

January 5, 2026

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

[Note for the Record: On December 30, 2025, the Oath of Office was administered to the following elected officials by Director of Law Grant D. Kerber for terms commencing January 1, 2026:

William G. Rozell	President of Council
Jeffrey G. Whidden	Council Member, 1 st Ward
Kristie Marshall	Council Member, 2 nd Ward
Madison P. Hickman	Council Member, 3 rd Ward
Bobby W. Phillips	Council Member, 4 th Ward
William C. Twiss	Council Member, 5 th Ward
Jeffrey A. Schilling	Council Member, 6 th Ward
Todd D. Severt	Council Member at Large
Lynne B. Snee	Council Member at Large
Susan M. Westfall	Council Member at Large
William B. Whidden	City Treasurer]

Members Attending: Hickman, Marshall, Phillips, Schilling, Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall and Whidden.

Presiding Officer:	William G. Rozell	President of Council
Others Present:	Robin I. Oda	Mayor
	Patrick E. J. Titterington	Director of Public Service and Safety

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: An invocation was given by Council President Rozell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-2026

ORDINANCE EMPLOYING CLERK OF COUNCIL AND FIXING COMPENSATION

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

Mrs. Snee moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Schilling.

Yes: Schilling, Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall, Whidden, Hickman, Marshall and Phillips.

No: None.

Mrs. Westfall moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Severt.

Yes: Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall, Whidden, Hickman, Marshall, Phillips and Schilling.

No: None. ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The Oath of Office then was administered to the Clerk by Council Member Todd Severt.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM. A motion was made by Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. Schilling, to elect Mr. Phillips as President of Council Pro Tem. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Phillips elected President of Council Pro Tem.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL PRO TEM. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Whidden, to elect Mrs. Snee as Clerk of Council Pro Tem. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. Mrs. Snee elected Clerk of Council Pro Tem.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the December 15, 2025, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Twiss, these minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL:

1. Ms. Hickman, Chairman, reported that Committee concurs with the recommendation of Council President Rozell for the following to be reappointed to the Income Tax Board of Review for terms for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027; Richard L. Cultice and Thomas M. Kendall. Upon motion of Ms. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Twiss, the reappointments of Mr. Cultice and Mr. Kendall were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

2. A motion was made by Ms. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Twiss, that Council consents to the request of Mayor Oda for the following reappointments to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for new one-year terms commencing 1-1-2026 and ending 12-31-2026: Bradley Bixler, Ben Poeppelman, Edward Westmeyer, Heath Murray, and Kathy Vukovic. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
3. A motion was made by Ms. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that Council consents to the request of Mayor Oda for the following reappointments to the Human Relations Commission for new three-year terms commencing 1-1-2026 and ending 12-31-2028: Sonia Holycross and Ruby Villobos. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
4. A motion was made by Ms. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that Council consents to the request of Mayor Oda for the following reappointments to the Boards of Zoning Appeals for new five-year terms commencing 1-1-2026 and ending 12-31-2030: Will Harrelson and John Schweser. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026 OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15 (D)

This Resolution was given first title reading.

Mr. Phillips moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Twiss.

Yes: Whidden, Hickman, Marshall, Phillips, Schilling, Severt, Snee, Twiss and Westfall.

No: None.

Mrs. Westfall moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mrs. Snee.

Yes: Hickman, Marshall, Phillips, Schilling, Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall and Whidden.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

PRESENTATION: Miami County Commissioner Wade Westfall and Miami County Sheriff David Duchak provided a PowerPoint presentation on the condition of the Miami County Jail. Miami County Commissioner Ted Mercer and Angela Lewis, Miami County Human Resources Director, were also in attendance. Commissioner Westfall and Sheriff Duchak commented that the downtown jail was constructed in 1972 and the minimum security facility opened on County Road 25A in 2000 has a 20-year life span; both are inadequate to meet the needs of today and the future; the downtown jail fails state inspections; a new facility is needed that would be much larger and would include an area for those needing mental health treatment and a detox area; consolidating the jail facility at the County location on County Road 25A would mean that the facility could be operated without an increase of staff; moving the downtown jail facility would provide the County with space to meet future needs; there would be qualified medical personnel on staff to assist those incarcerated; the County is planning to place a 10-year, .5% sales tax levy on the May ballot to fund a new jail; depending on other funding sources, the levy could sunset earlier than 10 years; and having a central jail location would also benefit the other law enforcement entities of the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Clerk noted that the Director of Law and the Human Relations Commission had provided annual reports (copies attached to original minutes).

COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY: Mr. Titterington noted:

-City offices will be closed January 19 for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, with refuse collections on schedule that week.

-City crews are in the last round of leaf pickup

-The Board of Park Commissioners and the Troy Recreation Board will meet in a joint session on January 21, and will be discussing the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

-Four Fire Department EMTs have been hired as Paramedics, and the City will be filling vacant EMT positions.

-The City has expended 8.5 times on snow events than spent at this time last year.

Comments of Council Members:

-Mr. Severt noted that Mayor Oda submitted her annual report. (Copy of the report attached to the original minutes.)
 -Several members of Council and the Council President expressed sympathy to the family of the late Steve Baker and noted that Mr. Baker contributed to the Troy community. In particular, Mr. Baker served the area as a reporter for Dayton TV Channel 7 for nearly 50 years and focused on reporting positive news regarding Troy and the general area.

-Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hickman thanked the County representatives for the presentation regarding the jail; Mr. Phillips commented that a new jail had been needed for some time.

-Mr. Schilling commented regarding the Downtown Streetscape and Safety Project, stating he still supports having flashing lights at downtown crossings for pedestrian safety. He stated his understanding that there has not been a study that supports not having the lights, that only City staff is saying such lights would be ineffective and not needed. Mr. Schilling suggested that safety is more important than the cost of the lights or that they may slow traffic and ask that the flashing lights be included in the project.

-Mr. Whidden commented that he recalled a discussion on the flashing lights, and Mr. Schilling commented that the discussion was not factually based.

-Mr. Twiss congratulated the four Fire Department staff who have been hired as Paramedics.

[Note for the Record: Council President Rozell had provided the following Committee assignments for 2026 – 2027:

Buildings & Utilities Committee	(Marshall [Chm.], Phillips, Snee)
Community & Economic Development Committee	(Snee [Chm.], Hickman, Twiss)
Community Partnerships Committee	(Westfall [Chm.], Severt, Whidden)
Finance Committee	(Severt [Chm.], Phillips, Westfall)
Law & Ordinance Committee	(Schilling [Chm.], Marshall, Twiss)
Personnel Committee	(Hickman[Chm.], Schilling, Snee)
Recreation & Parks Committee	(Whidden [Chm.], Hickman, Westfall)
Safety & Health Committee	(Twiss [Chm.], Severt, Whidden)
Streets & Sidewalks Committee	(Phillips [Chm.], Schilling, Marshall)]

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council