

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
NEW FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held January 7, 2026

The New Franklin City Council met at the City Hall at 6:00 P.M. for their Organizational Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rector

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Cotts, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Powell, Mr. Klusty, Mr. Wolff,
Mr. Allman

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Rector requested nominations for President of Council.
Mr. Shaffer was nominated as President.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cotts - Yes Mr. Shaffer - Yes Mrs. Jones - Yes

Mr. Powell - Yes Mr. Klusty – Yes Mr. Wolff - Yes Mr. Allman - Yes

4. ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Shaffer requested nominations for Vice President of Council.
Mrs. Jones was nominated as Vice President.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cotts - Yes Mr. Shaffer - Yes Mrs. Jones - Yes

Mr. Powell - Yes Mr. Klusty – Yes Mr. Wolff - Yes Mr. Allman - Yes

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Shaffer to assign the following Council Committee Assignments.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Klusty and Mr. Wolff

Mrs. Judy Jones, Chair

STREETS & DRAINAGE

Mr. Powell and Mrs. Jones

Mr. Devin Allman, Chair

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mrs. Jones and Mr. Allman

Mr. Kevin Powell, Chair

LAWS & ORDINANCES

Mr. Cotts and Mr. Allman

Mr. Greg Wolff, Chair

FINANCE

Mr. Powell and Mr. Klusty

Mr. Jim Cotts, Chair

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Wolff and Mr. Cotts

Mr. Robert Klusty, Chair

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6. ADOPTION OF MEETING DATES

It was moved by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mrs. Jones to keep the meetings scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month. The Council Committee meetings will be held at 6:00 P.M. immediately followed by the Council Meeting. The council will defer the second meeting of the month for June and July 2026.

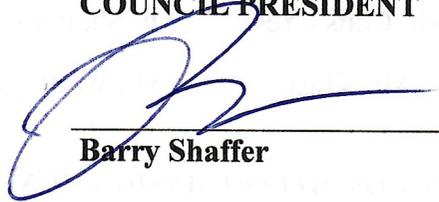
ROLL CALL: YES: All Favorable

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adjourn the Organizational meeting at 6:05 P.M.

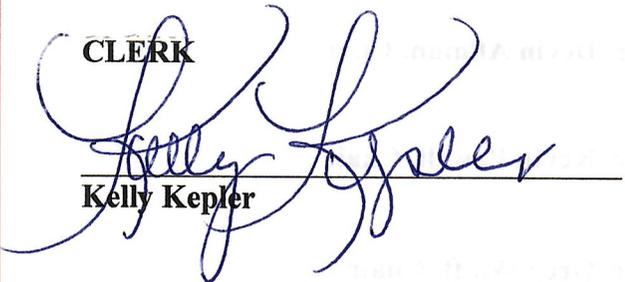
ROLL CALL: YES: All Favorable

COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Barry Shaffer

CLERK



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The New Franklin City Council met at the City Hall at 6:21 P.M. for their regularly scheduled meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Shaffer**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Mr. Cotts, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Powell, Mr. Klusty, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Allman

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – as amended**

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Allman to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025, New Franklin City Council Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Wolff, Allman

ABSTAIN: Klusty

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mike Hoffman – 4123 Melcher – short-term rentals

6. **First Readings**

6-A. **Ordinance No: 26-O-01**

Sponsor: Mayor Rector

Laws & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Wolff

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

TIME REQUESTED; TIME GRANTED

6-B. **Resolution No.: 26-R-01**

Sponsor: Mayor Rector

Finance Committee: Mr. Cotts

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER MAKE AN ADVANCED PAYMENT OF TAX FUNDS FOR TAX YEAR 2025 PAYABLE IN 2026 TO THE CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mrs. Jones to waive the three-reading rule.

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adopt **Resolution 26-R-01.**

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

6-C. **Resolution No.: 26-R-02**

Sponsor: Mayor Rector

Finance Committee: Mr. Cotts

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2025 ANNUAL OPERATING APPROPRIATION BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mrs. Jones to waive the three-reading rule.

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mr. Powell to adopt **Resolution 26-R-02.**

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

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6-D. Resolution No.: 26-R-03

Sponsor: Mayor Rector

Finance Committee: Mr. Cotts

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND
DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.**

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mrs. Jones to waive the three-reading rule.

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

It was moved by Mr. Cotts and seconded by Mr. Powell to adopt **Resolution 26-R-03.**

ROLL CALL: YES: Cotts, Shaffer, Jones, Powell, Klusty, Wolff, Allman

7. Second Readings

7-A Resolution No.: 25-O-08

Sponsor: Mayor Adamson

Laws & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Wolff

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF
NEW FRANKLIN REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND
COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN
SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

TIME REQUESTED; TIME GRANTED

8. Third Readings

9. Pending Legislation

9-A. Ordinance No.: 25-O-04

Sponsor: Councilman Allman

Laws & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Wolff

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM
RENTAL OPERATIONS.**

TIME REQUESTED; TIME GRANTED

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thank you for welcoming me to the city as your new mayor. Mr. Adamson has been helpful for the past two months, allowing me to internship.
- Thank you, Judge McKinney, for swearing me in and to administration for offering me guidance as I navigate my way around.
- Meetings were held with department heads and I would like to meet with all of the council members.
- January 21, 2026, Public Hearing to review the plans for the upcoming changes to the Bellstore.
- Board of Tax Review – Mrs. Jones made a motion to appoint Robert Keith to a five-year term and Terry Prosis and Donald McCabe as alternates, Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion. All favorable
- Meeting will be held with Aqua to go over plans. Bryan Kepler, Katie Smith and OHM will be in attendance.

11. FINANCE REPORT

- Finishing reports for the end of the year.
- Will be issuing W2 and W9 documents.
- Please be sure to complete the ethics and Sunshine Law requirements if you are starting a new term.

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12. OLD BUSINESS

- Farmers Market and please donate to local food banks.
- Mr. Powell would like to recognize those residents who have reached the 100-year-old mark. Kevin will forward information.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Cotts inquired about the law director attending the meetings since Paul is no longer the mayor.
- The Bellstore will look like the one on Locust Street in Canal Fulton.

14. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETING

- Karen Hoffman – 4123 Melcher – agrees with Mr. Cotts that a law director should be present during the meetings.
- Dorinda Young – 4170 Wilmar – short-term rentals

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

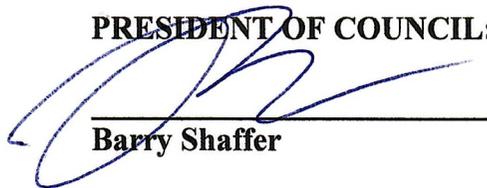
16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:46 PM.

ROLL CALL: All Favorable

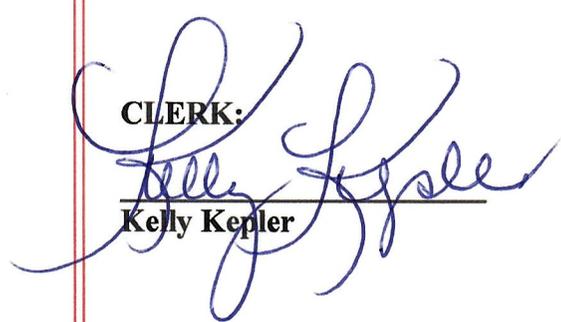
The next regular meeting of the New Franklin City Council and Committees is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:



Barry Shaffer

CLERK:



Kelly Kepler