REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Nick Augustine, Lori DiNallo, Paul Hach, Jim Fodor, Mario Rodriguez, and Christine Shoop were present.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, Law Director Jim Lyons, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Electric Superintendent Joe Price, and Acting Clerk of Council Helen Petersburg.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Abney moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Mario Rodriguez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 10.20.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2025, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Ricky Beamer of 111 Mathew Street, Painesville addressed the Council regarding sidewalk repairs. He thanked the Council for addressing an issue he had raised at a previous meeting. He expressed concern that while the city had allocated funds to make Main Street look nicer, homeowners were still responsible for repairing their own sidewalks. Mr. Beamer noted there were many rental properties in Ward 4 and asked if the Council could find money in the budget to help homeowners repair sidewalks that had been identified as safety hazards. Council President Foder explained that the city has a program for low-income homeowners through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. He also clarified that if trees in the tree lawn cause sidewalk damage, the city is responsible for those repairs. Mr. Foder mentioned that the sidewalk program funding comes from the general fund, which also pays for essential services like police and fire. City Manager Lewis clarified that the city applies for CDBG funds through Lake County, and when granted, these funds provide assistance to low and moderate-income families who qualify. He noted that typically the program pays 80% of the cost while homeowners pay 20%.

Dr. Melvin Motley of 171 Mathew Street, Painesville also addressed sidewalk concerns. He had noticed Xs on his sidewalk but had received no communication from the city about required repairs. He observed that a contractor had repaired some sidewalks on Matthew Street but not others, and questioned the communication process. Dr. Motley asked how residents could apply for the sidewalk assistance program. Council members acknowledged the communication issues and agreed to look into the situation more thoroughly. Councilman Augustine suggested researching the matter and providing better information to the concerned residents. Councilwoman Shoop advised that all homeowners should be mindful of their sidewalks' condition and noted that sidewalk maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility throughout the United States. She emphasized that proper sidewalk maintenance is important for community safety and that homeowners risk lawsuits if someone is injured on their damaged sidewalk. Dr. Motley pointed out that many seniors on fixed incomes cannot afford the repairs and suggested the city make special efforts to assist them. Mr. Lewis confirmed that the city does reach out to people who might qualify for assistance programs and helps them complete applications.

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.07 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this was essentially a title change for a position. The city had advertised for an Electric Project Manager position in August but failed to attract qualified candidates for the solar and battery backup project. To better align with industry terminology, they were changing the title to include "sustainability" which would open the position to more professions. The new title would be Solar BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) and Sustainability Project Manager.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 30-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept financial assistance from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Community and Litter Grant to be used towards the installation of security cameras to monitor high litter areas, and declaring and emergency.**

Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this grant has routinely been taken advantage of by the city for many years, primarily funding cleanup days. The city has stockpiled necessary items for future cleanup days, and in the last cycle, they adjusted the grant to purchase a vacuum truck for litter to enhance their ability to keep downtown and park areas clean. This year, security cameras to prevent litter in high-litter areas qualify as a new project under the grant. If successful, the city's match would be roughly $6,200. The cameras would cover a good portion of the park and help keep the Grand River clean, deterring people from dumping bulk items in the area. Councilman Augustine asked about the enforcement process if someone was caught dumping on camera. Mr. Zampedro confirmed that they could enforce based on video evidence, recover cleanup costs, and issue citations. The cameras would be integrated into the existing camera system and be monitored by police; signs would be posted to act as deterrents.

Mr. Abney moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Mr. Rodriguez answered "No". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Mr. Rodriguez answered "No". Motion carried 6-1.

RESOLUTION 59-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into approve change order for Hydro-Excavation Services directly associated with the ODOT State Route 20 originally approved by and funded by Resolution No. 56-22 in October of 2022, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated that this project was funded in 2023 for a total of $2,700,000. Of that amount, $1,616,720 was awarded to JF Electric and $517,282 was awarded to GPD Engineering, with $40,000 of the engineering allocation remaining. The third portion was budgeted for materials to be purchased by the city at $565,998, of which $273,289.72 remains. Mr. Price explained that JF Electric has submitted a third change order. The first two were covered by the contingency money in their original bid, but this additional change order requires approval. At the end of the project, they needed to go

underground, and instead of boring (which could hit existing infrastructure), they need to use hydrovac excavation. After clarification about the funding sources, Council amended the resolution to remove language about appropriating additional funds, as the money was already available within the project budget. Law Director James Lyons helped craft the amendment language.

Mrs. Shoop motioned to amend the resolution as follows: Change the last whereas clause to end after "approve this change order" and to remove Section II in its entirety, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Augustine moved to suspend the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to adopt amended resolution, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 60-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Service Club Signage

Mr. Fodor stated that the City is working on documentation to create a service club signage policy. The draft policy was included in Council packet for review. He asked Council members to review the policy, discuss it with service clubs they are associated with, and be prepared to consider adopting it at the next Council meeting. Mrs. DiNallo raised two concerns: first, she wanted to hear from Public Lands staff who would manage the signs about their thoughts on the policy. Second, she noted the policy specified "no political or religious affiliations" for 501(c)(3) organizations, which would exclude organizations like the YMCA and Salvation Army. She asked Council to consider whether they wanted to maintain that restriction.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Police

A presentation was given by Police Chief Dan Waterman. He gave an overview of their mission statement, general information, personnel, officers who have passed, officers who received awards, members of the Detective Bureau, members of the SWAT Team, members of Records Division and Administration, officers of School Resource, volunteers, 2024 training and FBI Graduate, a summary of motor vehicle accidents, a summary of police calls for service, crime statistics, new patrol officers and new community service officer, overview of the first annual Safety Town, Story Time, and National Night Out, and shared photos of various events. See attached slides of presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: The city has finalized a cybersecurity policy that will be presented at the second council meeting in November, as required by HR 96, to be effective January 1, 2026; the budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 3:45 PM in Courtroom 1; the finance department is evaluating new software to replace Tyler Munis; Business Appreciation Night will be Thursday, November 6 from 5-7 PM (by invitation only); Holiday Shop and Stroll will be Thursday, November 20; a ribbon cutting for the Joe Hada Memorial Clock at the corner of Park Place and Main Street will take place on November 6 at 2:15 PM. He thanked the Hada family for donating the clock and the electric department for installation; the property at 154 Main Street in downtown has become available and will be going up for auction. The city is working to attract new restaurants for the location; and the Solar and Battery Backup (BESS) Project is moving forward. They are finalizing agreements with E-Tree and Encompass for engineering and design, and have entered an agreement with Power Up Local to review tax incentives and ensure all project deadlines are met.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

Acting Clerk of Council reported the following items: The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 PM; and City offices will be closed on Tuesday,

November 11th for Veterans Day. Join the local veterans for a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Painesville Square at 11:00 AM.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney thanked everyone who attended the meeting and encouraged citizens to vote in the upcoming election. He also congratulated his colleagues who were running for re-election.

Mr. Augustine had no comment.

Mrs. DiNallo had no comment.

Mr. Hach thanked the residents of Ward 4 for attending and voicing their concerns.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that Officer Jordan had received the public safety service award at the NAACP banquet. He also recognized a community advocate present at the meeting who had received an unsung hero award.

Mrs. Shoop had no comment.

Mr. Fodor had no comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to move into the Executive Session.

Mr. Augustine made a motion to move into an Executive Session being held in accordance with Article II, Section 6(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official of the City; and in accordance with Article II, Section 6(2) To consider the purchase or lease of property for public purposes if premature disclosure of information would be adverse to the public interest, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 8:19 PM.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:01 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Helen Petersburg
Acting Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

PAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Officers Dallas McCloud and Jose Carrillo were two of the recipients of this year's most prestigious Law Enforcement Award, the Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award, for saving the life of a community member suffering a severe moment of breakdown.

Douglas L Lewis – Safety Director

Daniel J Waterman – Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The Painesville Police Department is committed to protecting every member of our community, and to improving the quality of life for our residents

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City of Painesville General Information

Total Population (2020 census): 20,334
Area (square miles): 7.903

Established: 1800
Village of Champion: 1805
Town of Painesville: 1832
Village of Painesville: 1852
City of Painesville: 1902

Division of Police Established: 1903

Painesville Police Department
28 Mentor Ave.
Painesville, OH 44077
440-392-5840

City Webpage:
http://www.painesville.com/
(Under **Departments** select "Police")

On Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/PainesvillePoliceDepartment/

2025 Painesville Police Personnel

CHIEF:
DANIEL J. WATERMAN

POLICE LIEUTENANTS:
TOBY J. BURGETT
MICHAEL C. SLOCUM
MICHAEL J. DECARO
LARRY A. ARMSTRONG

POLICE SERGEANTS:
MICHAEL T. BAILEY
JOSHUA D. POCLEDS
MATTHEW S. TYCAST
MATTHEW W. COLLINS
EVAN M. GOMEZ

PATROL OFFICERS:
BRIAN M. AVERY
WILLIAM C. SMITH JR.
DANIEL W. THOMPSON
VINCENT C. CREWS
KYLE M. SUKYS
SEAN M. STONE
DALLAS M. MCCLOUD
CODY L. WHITT
TYLER J. MEHALIC
CHAD M. ZALAUSKY
JOSE G. CARRILLO
BRANDON D. SMITH
TAYLOR M. PRUGEL
RACHEL M. CHAPMAN
IAN M. PARKOMAKI
BRADLEY F. EPPAUFF
JOSEPH P. FEDERICO
GEOFFREY S. SIDIORA
ALEXANDER GROVE
BRIANNA T. PRUGEL
STEVEN C. IVASKOVIC
MARIO A. PITATE
ELIZABETH A. FALLER
SARAH C. YECKLEY
MARIO P. MAZZA
TREVOR M. HARRIS
JOSE R. CRUZ
NOAH M. RINA
JORDAN T. HEFNER

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS:
HAROLD D. ADAMS
NANCY F. RAMIREZ

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:
ELVERT JORDAN
ANA CHRISTINA MEDINA

CLERKS:
JERROD D. PRESLEY
PAMELA S. O'CONNELL
DOLORES C. ALLEN

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS:
DAVID R. LUHTA
NICHOLAS A. SHOLTZ
RYAN TROMAN
BARRY D. DODD
DAVID HARVEY

In Memory of:



Community Service Officer Allen E. Nagy

D. April 7th, 2025, Born May 6th, 1973 (age 51)
Painesville P.D. October 30th, 2006 – April 12, 2013 (6.5 years)

- Allen (Al) Nagy was 51 years old and was employed with the Painesville Police Department for 6 ½ years, beginning his career here on October 30th, 2006. Al passed away on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Al was well-liked in both his roles as Court Security Officer and Community Service Officer, where he worked with the Crime-Free Housing Program, among others. After leaving the Painesville P.D., Al went on to work for both the Cleveland Police Department and the Bratenahl Police Departments.

Retired:



Officer Julius K. Ponder retired after almost 27 years of service. Julius was a staple at Harvey High School, beloved by staff and students alike. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Retired:



Officer Ryan Cueni retired after 28 years of combined service. Ryan's work ethic and commitment were game changers in every role he held.

Making History:



For the first time in our history, we have seven (7) female officers. From top left: Taylor Prugel (6 years service), Rachel Chapman (4.5 years service), Briana Prugel (4.5 years service), CSO Nancy Ramirez (1.5 years service), Elizabeth Faller (1.5 years service), Sarah Yeckley (10 months service), and SRO Ana Christina Medina (6 months service)

Detective Bureau:



Detectives, from left:

- Lt. Larry Armstrong
- Sgt. Matthew Tycast
- Det. William Smith
- Det. Vincent Crews
- Det. Kyle Sukys

Photo Courtesy of Detective William C. Smith

The Painesville Police Detective Bureau handles our most serious felony investigations, bringing justice to victims throughout our community.



SWAT Team:

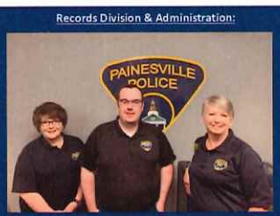


Photo Courtesy of Detective William C. Smith

- Painesville Police Department Members of the Lake County SWAT Team:
- Sergeant Matthew S. Tycast (Asst. Team Leader)
- Detective Vince C. Crews (Operator)
- Officer Dallas M. McCloud (Operator)
- Officer Steven C. Ivaskovic (Operator)
- Sergeant Joshua D. Rogers (Retired from Team)

The Lake County SWAT Team consists of the members of the following agencies: The Lake County Sheriff's Department, the Painesville City Police Department, the Geauga County Sheriff's Department, the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, and the Madison Township Police Department.

Records Division & Administration:



- Clerk Jerrod D. Presley (middle)
- Clerk Dolores (Dee) C. Allen (left)
- Admin Asst. Pamela (Pam) S. O'Connell (right)

- Jerrod and Dee work our fast-paced administrative records division and together process all daily arrests, and dockets, as well as interface with the municipal, common pleas, and juvenile courts. In addition to handling public record requests.
- Pam works on grants, budgets, and schedules, along with a number of other administrative projects in support of the agency, including assisting in facilitating many of our major community events alongside our Community Service Officers.

School Resource Officers (SRO's):



- Officer Elvert Jordan (right), a 10-year veteran School Resource Officer at Heritage Middle School, will be taking over at Harvey High School.
- Officer Ana Christina Medina (left) is the newly hired School Resource Officer who will be taking over at Heritage Middle School.

Volunteers:



Pat Kolling

- Pat works many hours for the police department, the majority of which were in support of our records division. She has been an intern for the department for many years

2025 Training:

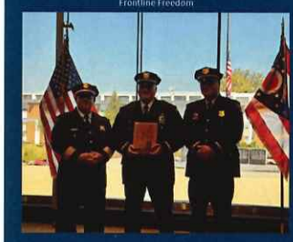
The Painesville Police Department continues to lead in developing Lake County Law Enforcement leadership training by hosting the FBI LEEDA courses in Supervisory, Command, and Executive Leadership.



- Our internal training program remains the most demanding in Lake County.
- Externally, we send officers to best-practices courses, allowing our trainers to bring back top-level learning from around the police world.

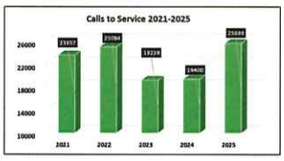
Lt. Mike Slocum, the TSA Ohio Patriot Award:

On Friday September 12th, 2025 at the Ohio State Patrol Academy, Lt. Mike Slocum was issued the TSA Ohio Patriot Award in recognition of his volunteer efforts supporting the first responder community through Frontline Freedom



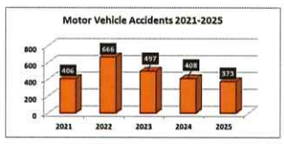
Police Calls for Service Summary 2021-2025:

Calls to Service 2021-2025		
Qtr-Year	CAD's	Change
2021	23657	
2022	25084	6.0%
2023	19228	-23.3%
2024	19400	0.9%
2025	25698	32.5%



Vehicle Accidents Summary 2021-2025:

Vehicle Accidents 2021-2025		
Qtr-Year	Accidents	Change
2021	406	
2022	666	64.0%
2023	497	-25.4%
2024	408	-17.9%
2025	373	-8.6%



Crime Statistics 2021-2025:

Painesville Police Crime Statistics 2021-2025					
CRIME	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder	1	0	1	1	2
Att. Murder	1	0	1	0	0
Felonious Assault	17	7	10	7	10
Assault	41	44	26	32	39
Rape	2	4	1	0	2
Robbery	3	7	2	3	2
Burglary	10	33	10	6	19
Theft	35	36	40	39	81
Criminal Damage	26	26	19	25	34
Disorderly	108	106	66	96	113
Domestic Violence	100	110	102	113	111
Drug Trafficking	3	2	3	1	1
Drug Abuse/Possession	50	68	46	58	47
Warrant Arrest	286	390	259	44	165
Parking Citations	457	230	361	327	569
Traffic Citations	841	1272	1294	1364	1464



New Patrol Officers:



From Top: Jordan Hefner, Noah Riha, Sarah Yeckley, Jose Cruz, Trevor Harris, and Mario Mazza.

New School Resource Officer:



Ana Christina Medina

Painesville Safety Town June 9th-13th, 2025:

This year, we held the second annual Safety Town at Maple Elementary School. Presenters included Officer Ryan Cueni, Officer Barry Dodd, Chief Tom Hummel, Members of the Painesville Lions Club, Teachers from Painesville City Schools, and Officer Richard Renshaw of CSX Railroad.



Painesville Safety Town June 9th-13th, 2025:



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Painesville Police Story Time Aug 13th, 2025:



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National Night Out August 5th, 2025:

This year's National Night Out was our biggest ever, with an estimated 3,000 people attending, including most of the police departments in Lake County. Over 80 bikes were given away, along with skateboards and other prizes. This highly popular event takes months to organize. It is only as successful as it is due to our many local businesses donating generously to support our community's children and families.



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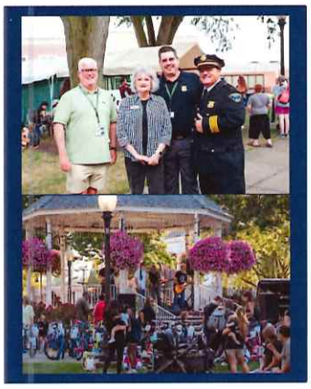
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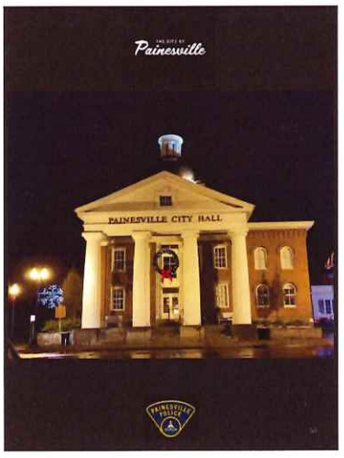
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