

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
NEW FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held February 4, 2026

The New Franklin City Council met at the City Hall at 6:06 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**

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, New Franklin City Council Regular Meeting.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **First Readings**

6-A. **Resolution No: 26-R-05** **Sponsor: Councilman Powell**
Community Development Committee: Mr. Klusty

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) TO FACILITATE THE EXTENSION OF WATER LINES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONNECT PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AQUA OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Klusty 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 Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Allman to adopt **Resolution 26-R-05.**

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

7. **Second Readings**

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

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10. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The COG in Green has hired a new treasurer and clerk. These positions are paid out of the COG funds.
- Aqua extension – secured from 14 public water systems – 83 positive responses from the survey. We are still awaiting cost from Aqua and BP has submitted a letter of support.
- Senator Casey Weinstein visited our office regarding water and sewer at city hall.
- Mr. Powell, Mr. Klusty and Mrs. Jones met with Emelia Sykes to obtain her support as well.
- Meeting in Columbus next week with the EPA.
- Summit Soil and Water District helps to promote clean water.
- Meeting with OHM to identify capital improvement projects.
- The State Route 93 sewer work will be starting soon.
- The painting at city hall is just about complete.

11. FINANCE REPORT

- We are meeting all of our various deadlines
- W2 forms have been mailed out
- A meeting with Julian and Grupe has been scheduled
- The 2024 audit has not yet been completed so we are still awaiting the final report
- The next five years, the audit will be completed by an independent auditor

12. OLD BUSINESS

- Dakota has been working on a flag that would symbolize the City of New Franklin. Council decided to have Katie put his idea on the website and receive feedback from residents.
- Update cameras in city hall - Steven Cook will be in touch with Robert Keith to discuss further.
- Lumus partnered with T-Mobile – meeting has been scheduled for February 18th.
- The Street Department did an excellent job battling the elements of the recent snowstorm – thank you!
- Farmers Market coming soon.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Snow Ordinance – cannot place snow on neighboring property – something we need to look into further
- Trash – contract for trash removal will be expiring soon
- Gas Aggregation expires in June 2027 – gas and electric are part of the Summit County Aggregation – we are not permitted to discontinue.

14. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETING

- Mike Hoffman – 4123 Melcher – is in favor of the newsletter, positive feedback regarding Republic Trash
- Robin Aikey – 1215 Center Road – South Side Leader will no longer be delivered to homes in New Franklin; a central location will be available if residents are in need of the paper. Great job with snow removal!
- Mike Cardinali – 653 Center Road – insurance rates increased due to the fire departments rating going down. – Emergency language on resolutions – tax bill increased by 35%

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15. EXECUTIVE SESSION Topic: Personnel Matter
No formal action was taken during this meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Allman to adjourn to Executive Session

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:15 PM

It was moved by Mr. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Shaffer to reconvene.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Allman and seconded by Mr. Klusty to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:16 PM.

ROLL CALL: All Favorable

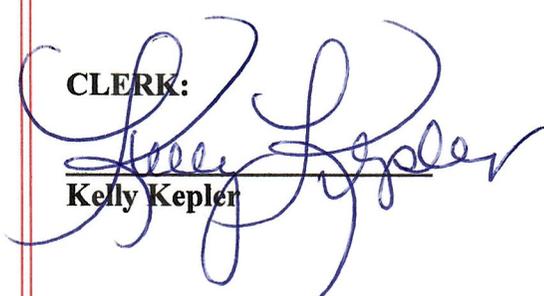
The next regular meeting of the New Franklin City Council and Committees is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:



Barry Shaffer

CLERK:



Kelly Kepler