: They have to use available capacity before they put any new line.

MR. D'APOLITO: New Conduit.

MR. TIECHE: Do we have a resource that will track each company that is putting that information in? In case of a water break and there is some damage, will we have some idea of who to contact and all that kind of thing? That is one of the issues that we have with telephone poles right now. You have telephone poles and Ohio Edison may own one and the cable TV company may own another one.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Issuing a permit you need to have delineated drawings and the scope of construction.

MRS. OLIVER: Anything else? Hearing none. Our Police Chief, Chief Colucci.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you. In January we posted a Patrol Sergeant vacancy opening in the police department and we've had the process ongoing since mid-January and we concluded it today with a panel interview. We interviewed former K9 Officer but Patrol Officer Chad Debarr. Chad Debarr has been with the department for 20 years. The panel interview today was the City Manager, myself, the remainder of our supervisors. A great management team came together and we had about a 2 ½ hour interview with Chad Debarr and I will be recommending him for the position of sergeant to the city manager. If he so chooses, he will appoint Officer DeBarr, a 20-year veteran to patrol sergeant. Chad did an amazing job throughout the process completing multiple essay questions, leadership assessments, again multiple essay questions, he had to read a few books. He was accountable for our collective bargaining agreement, all the city ordinances, state statutes, labor laws, civil service law and he did an amazing job. I'm super proud of Chad. I'll be making that recommendation tomorrow morning.

MR. D'APOLITO: He was very impressive.

CHIEF OF POLICE: We left feeling really good. An update on our former West Main Massage Parlor or whatever you want to call it. In January we made an arrest after an undercover officer went in and did an investigation. An arrest was made of a female. She was put in jail. She then, subleased, allegedly, the business out to another female. Then on Friday, March 14th, two undercover officers went in and successfully made another arrest of the new person. On Monday, this past Monday, March 17th, we spoke with the landlord, who since terminated that lease. He appeared to have no knowledge of what was happening out there. Certainly, no criminal activity. He executed that clause in his lease. The lease has since been terminated. He

is willing to cooperate with the city, fully, to make sure it never happens again. Also, Judge Molly Johnson court ordered that female that was arrested on Friday to turn in her passport. She turned it in to the police department two days ago. She'll be properly adjudicated. With the cooperation of the owner, I can say, the city was prepared to move forward with potential abatement of the property, similar to what we did at the Motel that was out there a few years back. That criminal activity is over with. It was interesting that residents were letting us know through social media posts. The open signs were on.

MRS. OLIVER: Atty. Fortunato, is that going into the Ordinance that we'll no longer allow massage parlors in the city?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We already have that. Adult oriented business.

MRS. OLIVER: That's what I was saying.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: No longer allowed in B3.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The first female they arrested in January, she was bound over to the grand jury. The second female was arraigned yesterday. I'll keep you up to date.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. I'd like to add something, since it's kind of related. You share with us different scams that happen to people and we'd like to make people aware of it. Well, unfortunately, I saw a post on social media a couple of days ago about a new AI scam. A 16-year-old child took his life over it. What the AI is doing is, it can take a child's picture on social media and it can actually change it to be sexually oriented or nudity or whatever they want to do with it, this AI ability. From what I read, this young man was asked for money and they threatened to hurt his family, he had a twin brother, his twin brother found him, he shot himself because he sent the money and they said that wasn't enough, they wanted \$3,000, so that is obviously a new thing to prey on our children. I think it's really important. One of the first things, I went and spoke to my daughter to let her know about stuff like that because that's awful. It amazes me, we have this artificial intelligence, it's supposed to be doing good things but it's doing some really evil things. I wanted to make residents aware of that new scam and talking to their children and making them aware of it.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I don't have anything to report but I would like an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. I'll make the motion. I'll provide it.

MRS. OLIVER: Council, any questions on the reports that you just heard?

MR. TIECHE: Not on the reports but let me ask Chief Colucci have you had any reports of emails coming to citizens from our Wi-Fi carrier. I got an email saying I needed to log on and include my password, so they can go ahead and use that, so if you've lost your password or forgot your password they'd have a way to access it. I called Armstrong and they said, no delete it; which I did. I didn't know if you've had any calls like that.

CHIEF OF POLICE: No but that completely sounds like a scam. As far as I'm aware we haven't had any reports like that. Anytime anybody is asking for passwords and changing it, I like to put it out there because nobody is going to ask you to change your password.

MR. TIECHE: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: If people could do this for good instead of the opposite.

Under **QUESTIONS** from residents on reports, there were none.

Under **PERSONS DESIRING TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL:**

MRS. OLIVER: We don't have anybody signed up to speak.

Under **OLD BUSINESS:**

ITEM A: An Ordinance Amending Canfield Codified Ordinance Section 1141.15 (B3) Highway Commercial District.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Amending Canfield Codified Ordinance Section 1141.15 (B3) Highway Commercial District. I move for passage.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes
	Ordinance 2025-07

ITEM B: Annual Appropriation Ordinance to make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Canfield, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NEFF: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, Annual Appropriation Ordinance to make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Canfield, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes
	Ordinance 2025-08.

ITEM C: An Ordinance Providing Transfers to Various Funds.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Providing Transfers to Various Funds. I move for passage.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes
	Ordinance 2025-09.

Under **NEW BUSINESS:**

ITEM A: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Contract for the Pavement Condition Assessment of Streets with the City of Canfield.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. NEFF: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Contract for the Pavement Condition Assessment of Streets with the City of Canfield. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MR. TIECHE: Does everybody understand what this is?

MRS. OLIVER: I was just going to ask Mr. D'Apolito to give us an explanation.

MR. D'APOLITO: Our City Engineer brought a company to us that uses AI technology for good, not for evil. It is attached to a vehicle and will drive every street in our city and the computer will analyze every section of the road in our city. It will generate a score for that street as to its need for repaving. In the past, we paid MS to do that and they did that literally walking along the streets and make an assessment and score it; which is obviously somewhat subjective. This eliminates that. It's actually less expensive than what we would be paying MS. It is a 3-year contract that we would be able to rely upon for the next 3 years and it's completely objective. There is no subjectivity in it at all. They are going to analyze every street and generate a score and we'll go from there. We will also see the needs.

MR. TIECHE: Will this also evaluate the existing width of the street and make a recommendation as to whether the street should be widened?

MR. D'APOLITO: That was not discussed in the presentation that we received from the company. I don't think that is in the scope of the contract.

MR. TIECHE: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions from council?

MR. NEFF: We have about 110 streets? Do you know off the top of your head?

CHIEF OF POLICE: More than that. At least 170.

MR. TIECHE: Do you want to know?

CHIEF OF POLICE: I know years ago it was 159.

MR. NEFF: This is called CI Chuck's Intelligence.

MR. TIECHE: 75.07 lane miles of streets. One of the things, because I didn't have anything better to do, I listed every street in the city, how long the street is, how many lanes and then calculated how many feet of asphalt needs to go on each of those.

MRS. OLIVER: You didn't need to hire anyone else. Just ask him.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Are you feeling well enough to be mounted on the front of a vehicle?
(Laughter)

MR. TIECHE: No. Then I got my colored map; which shows you when they were paved last.

MR. NEFF: Could this analysis change a little bit of what the intended because we do have a proposed plan.

MR. D'APOLITO: Probably not for this year.

MR. TIECHE: I think by doing it this way, it eliminates some subjectivity. Things that I was always looking at was, when was the last time this street was paved. If you look at that vs if it was paved 15 or 20 years ago and you got streets that you want to pave that are only 10 years old; which ought to get priority. This will take into consideration the condition of the roadway.

MR. DRAGISH: The more traveled.

MR. TIECHE: Yes. Not having any subjectivity by individual A, B or C.

MR. D'APOLITO: I think the subjectivity comes in subsequently when we look at what the road services, how many vehicles. After we get this we can make those decisions. The computer doesn't do that. It just gives us a number. Then we could use some of own thought process.

MR. DRAGISH: Intelligence.

MR. D'APOLITO: Exactly.

MR. NEFF: I'm surprised we have that many, Chief. I thought 5 years ago we had 110, it must have been wrong.

MRS. OLIVER: You can ask AI on the computer.

MR. TIECHE: Callahan is probably the street that has been the longest since it was paved. That was paved in 1999.

MRS. OLIVER: Any other questions? I have a second from Mr. Dragish.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Ordinance passes
Ordinance 2025-10.

Under **COUNCIL COMMENTS**, there were none.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: If someone would like to make a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 g (1) to consider the compensation of a public employee.

MR. NEFF: So, moved.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

CLERK: The time is 6:09pm

MRS. OLIVER: When we return we're not taking any action.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:25 PM

MR. DRAGISH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN

MR. NEFF SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

Council adjourned at 6:26pm.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL