

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING** May 21, 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

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- A. A **Resolution** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications, and to Execute Contracts and Act as Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Natureworks Grant Program and Declaring an Emergency.

Description: Staff has completed the application for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR")-NatureWorks Grant Program for repairs to the Pickle Ball Courts at Greasel Park.

The due date for this application is June 2, 2025, there is a requirement as part of this application packet that the governing body of the entity applying for the grant must pass a Resolution authorizing the filing of the application and obligating the funds for the project submitted.

Action Needed: Approval of Resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

Public Comments

12. Council Comments.
13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

CITY OF CANFIELD
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND ACT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program and

WHEREAS, the City of Canfield desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Grant Program for the Pickleball Court Repairs at Greasel Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio:

Section 1: That the City of Canfield approves filing this application for financial assistance.

Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

Section 3: That the City of Canfield does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

Section 4: This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Canfield and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that the legislation is required as part of the application process and the deadline for the application submission is June 2, 2025.

Section 5: That this Resolution and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Resolution 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 Resolution was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2025- 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent.

Absent: Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector and Charles Colucci, Chief of Police.

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

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2025 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**, there were none.

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

MRS. OLIVER: I'll start with Mr. Rapp, the Public Works Superintendent.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Good evening. The crews have been doing a lot of storm drain work. They're out repairing those right now. They're over near CH Campbell and Deer Trail, they'll be there for a couple of days. We've been conducting interviews for Public Works. We have an opening. David and I have been doing some interviews trying to find that right guy. We repaired a water break yesterday on Main Street. Crews responded at about 1:20 and I think we were on our way home by 4:00pm. Kudos to our guys, they really just knocked out that one. They worked their tails off. Also, we started with the lead and copper sampling. We appreciate all the residents that take part in that. I see a couple of bottles up there that you guys have. We really appreciate that. It's hard to get people to do that for us but it is mandated by the EPA. Limb and Stick pick-up was a success. We did 4 weeks of limb and stick pick-up. We'll do it again next year. That's it.

MRS. OLIVER: Something that we deal with year after year. You did a good job on that. I see the signs of spring everywhere and signs that summer is coming, I'm pretty excited. Our Finance Director, Mrs. Clayton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: I finished the Capital Asset section of information needed for our annual report. Currently, they're sending me back questions that they have and other information that

they may need. The report is due by the end of the month. It has to go through some review at Julian and Grube and then my approval before it gets submitted. Today, I received an email that they state auditors will be here on Monday to start auditing the 2024 report that is not quite complete. We will have to have a single year audit this year because we did have so much money in Federal Expenditures, that we received from the Federal Government last year. It requires a more intense audit. That's all.

MRS. OLIVER: I'm going to go over here to council.

MR. TIECHE: I believe all members of council should have received a copy of the minutes from the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board meeting minutes, that we had this morning. I don't know that there was anything real exciting in there. Feel free to look that over and ask questions.

MR. NEFF: I was going to let Tyler give the report but since he isn't here, we only had one item on the agenda and we approved the drive-thru window configuration for the new Dairy Queen.

ATTY FORTUNATO: Planning & Zoning is tomorrow night.

MRS. OLIVER: What side is the drive-thru going to be on?

MR. NEFF: The east side.

MR. GRAHAM: Did they determine when they're going to start demolition?

MR. NEFF: I think any day.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The owner wasn't here, there were two representatives but the owner was on the phone.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish.

MR. DRAGISH: I have nothing. I have the Mayor's Monthly Statement. After all the monies collected and received, the net collections to the city is \$400.01.

MRS. OLIVER: I was waiting for that penny. Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Design Review, we met last evening, May 6th. There was one item on the agenda. That was for an approval for a new fence at 28 Scott Street. Those minutes have been posted also.

MRS. OLIVER: For the Fire Board for April, total calls were 243, 111 ambulance transports, fire loss of \$34,000 it was a vehicle accident with another vehicle on the turnpike, mutual aid that we gave was 11, we received 4. That is the fire report. I also want to say, I had the honor of

doing career day at the middle school for the 8th graders, last Friday. Mr. Rubin asked me if I would come as the council person instead of the career. It was really cool because I had our city ordinance book. These kids could not believe the size of that book. I had some agendas that we've done and stuff like that. I explained how it goes. They asked what our salary was, so they discovered that it's not a career salary and I told them it's based on the size of the city. They asked what future things you could do out of this. It was really a lot of fun to be able to answer their questions. I'm really looking forward to what we're doing on this Friday. It was a good time. That's all I have for the Fire Board.

CLERK: Mrs. Oliver. I have Mr. Thorn's report.

MRS. OLIVER: Perfect.

CLERK: For the month of April we've issued 3 zoning permits. The total permits issued year to date is 53. No current updates on projects going on in the city. Tomorrow is Planning & Zoning at 5:15 is a public hearing. That's it.

MRS. OLIVER: Our City Manager, Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. Something that I want to report to council, I've been talking with Trustees and they will be co-sponsoring with us the events that we have. I'm trying to open that door to start to collaborate with the township. I think, if we can get the city and the township to do some small projects together, then it will lead to much bigger projects. I thank the township and trustees for their spirit of cooperation. They're very open to the idea. I invited one of the trustees to our second meeting about the summer events. Ms. Cartwright came, she was very engaging and had some great ideas.

PMG which we hired to do the street assessments using AI Technology is going to be in the city sometime during the month of May. We're one of the first municipalities in the area to use the AI Technology. I think that's going to be very valuable.

On April 30th, the Mayor and I, along with Mr. Rapp attended the groundbreaking ceremony at MCCTC new Health and Wellness Center. I just want to recognize Mr. Z and the great job that they did out at the MCCTC. This Wellness Center will be a huge asset. Our residents will be able to go there to get medical services in the future. I just want to support them. We're working with them on that.

I want council to know that Fair Park was used by the Board of Elections for the primary yesterday. They will also be using that for the general election as a polling place.

Finally, Mr. Tieche said, there wasn't any big news at Parks and Recreation today, but I think it's big news. We had new benches and garbage cans delivered yesterday courtesy of the Rotary. They are black metal benches and trash cans, they look fantastic. They are very high-end. I

want to thank the Rotary and specifically, Mr. Boak, for the contribution to the city. Mr. Boak even had his employees assemble the benches; which was helpful for public works.

Finally, I am not a social media person in anyway but it was brought to my attention by someone and Mr. Rapp knows nothing about this, one of our residents, Mr. Dave Wilson posted something on Everything Canfield. Again, I don't know much about social media. This gentleman was having trouble with his chainsaw and he stopped up at Public Works, and asked for help from someone named John, who he thinks is the superintendent. Mr. Rapp apparently spent time with him, he helped him get the chain on. He had great things to say about Mr. Rapp. We are fortunate to have good people working for the Canfield Street Department. I just wanted to recognize Mr. Rapp. He had no idea I was going to do that. That's the culture that we have here. I think that all of our employees are like that. I think that we have phenomenal department heads. I just wanted to recognize him and really everybody that works here at the city. I'm not trying to say anything about me because I had nothing to do with hiring any of them.

MRS. OLIVER: Two things. Fair Park, is there going to be enough room for parking for the general election? That's a big difference from the Canfield Fair and St. Michael's.

MR. D'APOLITO: So, the Board of Elections called and I just learned this a few months ago. When they called, we have no say in it because we are a publicly funded entity. They come in at no charge and use our facility.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Janitorial fees.

MR. D'APOLITO: I did hit them up for some janitorial fees.

MRS. OLIVER: I voted at the church.

MR. D'APOLITO: Well, there are 4 precincts over there. So, apparently, yesterday was no problem. I don't know about the general election.

MRS. OLIVER: I don't know if I should bring this up under new business. You know how we recognize people, I had a couple of residents bring this to my attention. I would like to know if we can do this. The two seniors that did the pink ribbon pickleball tournament, who raised all that money for people who are going to continue doing this on an annual basis. Is there anything nice we can do at council to recognize these two individuals. I think it would be a nice thing to do. Rotary honors people all the time. They had asked about doing something like that for them.

MR. D'APOLITO: The Mayor could do a proclamation or something like that. I don't think there is any problem at all recognizing them. It was a huge success last year. It was the first year.

MRS. OLIVER: They're going to continue doing it. The two young people that just took this on and I would like them to be recognized. That sounds wonderful. I don't want them recognized at the next meeting, if we're not going to change it. I won't be here and I'd like to be a part of that.

MR. D'APOLITO: I would wait until closer to the event to bring some attention to it. I think that would make sense to do it then.

MRS. OLIVER: We have to find out where they are because of college. They might go away to college, so we might want to look at that in June.

MR. D'APOLITO: Maybe we can get a picture in the paper.

MR. DRAGISH: Maybe. I mean I got dressed up on a Monday. I was just going to add to David's remarks. I had a JEDD meeting this afternoon at 3:00pm. It was announced that Windsor is going to build another assisted living next to it on the piece that was bought along with it a long time ago. No set date of how or what but they're going to move forward with it.

MRS. OLIVER: Is it an addition or a separate building?

MR. DRAGISH: It's a separate building.

MR. D'APOLITO: On the property, so it will be part of the JEDD.

MR. DRAGISH: Yes, it's part of the JEDD. Another thing that was brought up and I believe we passed this a long time ago, signatures or something, the township said they were going to look into it. They think they have their signatures to move forward. I just want to make sure we have everything they need.

MRS. OLIVER: Do you know how many beds they're going to be putting in?

MR. DRAGISH: It's going to go up. It's going to be 3 floors.

MRS. OLIVER: Atty. Fortunato.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I don't have a report tonight. Mr. Neff has submitted his resignation from the Millennial Moments JEDD. Council will need to replace him with a council representative on that JEDD Board. Keep that in mind. We should have a motion on the agenda at the next meeting.

MRS. OLIVER: I remember when that JEDD Board was first formed. That was the first JEDD Board I served on.

Under **QUESTIONS** on reports.

MR. MORVAY: John Morvay, 7 Willow Way. John, my mower isn't running, can I bring it to you? (laughter)

MR. DRAGISH: Tree trimming.

MR. D'APOLITO: John, did you say your tree trimmer?

MR. MORVAY: I do. Who is our zoning inspector?

MRS. OLIVER: Tyler Thorn.

MR. MORVAY: I have not met him. I'll have to stop up and meet him. I know there has been a lot of rain and it's hard to get to the lawns. If you drive around town, there are a lot of lawns that are out of control. It's understandable with the rain but maybe let's keep rein on it (that's a pun)

MR. D'APOLITO: He came to me the other day and it's a huge list. I told him to wait a week or so. Because if you're not available one day to cut your grass, you can't do it for another week or so. I want to give some flexibility.

MR. MORVAY: I'm just saying keep an eye on it, so we don't look like the Beverly Hillbillies. Water, have we started to discuss water rates at all? I know we're going to have an issue with that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: We're starting to discuss.

MR. MORVAY: This Friday, Rotary puts on Civic Day. You guys are probably all aware of it. If anybody out there in the public and wants to attend, there is a mock meeting here, there is a mock meeting at the township, there is a mock meeting at the school board. It just teaches the kids about how government runs, townships run, school runs, the city runs. It's Civic Day, we take the kids to lunch. If you're interested in going to lunch, find a Rotarian, we'd love to have you and show you what Rotarians are about. We welcome anybody that wants to participate. I used to love doing that with the kids. Teaching them about civic duty and how government runs. Mayor, one thing we need to do and I brought this up the last time I was here is, that Business Forum with the business people in town here. I think it's important to bring businesses together, especially Anthony developing that plaza and make sure he's part of the group and any local businesses here in town. Again, let's drive that message that we should be doing business in our local community. I'll get together with you on that.

MR. DRAGISH: Sounds great, John.

MR. MORVAY: That's all I got, thank you.

MR. TIECHE: I have a question that I didn't think about until just now. We have a street that is between Willow Way and Sawmill Run, it's where we got some new condos being developed, do we have a street name for that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Villa Theresa.

MR. TIECHE: Could we get a sign?

FINANCE DIRECTOR: We haven't accepted it yet.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: It's not complete yet. I think the developer does the sign, we install them.

MR. TIECHE: Villa Theresa, okay, thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Any other questions? Hearing none.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there was none.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**:

MRS. OLIVER: We just have to decide if we want to change our next meeting date for this month or Mr. Graham would you like to do the council meeting for me?

MR. GRAHAM: I can.

MR. D'APOLITO: I'm sure Mr. Graham is capable.

MRS. OLIVER: I'll teach you the way Mr. Morvay taught me. We'll do a mock council meeting prior to that and you'll be good.

MR. GRAHAM: I'll be coming to see you John.

MR. MORVAY: Is there anything on the agenda?

MR. D'APOLITO: We don't have it set yet.

MR. MORVAY: If there is something that comes up, we can possibly hold off on it, until all members are present.

MR. D'APOLITO: Well, we'll have a quorum.

MR. MORVAY: That's true.

MR. GRAHAM: The JEDD Appointment.

MRS. OLIVER: Oh, the JEDD appointment.

MR. MORVAY: It's not earth shattering.

MR. GRAHAM: I understand what you're saying John.

MRS. OLIVER: I won't be here, so I will say, I did serve on that JEDD Board, so I am familiar with it, if they would like me to serve, let me know.

MR. MORVAY: If anybody here affiliated with Farmer's National Bank that can get me an invite.

MR. GRAHAM: You can come as my guest John.

MR. DRAGISH: I'm giving a speech, you're more than welcome to come. JT, that might be a nice time for a picture.

MR. TIECHE: Can we make sure that John does go on one of those one-hour dissertations.

ITEM A: A Motion Changing Dates of the Council Meetings for the Months of July and August, Pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Charter of 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 a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have a Motion Changing Dates of the Council Meetings for the Months of July and August, Pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Charter of the City of Canfield. I move for passage.

MR. NEFF: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions?

MR. D'APOLITO: For the record we should probably announce the dates. For July the meeting will be July 16th and for August it will be August 13, 2025 both commencing at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes
Motion 2025-05.

Under **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

MR. NEFF: I wish Chuck Colucci was here. We have a resident that is disabled. Josh, I forget Josh's last name. He lives right by the parking lot. His dad was in Vietnam and he was affected, he was born with no lower arms and only 1 leg. He's gotten through this life that way. He was moving, he's moving out of a house right here on Wadsworth Street and had a huge chest of tools that he couldn't move himself. He actually got it down some stairs but then got stuck and called the PD. They sent over 2 officers and loaded the chest for him into his rental. So, I thought that was great. I wanted to tell the chief it was a nice gesture to do.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you for sharing that. Any other comments?

MR. DRAGISH: No, just Civics Day is Friday. I look forward to it. It's a fun day. Every year there seems to be a different question. I'm looking forward to Friday. As far as the yards go, John, I will cut my grass.

MRS. OLIVER: What time is it?

MR. DRAGISH: I believe it starts at 9:00am.

MRS. OLIVER: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. NEFF: So, moved.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: We are adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY