CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Dan Kirkpatrick, Mayor	☒	☐
Clint Allen, Councilman	☒	☐
Sylvia Chess, Councilwoman	☒	☐
Adam Fritzsche, Councilman	☐	☒
Rodney McCubbins, Councilman	☒	☐
Mary Reaster, Deputy Mayor	☒	☐
Tana Stanton, Councilwoman	☒	☐

Councilman McCubbins moved to excuse Councilman Fritzsche from the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick excused Councilman Fritzsche from the meeting.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adkins, Browning, E. Gay, Gebhart, McNamee, Schell, Taylor and White.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to approve July 21, 2025, Work Session Meeting Minutes. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilwoman Chess moved to approve the July 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilman McCubbins moved to approve the July 28, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to approve the July 28, 2025, Joint Council Meeting with Bath Township and Fairborn City Schools minutes. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

PRESCHEDULED BUSINESS

Jerry Red, Sweet Corn Festival Chairman, and the Lions Club accepted the Proclamation declaring August 11, 2025, through August 17, 2025, as Sweet Corn Festival Week. Mr. Red encouraged everyone to come to the Sweet Corn Festival.

Amy Gayheart, Fairborn City School Superintendent, provided an update about the Fairborn City Schools:

- Groundbreaking for the Middle School occurred last week
- Rendering of the Middle School was displayed.
- The new Fairborn Primary School opened in August of 2020
- Intermediate School was opened in September of 2022
- Fairborn High School opened in August of 2024 – flagship of the district.
- Fairborn Middle School will open in August of 2027 at a cost of $64 million.
- Middle School will include specialized technical classrooms.
- Cafetorium will be included with a stage connecting to the gymnasium for versatility.
- Abundant natural light throughout the building
- Multipurpose field

Councilman Allen stated he appreciates everything that is done for the students. It is great to have the School Board and staff members present at the meeting to show the full body of support we have for the children. It speaks volumes of the citizens of the City who passed the levies to support the schools and our future.

Deputy Mayor Reaster is super excited to see us finish the dream. She stated Fairborn is one of the few districts in the state who have storm shelters in all of the buildings. She is super excited to see the finish line.

Councilwoman Chess is excited as well. She is sure the kids will be excited as well.

Councilman McCubbins stated it is a wonderful time to be a Skyhawk. Another huge thank you to the citizens for voting this in and letting us get there.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked the citizens and those involved in this path.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Amy Gayheart for the presentation and the School Board for coming out for the meeting. This has truly been a community effort. It is a shining star for the community.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 19-25 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT UTILITY INVOICES, WEED MOWING CHARGES AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES.

Deputy Mayor Reaster motioned to read Ordinance 19-25 for the second time by title only Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 19-25 by title only.

Hilary Browning, Finance Director, explained this is annual routine business. We have annually had one and done ordinance that is for utility billing charges, weed mowing and demolition and nuisance abatement charges that remained unpaid during the fiscal year. So, they are combined together. She began with utilities. The purpose is to levy assessments for unpaid water, sewer and garbage and miscellaneous charges from utility bills. Sections 913, 915 and 917 of the City codes permit this collection. We are assessing it because we need rate payers to help us treat the water and sewer and to provide our waste collection services. Absent those charges we would not be able to have those utilities. These accounts remain unpaid. The process or procedure is to finalize the utility account from about June 2024 to May 31, 2025. We send a final invoice to the resident or to the property owner to give them another change to pay their water bill. Then we send another notice and tag the property, so they again know they have an amount in arrears. They also put a notice of pending assessment that is mailed to the property owner and to the property manager if it is a landlord. Then they certify the amounts remaining to the County Auditor if they are unpaid. Staff sent the final notice on July 21, 2025. They also gave a due date of September 4, 2025, to accept final payments with about 264 accounts delinquent at the time of Ms. Browning writing the memo. Last year they had about 335 accounts. About $37,763.83 remain delinquent on these particular water bills. Historically, we are going to collect about half prior to assessing it.

In regard to weed mowing they are also going to assess unpaid amounts for weed mowing charges. The City Codes are 547.15 and 547.16. Again, the time period is May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. The reason they go out to mow is that there is a complaint that is received, and the inspector goes out to verify that there is a complaint of high weeds. The owner is notified that the grass was cut and there is a reinspection process. The City contractor actually cuts the grass, and the property owner is billed. The remaining unpaid amount is certified to the County Auditor. They also send monthly invoices to the owners. Currently there are 358 invoices remaining unpaid. We have about $77,528.22 outstanding.

For demolition and nuisance abatement these reference City Code Section 1315.07, and these could be for boarding charges and not just demolition. It could be a number of different nuisance abatements. The procedure is the nuisance is determined. The owner is notified by certified mail. If the owner does not complete remediation, the City will undertake the repairs or demolition, and the owner is billed for the expenses incurred by the City. Any amounts that remain unpaid will be certified to the county auditor. We have about 10 invoices that remain unpaid totaling $5,238.88. There are no large demolitions this time. It is more boarding and nuisance remediation. The totals here are $120,530.90. She checked this time last year and we were closer to $370,000. Going in the downward trend is a very positive for our assessments. We don't want to get to the point of assessing proactively instead of assessing. If payment is not received by September 4, 2025, we will assess with the County auditor. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 19-25.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

Karen Combs, 1238 Warbler Lane, Fairborn, stated this Council needed to be aware that there are so many properties in this town that when you talk about reduced assessments it is because you are not doing assessments anymore. She can personally give them the names of people who have horrifying things that they are living next to and can't get any help from Code Enforcement. So, for people to sit here and brag about the reduced assessments is clownish. She thinks this town must stop brushing serious issues under the rug. Council is the leaders, not the City Manager, they are the elected leaders. They are supposed to legislate, and they are responsible for the failure to enforce our legislation. So, stop sitting up there saying, "We are doing great, there are no more assessments. This is insane to her when she sees pictures of the properties in this town. It is insane when she sees pictures of the property that she lives next to. So, let's stop this nonsense. Get on board, get out of your seats, get out of your comfort zone and drive around this town.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Councilman Allen thanked Ms. Browning for the read ahead and the research into these properties. He had no questions.

Deputy Mayor Reaster echoed Mr. Allens' comments.

Councilwoman Chess thanked her for her hard work and the read ahead.

Councilman McCubbins and Councilwoman Stanton had no questions.

Mayor Kirkpatrick knows a lot of work has gone into this. The list of the houses was long and extensive.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to waive the rule requiring that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 19-25 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 19-25 by title only.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Ordinance 19-25. Councilman McCubbins seconded. Yeas six: Chess, McCubbins, Allen, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 19-25 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 30-25 AMENDING FAIRBORN'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) PROGRAM TO INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS.

Deputy Mayor Reaster motioned to read Resolution 30-25 for the first time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 30-25 by title only.

Jalen White, Economic Development Specialist, explained that the purpose of this legislation is to expand our current CRA area which currently only allows for tax abatements for commercial and industrial properties to also now include abatements for residential properties as well. These tax abatements will be applicable to new construction as well as substantial rehabilitation of residential dwellings as defined in the ORC. The proposed CRA would include the entirety of Fairborn CRA for industrial properties. He provided the background to include the housing survey done in June of 2025. Greater than 60 percent of Fairborn's housing stock was built before 1979, making them 46 plus years old. Approximately 32 percent of housing units were constructed prior to 1960, making them 65 plus years old. Housing vacancies in Fairborn are almost double the vacancy rates for Greene County. Median home values in Fairborn are $100,000 less than the county average and median household incomes in Fairborn are 33.27 percent lower than the county average and 17.42 percent lower than the state average. These metrics were obtained using the census bureaus ACS survey for 5 years in 2023. Without the CRA Fairborn appears less competitive than our neighboring cities such as Xenia, Huber Heights, and Dayton. The CRA will help increase property values, decrease vacancy rates, and decrease the average age of residential dwellings in Fairborn.

The components of the CRA are as follows. This will allow for up to 100 percent abatement for 15 years. Anything over 75 percent will require School Board approval. There is an emphasis on the up to because projects that may not strongly reflect the CRA Housing Council's and goals could receive lower payment in terms of term or percentage. Staff has developed the following criteria to deem residential dwellings eligible for tax abatements. Those are residential criteria and age in place standards which were attached in the resolution. All the points of the CRA are in compliance with the ORC and Senate Bill 33 from the 134th General Assembly. These components are also similar to requirements enacted with the City first that allow for residential tax abatements which was in August 1984 in Resolution 86-84. Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 30-25.

Councilwoman Chess asked if property owner's sell their home will that tax abatement be transferred over to the new owner. Mr. White stated yes it would.

Councilman McCubbins asked if we see a high percentage of usage of this CRA on the residential side or are we more likely to see it on the commercial industrial side. Mr. White stated more on the commercial industrial side. This is more the incentive for residential in the near future it might be more even, but right now it is more commercial and industrial.

Councilwoman Stanton stated they had a really good discussion on this during the work session prior to this meeting. She stated if there is an infill lot and someone wants to build a house on it the tax abatement is only on the increase in the property value from the time that person takes the house and they improve it. Mr. White agreed.

Councilman Allen stated they just had a work session on this, and he appreciates the work that he and Cherise Schell put into this and the research coming up with this strategy.

Deputy Mayor Reaster thanked Mr. White for the great work.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this makes us more competitive with neighboring communities to have a program like this. Anything we can do to make this better is a good thing.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 30-25. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 30-25 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 31-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH C.G. CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND RELOCATION OF A FAILING WATER MAIN ALONG COLONEL GLENN HIGHWAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 31-25 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 31-25 by title only.

Terry Adkins, Public Works Director, explained this Resolution will allow us to transfer approved funds they had in this year's CIP. Those funds were going to be utilized to put new and updated generators at two of our booster stations. Unfortunately, due to the water main breaks in the area of Colonel Glenn Highway they are going to have to replace the water main. They will be able to reallocate the funds from the CIP and put those into emergency funds. They will be able to go into a contract with C.G. Construction. If everything goes right, they will be able to start work out there on Monday. It will move that water main from the parking lot and move it down onto the Colonel Glenn roadway area at a much more manageable depth. This project will be completed at a cost not to exceed the $300,000 that was earmarked in the CIP.

This water main is 12" high pressure. Over the last five breaks the average depth has been about 17 feet to the top of it. So that is roughly 20 feet deep each time they do this. They must use a contractor to come in because we are not set up with the shoring and larger equipment internally. It is a very large cost. He described the location of where the main will be relocated and tied back into the service. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 31-25.

Councilman Allen asked if it is unusual to have this type of break this time of the season. Mr. Adkins stated they do have more water main breaks in the wintertime, but when you have those really hot summers, we have always experienced high water main breaks. This pipe is just eaten up. We are experiencing the top and the bottom of this water main failing. Councilman Allen asked if this was a project that had been pushed out. Mr. Adkins stated they were hoping to roll this in with the Colonel Glenn project. Staff went ahead and got a design for it hoping to put it in this year. They did not anticipate having this

many failures on it this year. Luckily, we had the design in place, but now we really have no choice.

Deputy Mayor Reaster stated all of her questions had been answered.

Councilwoman Chess how long will the project take. Mr. Adkins stated they are hoping it will take no longer than three weeks. It is a very short stretch. The contractor they are going to be working with does have the equipment. There will be an impact to Colonel Glenn traffic. His hope is the project will be done in three weeks.

Councilman McCubbins stated all of his questions were answered through the presentation.

Councilwoman Stanton stated there is no choice but to get this done. She always learns a lot when Terry comes forward to explain projects.

Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if Bob Evans is the one mainly affected by this. Mr. Adkins stated Bob Evans, McDonalds, and Taco Bell. They can never turn the pressure off. EPA requires us to carry 20 psi, but everything is elevated out there. It impacts several businesses in that corridor.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 31-25. Councilwoman Chess seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Chess, Allen, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 31-25 duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened Citizens Comments.

Joann Collins, 173 Erie, stated she was here to speak on the matter of law enforcement and the police officers in Fairborn. In 2024 her husband had dementia when he was alive. He got his ring caught on the lace of their tablecloth and pulled off glassware and everything and she could not calm him calmed down. He had sundowners. She does not call the paramedics because they want to strap you down. She was able to call the Fairborn Police Department. They came out and she talked with them on the porch. Normally they take them to Soin, but he is VA veteran, and she asked if it would be possible because they had dealt for years with many charitable events with the Police Department and he was comfortable with them. She asked them to please take him to the VA. They made a call. She gave them his insurance card. He had a torn rotator cup. They escorted him out, just walking and talking. He got in the car, and he was taken away. Everything was done with dignity and in order and it was wonderful. They treated him the way that he needed to be done.

Next, she discussed the current police department. She was blessed to speak with Chief Ben Roman. She is told that he is out in the field with everyone. He is well respected and liked. He does the K-9 unit when they have demonstrations. Budgeting Police funds as they were their own is the best way to save money. He is phenomenal. He went ahead

and tested vehicles, the Chevy, the Ford and the Dodge and he let the Police officers test drive the three. Then he asked them which one is the best. When the officers are in these cars that is their office. They need to be comfortable and safe. The Dodge was $3,000 cheaper and it had air conditioning in the back for the prisoners. The vehicles aren't equipped. They have to get the vehicle equipped. The secret weapon is Steve in the garage. When they purchase all the stuff he installs it to our specifications. He has a program for the Fire and the Police. The citizens Police Academy for residents and business. It runs 12 weeks in November through January on Thursdays. We have Safety City who are graduates of kindergarten to show fire safety. They have the DARE program. We have three officers at the schools to protect our children. We also have citizens patrol who are extra citizens who are able to get around when we have special events and they fill in to help Police at those events. They have Public Safety in the Park which occurs on October 5, 2025. The Blue Event program is also available for meeting seniors' needs, dementia, autism, and they put the envelope in their vehicle so if they get stopped it helps the officers identify the person's need. They have community walks and a safety exchange area.

Courtney Pickens, 104 W. Main Street, spoke on behalf of the Downtown Fairborn Committee. She wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to the City of Fairborn for their ongoing efforts to help improve efforts of the Downtown District. As well as you know, the downtown area is the heart of the community. It tells the story of the city's past while shaping its future and over the past several months they have witnessed exciting changes that have made the downtown more walkable and welcoming. From the updated lighting, the landscaping, the improved sidewalks, and the public safety the work has not gone unnoticed. These improvements may seem subtle to some but to their small businesses, residences, and visitors it is a sign that downtown Fairborn is coming back to life. These changes show that the City believes in the core, and it is actively working to make it thrive again. They especially want to thank them for supporting the 2nd Saturday initiative, those of you that have. These events are becoming a beautiful expression of what Fairborn can offer. They have had local vendors, food trucks, family activities and just a genuine sense of community. The infrastructure and logistical support help them bring vibrance into downtown and without their partnership these events would not be possible. Are we where we want to ultimately be in terms of foot traffic, not quite? That is ok because they recognize that revitalization is a journey. It is not a sprint. The foundation being laid right now tells us that we are on the right path. They believe that in the future of Fairborn. They believe in its ability to be a destination, a gathering place, and a true reflection of pride that we all share in this community. Most importantly they believe that by continuing to work together residents, businesses, City leadership and volunteers they can create something that is truly remarkable. Again, she wanted to thank them.

Karen Combs, 2138 Warbler, stated she gave up coming to these meetings a long time ago because they are rather pointless. She is here tonight because she thinks this is very significant. At the last meeting we had City Councilwoman Chess lay out that she had received an anonymous letter that was containing allegations. She went on to say that she had been racially intimidated and she prefaced these remarks by saying there is something she would like to say to the public and to council. This is a public meeting. She is a member of the public. She went on to discuss her tax issues which would be 11 sales tax liens against her and said that she had resolved them. She held up a copy and

said if you need a copy I have a copy. As you know she is a concerned citizen. She does what she can from home. She is extremely disabled, but she does what she can. So, she requested copies of these documents on July 23, 2025. These were documents held up in a public meeting, in a public forum and specifically said that these were public documents. When she filed the request not only to the incredible Julie Taylor who always does her job, but also personally to Mrs. Chess so that she may understand that I was directing these requests to her upon receipt of her alarming accusations. It is now into August and she has received no reply other than Ms. Taylor, who always replies, and who told her that it was going to be reviewed by the City Solicitor, who for some reason does not think a document discussed in a public meeting might be a public record.

She is very alarmed about this situation. She came back just today and was really blown away to look at the cost that we are spending on legal services. As you may know, prior to Mr. McNamee we had Mr. Mayer who was the City attorney. The legal expenses for the City were about $319,000 roughly the last time she looked. They are currently $636,000 a year. Fifty-three thousand dollars a month for legal services. For an attorney who has to review whether a clearly public document offered to us by a public servant is indeed a public record. This is embarrassing. This should be embarrassing to you all. This is not an unusual request. If these things are going on if our City Council people are being subjected to anonymous threats, then she for one who has been a citizens advocate in this town for over two decades would like to make our citizens aware of that. However, Mrs. Chess did not respond to her. Mr. McNamee has not seen fit to respond to her for a clear public document. If you waive them in front of us and say if you need a copy, I have a copy well then, I would like a copy and not crickets. This is unacceptable, it is ridiculous, and it is high time for this nonsense to stop. If we had a leader, Mr. Kirkpatrick, you should have said we are not going to have these vague allegations raised in a City Council meeting without posting these documents publicly. The citizens have a right to know what is happening in this town. If there is racism in this town, they have a right to fight it, and she resents the fact that somebody wants to play a victim without putting up the evidence.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed Citizens Comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, reviewed the milestone recipients for this month. He thanked all of staff for their hard work.

To follow up with what Mr. Adkins stated we had that catastrophic main break on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Bob Evans/Texas Roadhouse parking lot along Colonel Glenn. Terry and his crew started at midnight Saturday morning to repair that break. The majority of the work occurred between 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. He was on site with him at 9:00 a.m. He thanked the crew for being there when they were needed. He asked that Mr. Adkins pass along his thanks.

Bluegrass and Brew was this past Friday night and there was a good crowd there. He thanked each of the departments led by Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Fire and

Police. If it was not for them the events could not happen downtown. He also thanked Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers for their efforts.

The Fairborn Civic Band played their final event of the Free on Friday series on Friday night, July 25, 2025, at the Amphitheatre. The Civic Band led by Gary Johnson put out an outstanding performance.

The Fairborn Citizens Academy is coming up. There are fifteen slots with a few slots still available. He encouraged residents to take part in that Citizens Academy. It begins on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It meets weekly for 9 weeks. You can find information on the City's website under communications, or you can reach out to Communications Manager, Emily Gay at 937-754-3030. Civic engagement for August and September includes Council Conversations Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There is a Mayor's Forum on Monday, August 25, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Council Conversations on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.to 10:00 a.m. Those two locations are still to be determined. Coffee Council on Tuesday, September 9th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. with the location still to be determined. The Sweet Corn Festival is also coming up on August 16th and 17th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess attended the Bluegrass and Brew was amazing. The band was great. She thanked those citizens who came out for that event. She congratulated the milestone recipients and those who have been with the City for a while. She can truly say it has been a journey for herself as well.

Councilman McCubbins stated last week they had the joint meeting with Bath Township and the Schools. It is his favorite meeting of the year. He takes a lot of notes and has a lot of information so when he is out and about and is asked questions he can provide answers. He provided some highlights from the meeting. If you recall, Byron was scheduled for closure on State Route 235 it is now not closing. They have discovered some new information that was not known before, and a decision was made based on that information and citizens input to not close down Byron Road.

He wanted to encourage the Citizens Academy. He did it back in 2017 and he received a great understanding of the inner work on how a full-service City works. He can tell you that the eight weeks that they run it is quick. You will come away feeling very overwhelmed and still have more questions, but he highly encourages you to take advantage of this opportunity. He also wanted to take this time to say they did get a nice briefing from the Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding where they are at. He is proud to announce that crime overall in the City has been down so far this year. Let's hope it stays that way. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are still available. If you have a need for those, they will be more than willing to come out and install them. The traffic preemption program is finally completed on all the vehicles in the Fire Department. So, when they are responding to the calls now, they don't have to sit at the major intersections and wait for the lights to change. It will all happen automatically which will increase the response time and increase the number of lives they save every day.

As far as the schools go, there are a lot of good things happening with the schools. All four schools will now have storm shelters. This is a good thing. What Mrs. Gayheart did not mention is they are rebranding and launching a new website and mobile app this year. So, look for that to be coming out this year. He ended his conversation with being a first responder, which is very difficult. He has worked in the medical career field for over 30 years now and it is really a pleasure to get to serve someone that is in need. It is a very difficult career field to recruit for so if you know folks who are interested in becoming a first responder, either Police of Fire or EMT or paramedic please send them our way. Fairborn is a great City to live, work and play. He thinks they would enjoy working for Chief Roman or Chief Williams.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked the milestone recipients for continuing to serve the City. As she has been doing for a while she provided a quick Sustainability plan update in her effort to keep moving it along. She thanked Mike Gebhart for some great progress she has seen recently on that joining the FEAB meeting and bringing pieces of what would be a City Sustainability Plan through the City Council work sessions. Tonight, they spoke about the SolSmart Program which is just making sure we have best practices in our permitting. She is looking forward to getting these all sorted through, and we can pass a Resolution and adopt a Sustainability Plan as they described in their Memorandum of Understanding a while ago. Starting a goal without a plan is just a wish. She wanted to say that she is glad she has food to eat.

Councilman Allen stated it was great to have a crowd in the audience. He thanked the milestone recipients. Bluegrass and Brew was a great event. He participated in a book bag give away at Emmanuel Ministries last Saturday. There were 400 book bags given away. It is awesome to be able to give back. This Sunday there is a free haircut opportunity for the kids going back to school. There is another event happening this Friday at Fairborn High School and that is on the 9th. It is the Fairborn Historical Society presenting Fairborn History. It is a great opportunity to tour the school as well. Last but not least, school starts on August 18, 2025. The last thing he mentioned was the Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday. He discussed the Sweet Corn eating contest.

Deputy Mayor Reaster thanked the milestone recipients for serving the City. She had the privilege of attending Detective Hartwell's retirement last week. They wished him nothing but the best. May the road rise to meet you. Thank you for your service. You are an incredible asset, and you have big shoes left to fill. Earlier today they had the opportunity to unveil the official renaming of the Lynn Wolaver City Building. As you step outside these doors take a look back and you will see the official letters on the wall. She skipped Bluegrass and Brew and went out the Greene County Fairgrounds. A number of the elected officials put together money and went to the 4H Auction. They decided to participate in this. It was her fourth year. In the Township we have a lot of students that participate in 4H so it was great to see them out there showing their animals. She greatly appreciated that. Many of the Council members will be at the Sweet Corn Festival with other organizations and she looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Mayor Kirkpatrick sent kudos out to the milestone recipients. He was at Bluegrass and Brew and there were great bands there. The crowd went way down Main Street. The weather was perfect. The Sweet Corn Festival corn eating contest is coming up if anyone

has a hankering to join the team. Also, Hairborn is coming up on September 19, 2025. The Air Force Marathon on September 20, 2025. Come down and cheer on the runners who come from all over the world to participate. The next day is the car show, and they are expecting up to 300 cars this year. At the end of the car show is the Heels for Heroes, which is an opportunity to raise funds for Operation Fairborn Cares which goes directly to benefit local veterans. Later that evening is the Honor Flight. Most of you are aware that the Honor Flight typically flies out of Dayton Airport. This Honor Flight is going to be very special and fly out of the 445th. That evening there will be a big concert with Lee Greenwood as the headliner. The tickets are free, but you have to go to the website to get a ticket. In the first 24 hours they went through 1,000 tickets. They are planning to give out 3,000 or 4,000. The schools are providing transportation to the event. Something going on much quicker is this Friday and Saturday is Christmas in Action. Fred Pumroy is coordinating that. On Saturday at the Miami Valley Military History Museum part of their speaker series will be a gentleman from Bosnia speaking about his experience working in a war-torn part of the world. He gave a shout out to a gentleman who organized a Breakfast with the Mayor. They ended up with 25 participants for that event. He is doing that again on August 19, 2025, at the Family Diner.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Reaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN