RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

Held **FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with the following members present: Shane Ogden, Anna Howell, Eric Lang, John Waits and Zane Cordrey

MINUTES

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the minutes for the January 20th and January 27th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. All Yea.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT INTERVIEWS

The following resident of the Village of Mt. Orab provided council with a brief background, vision, goals and objectives regarding their interest in the vacant council seat.
Aaron Carnahan, Carl Vineyard, Joe McGrath, Jason Lang and Chris Peters

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Ogden discussed with other council member whether they should enter executive session to discuss the appointment to fill the vacancy on council. It was indicated by council members they should go into executive session.
Councilman Ogden then moved to enter executive session for that purpose at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Waits. An audible voice vote by each council member was made with all members voting yea. Motion Carried
Ohio Revised Code 121.22 permits executive session to discuss the appointment of an individual to fill a council position.
Councilman Lang and Mayor Howser excused themselves from the executive session discussion. Council returned from executive session at 7:43 p.m.

COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT

Councilman Waits moved to appoint Carl Vineyard to the vacated council seat of Fred Hansen. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey. All Yea.
Mayor Howser administered the oath of office to newly appointed councilman Carl Vineyard.

2026 COMMITTEE-PERSONNEL

Councilman Ogden moved to appoint Zane Cordrey to the personnel committee for 2026. Seconded by Councilman Waits. All Yea.

2026 COMMITTEES APPOINTMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to appoint Carl Vineyard to the cemetery, public safety and beautification committees.
Seconded by Councilman Waits. All Yea.

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Chief Fiscal Officer Boyd informed council the annual financial reports for 2025 have been submitted to the State of Ohio electronically and that the financials have been submitted to the Ohio Checkbook website for the prior seven years (2019-2025) as of February 2, 2026. The financials should be available for public viewing within 6-10 business days.

STREET PAVING BIDS

Councilman Ogden moved to advertise for bids the repaving of the streets provided by Mayor Howser.
Seconded by Councilman Lang. All Yea.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT

Councilman Cordrey moved to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Rymer to offer conditional employment pending physical and drug screen to the following individual:
Allie Etienne Firefighter/EMT Basic $20.25/Hour
Councilwoman Howell. All Yea.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIGNATION

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the resignation of part-time employee Tyler Newberry effective February 1, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Waits. All Yea.

TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM FOR DATA CENTERS

Councilman Lang offered Ordinance # 1339 AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM, FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (180) DAYS, ON THE GRANTING/ISSUING OF ANY NEW PERMITS, AS WELL AS THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB
Ordinance # 1339 was given its first reading by title only.

TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM FOR SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

Councilman Lang offered Ordinance # 1340 AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM, FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (180) DAYS, ON THE GRANTING/ISSUING OF ANY NEW PERMITS, AS WELL AS THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR SMALL MODULAR REACTORS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB
Ordinance # 1340 was given its first reading by title only.

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AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE

Councilman Lang offered Ordinance # 1341 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECCTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB ZONING CODE INCLUDING PLACING A PERMANENT BAN ON COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR ENERGY FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SMALL MODULAR REACTORS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB
Ordinance # 1341 was given its first reading by title only.

STREAMING LIVE 2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Lang moved to have council meetings streamed live for the remainder of 2026 with no comments. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. All Yea.

UPDATE WEBSITE

Councilman Lang moved to request the Village website be updated to include the Village council members email addresses, committee meeting dates, twelve months of council minutes and current events. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. All Yea.

FACEBOOK PAGE-CURRENT EVENTS

Councilman Lang moved to create a Facebook page to include all current events of the Village. The motion did not receive a second. Council President Ogden requested the decision be tabled until more information can be gathered.

The following individuals spoke to council with the primary focus on the development at the MEGA Site: Sandra Riley-Eversole, Elyse Glover, Jessica Baker, Anthony Casbar, Kim Georgeton and Franklin DeWar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Cordrey moved to enter executive session to discuss fire department resignation and police employment at 8:57 p.m. Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) permits executive session to consider appointments and employment of a public employee.
Seconded by Councilman Waits. An audible voice vote by each council member was made with all members voting yea. Motion Carried
Council returned from executive session at 9:26 p.m.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIGNATION

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the resignation of Tyler Spitznagel from his full time position with the Fire Department but will retain a position of part-time status when needed and the Village is authorized to post the full time vacant position.
Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. All Yea.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION VACANCY

Councilman Ogden moved to post the vacant position at Western Brown for a school resource officer at the Mt. Orab Middle School once Superintendent White reviews the budget and approves the position change.
Seconded by Councilman Cordrey. All Yea.

POLICE OFFICER TERMINATION

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the termination of full time police office Josh Chambers effective January 30, 2026 as presented by Police Chief Hahn.
Seconded by Councilman Lang. All Yea.

EMPLOYMENT POSTING NIGHT TIME POLICE OFFICER

Councilman Ogden moved to authorize the posting for a full time night time police officer with the current position vacated. Seconded by Councilman Lang. All Yea.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Cordrey moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn
Seconded by Councilman Waits. All Yea.
Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER MAYOR

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Held

Mayor Howser called the special council meeting to order with a roll call vote the following members present: Shane Ogden, Carl Vineyard, Anna Howell and John Waits

Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Ogden moved to enter executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(3) Conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:
a. The information is directly related to a request for economic development that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.
b. A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.
Seconded by Councilman Waits. A roll call vote by the Mayor for each council member as follows: Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.
Council entered executive session at 7:03 p.m.
Council returned from executive session.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Ogden moved to reconvene the council meeting at 9:30 p.m.
Seconded by Councilman Waits. All Yea.

ADJOURN

Councilman Ogden moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Councilman Vineyard. All Yea.
Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with a roll call vote the following members present: Shane Ogden, Zane Cordrey, Carl Vineyard, Eric Lang, Anna Howell and John Waits

MINUTES

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the minutes for the February 3rd and February 12th council meetings as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

RULES AND ORDERS

Councilwoman Howell moved for council to establish a committee to begin the process to create rules and orders for council. Seconded by Councilman Ogden.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

Councilman Cordrey spoke to the visitors indicating he is not for data centers at this point and council is not against the views of the attendees. He indicated council has the best intentions for the Village which Councilman Vineyard also confirmed.

Rob Meyer provided council with an update on the revenue collected for the park project. Mr. Meyer also indicated a grant in the amount of $161,962 was obtained for the project but that the install must occur by December 31, 2026 to receive the grant. A phase in of the entire project would also allow the grant to be awarded. Councilman Vineyard indicated he would like to see the entire project completed this year if fiscally possible.

Trampas Puckett, representative of Central Midwest Carpenters Local 437 Union was present to discuss construction of a data center. Mr. Puckett wanted council to commit legislation to create a domicile workforce for the project if it moved forward.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REAPPOINTMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to reappoint Joe Barthel to the board of zoning appeals for the term of 01/01/2026-12/31/2030. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM FOR DATA CENTERS

Second reading of Ordinance # 1339 AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY

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TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM FOR SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

Second reading of Ordinance # 1340 AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM, FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (180) DAYS, ON THE GRANTING/ISSUING OF ANY NEW PERMITS, AS WELL AS THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS FOR SMALL MODULAR REACTORS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB was administered by Councilman Lang.

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE

Second reading of Ordinance # 1341 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB ZONING CODE INCLUDING PLACING A PERMANENT BAN ON COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR ENERGY FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SMALL MODULAR REACTORS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB was administered by Councilman Lang.

REPEALING EMERGENCY ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1309

Councilman Lang offered Ordinance # 1342 AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING, AND REPEALING, EMERGENCY ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1309.
Ordinance # 1342 was given its first reading by title only.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Rymer to move Logan Warner from EMT-Basic to EMT Advanced at a rate of pay of $21.25 per hour effective February 4, 2026 based on passing his National Registry for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and certified in the State of Ohio. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

POLICE PAY ADJUSTMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Hahn to move Kyle Kushner from probationary officer to non-probationary officer with the completion of one year of service at a current pay scale rate of pay $57,553.60 per year effective January 7, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Waits

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A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

POLICE PAY ADJUSTMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Hahn to move Cainan Miles from non-probationary officer to Officer Tier I with the completion of two years of service at a current pay scale rate of pay $59,550.40 per year effective February 5, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

The following individuals spoke to council with the primary focus on the development at the MEGA Site: Alexis Davidson, Christina Colegate, Sandra Riley-Eversole, Terry Burcham, Franklin DeWar and Paula Brown.

TECH POSITION POSTING

Councilman Ogden moved to advertise and post the part-time tech position vacancy due to the pending retirement of Dale Knechtly. Second by Councilman Cordrey.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

BPA AND STREET DEPARTMENT PANTS AND BOOTS REIMBURSEMENT

Councilman Cordrey moved to approve the annual reimbursement of $300 for pants and $250 for boots every two years for the utility and street departments.
Seconded by Councilman Waits.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn
Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.
A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR