Minutes of **Committee of the Whole** Held **June 25, 2026**

COW Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM.

Roll Call

Jeanette Marcus	Chair	Present
Dave Miller	Vice Chair	Present
Teri Murphy	Mayor	Present
Branden Delph	At-Large	Present
Ora Allen	At-Large	Present
Mike Daugherty	Ward 1	Present
Shirley Whitt	Ward 3	Present

Staff Attendance:

City Manager Michael Davis	Law Director Martina Dillon
Police Chief Craig Richardson	Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski
Finance Director Annetta Williams	Comm. Dev. Director Libby Schroeder
Build. Maint. Superintendent Rocky Bangert	City Engineer Lauren Alvarado
Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane	Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor
Build. & Zoning Admin. Brent Carpenter	Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - June 11, 2026

Ms. Marcus asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 11, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Topics of Discussion from the Following

Finance Director

No report.

City Manager

City Manager Michael Davis explained that Shearer's has been operating for several months. He said when the initiative began which was known as Project Crispy, a collaboration between Montgomery County, the Dayton Development Coalition, JobsOhio, and the City of Moraine, the project was going to produce close to 300 jobs. He reported Shearer's has shared that due to the outfit of the building and future potential coming from the small bag snack industry, they may be able to double that employment number over the next five years. Mr. Davis noted there are possible future expansion opportunities in the building as well.

Ms. Marcus asked if all of the GM plant is now occupied?

Mr. Davis replied yes, from an existing building standpoint, but there is still land when considering Delphi and GM that has potential for development.

Ms. Marcus asked if the pump house could be torn down?

Mr. Davis answered that the pump house would never be able to be used as a structure and it could be torn down. He confirmed for Ms. Marcus that there are no plans at this point.

Mayor

No report.

Law Director

No report.

Clerk of Council

No report.

Business

Ms. Marcus moved item "F. Splash Pad - Kleingers" to the beginning of Business in an effort not to keep the speaker if the meeting ran long.

Mr. Shane reminded Council that he spoke with them at the Special Council meeting approximately a month earlier regarding the splash pad. He said after recommendations were made by Council, he went back to the Kleingers Group and discussed the possibility of Mr. Slagle appearing before Council. Mr. Shane introduced Mr. Slagle.

Mr. Slagle provided a PowerPoint presentation of changes made to the splash pad proposal. He said the Kleingers Group was contracted with the City to prepare designs for the Ora Everetts Park splash pad project. He said out of the 2025 Parks and Recreation Vision Plan, one of the first orders of business from that plan was a splash pad. He said there has been a lot of input from the community sessions with the Building Maintenance, Planning, Building and Zoning, and Parks and Recreation staff. He said from those meetings, the Kleingers Group has arrived at a preferred concept plan for the splash pad, and he has started the construction document process for the splash pad. Mr. Slagle reviewed with the Council the multiple designs and concepts from the Vision Plan to now. He reviewed a proposed drop-off area so no one has to cross the vehicular drive lane to get to the splash pad features. He discussed the restroom, shade shelters, and landscaping.

Mayor Murphy expressed her opposition to a drop-off area.

Mr. Shane stated that it is just the name for the turnaround. He stated people will drop children off at any spot regardless if it has a name.

Mr. Slagle said this could be called a circular drive or other names. He noted the main purpose is to find a way for vehicles entering the property to be able to turn around and exit out to the north. He said the current cul-de-sac is undersized.

Mr. Shane said signage will be placed stating that children must be supervised by an adult.

Mr. Slagle continued with his review of the splash pad amenities and operation. He reviewed a value engineered option with a total cost of $3.3 million dollars which includes the parking lot.

Mr. Daugherty asked Mr. Slagle to comment on the cost savings from the reduction in size.

Mr. Slagle did not have a direct number, but stated there is a significant savings. He said he will follow up with that information.

Mr. Miller said one thing he notices when visiting other splash pads are the complaints that there is not enough shade.

Mr. Slagle said there are varying degrees of shade within the design. He reviewed the building design and operation. Mr. Slagle provided the project schedule noting that the plan is to move forward depending on approval of this plan with construction drawings to be ready to bid the project out in early September. He said the goal is to have the splash pad open toward the end of the season next year.

Mr. Davis stated that this is about $900,000.00 over the initial budget, and ultimately this would come back to Council for approval of a supplemental. He asked Mr. Slagle how confident he is in the $3.3 million number and if the numbers are accurate.

Mr. Slagle said he cannot predict the future, and it is hard to predict construction costs. He said they are designers, not contractors, but they have an integral knowledge of what these things cost. He said the actual project is $3.1 million with roughly $450,000.00 contingency built into the number. He said he is confident, but you never know with the bidding climate.

Mr. Davis said he and Mr. Shane will come back to Council with a request to support the effort of the splash pad project moving forward. Mr. Davis asked if there was anything else discussed in the Council Work Session that has changed from Option 2 that Council needs to be aware of because ultimately, Council landed on Option 2 with a little bit of reduction.

Mr. Slagle said there is nothing to share overall on what has changed. He said they are still in the design process and this is not fully designed at this point. He explained there can always be alternates within the project. He said that is another avenue to save money.

Ms. Marcus asked if Council has decided on this option?

Mr. Davis said this option came out of the Council Work Session. He said Mr. Shane can come back to the Committee of the Whole and explain this more thoroughly, then ask for legislation after that. He said Council can probably anticipate the request at the next meeting. He said the Kleingers Group will get numbers together so they can show how much they reduced Option 2.

New Medic (Ambulance)

Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski stated she is requesting $362,892.00 for a new ambulance. She noted the ambulance ordered in 2023 should arrive in August, and this ambulance should be ready in 14 months. She informed Council that this is a state bid and is a budgeted item.

Mr. Miller asked if there are any major differences between this ambulance and the one arriving in August?

Chief Kuzminski replied that the ambulances are from the same manufacturer in order to keep consistencies in the cost of maintenance and equipment in the ambulances.

Mrs. Whitt moved to approve the preparation of legislation approving the purchase of a new medic ambulance.

RESULT: *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Cot and Load System Purchase

Fire Chief Kuzminski said this item was budgeted for 2028 because it was assumed that the medic would not be ready for three years like the one that is arriving this year which was ordered in 2023. She said there is enough money left over in the budgeted ambulance money that can pay for the cot and load system, and then that money will not be needed in 2028. Chief Kuzminski noted that Council has paperwork at their seat showing the cost has been reduced by $500 for shipping and handling.

Mrs. Whitt asked if there is any chance of getting a grant for a portion of the purchase?

Chief Kuzminski replied no, not before the cot arrives.

Mayor Murphy moved to approve the preparation of legislation authorizing the purchase of a cot and load system for the new medic.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

2026 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Application for FY 2028

City Engineer Lauren Alvarado said this item is for authorization for the OPWC who is now accepting applications for funding projects in our fiscal year 2028. She noted that funds would be used for piecemeal repair of the City's large concrete road, Dorothy Lane. She stated that authorizing legislation is needed, and a sample is included in the packet. Mrs. Alvarado informed Council that the grant amount would be close to $200,000.00.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the preparation of legislation for the 2026 OPWC application for Fiscal Year 2028.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Mike Daugherty
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

CIT Co-Responder Increase

Police Chief Craig Richardson reminded Council that in early 2025, several of theTCSU cities went together and contracted with South Community to hire two critical incident CIT co-responders to help the Police and Fire Departments with mental health and overdose calls. He said the co-responders provide a great service to the departments. He noted that resolutions were passed for a three-year contract with South Community who found two excellent candidates, and the City shares them with some of the other cities. Chief Richardson reported that the program is working perfectly exactly like it was intended. He said the chiefs meet periodically to discuss the program, and in talking to some of the colleagues we realized that the CIT co-responders are being poached. He said the chiefs spoke briefly with the city managers that were involved and came up with a plan with South Community to get the co-responders a slight pay increase to keep them on our payroll instead of other cities or counties. He explained that South Community has come up with a way that the co-responders can get some raises and bonuses based on certifications or time spent with the agencies. He estimated that this could cost the City of Moraine an extra 10 percent on a three-year contract. Chief

Richardson said the City is using the opioid settlement funds for this, and he asked for approval. He said the Finance Director had the foresight to include some extra funds from the opioid settlement fund for any other potential programs that might come up this year. He said two resolutions were passed in 2025, one for the contract and one to use the opioid settlement funds.

Mr. Davis asked for guidance from the Law Director.

Ms. Dillon said she could draft legislation to mirror the two resolutions with the additional ten percent.

Chief Richardson said he thinks 10 percent is a safe number; and he feels if the City planned for $50,000.00 for the three-year period, that would cover through to June or July of 2028.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the preparation of legislation to allow the City Manager to enter into the agreement with TCSU.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Mike Daugherty
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Murphy moved to approve the preparation of legislation authorizing the use of the opioid settlement funds for the additional amount of $50,000.00.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Teri Murphy
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

E-Citation Mayor's Court Local Rule

Chief Richardson noted that the Police Division has the ability to join in the state program for the electronic traffic citation program. He said that program provides free software and printers for the cruisers so citations can be printed electronically and forwarded to the proper courts. He stated that Kettering Court and the Montgomery County Juvenile Court are already set up for the program. He said one of the stipulations is that the cities' local courts have to have a rule in place that they will accept the electronic citation and accept the electronic signatures of the officer and violator. He said the Mayor's Court does not have that rule. He remarked that according to the Law Director, the cleanest way to do this is through an ordinance. Chief Richardson said the printers will be dropped off on Monday to start the trial. He said if the Police Division does not like them, they do not have to keep them forever. He confirmed for Ms. Marcus that there is no cost to the City for this program.

Ms. Dillon said an Ordinance is needed to add this to the Moraine Codified Ordinances. She stated this legislation would need two readings.

Mrs. Whitt moved to approve the preparation of legislation to add E-Citation to the Mayor's Court local rules in the MCO.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*

MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Jeanette Marcus, Mike Daugherty, Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Branden Delph
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Splash Pad - Kleingers

See above under "Business".

Persons Appearing Before Council - None

Staff and Council Reports

Mr. Delph wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Mrs. Whitt said she was thankful to be in this time period and not in Betsy Ross's time period because the clothes are uncomfortable.

Mrs. Ora Allen said she has been trying to get in touch with a Council member at the City of Huber Heights, and evidently the city has gone to AI response, and it sucks. She said she has tried every day to reach the Council member, and she has talked with the Clerk of Council who gave her a number to call that does not work. She hopes if the City of Moraine considers doing that, they will give it some careful consideration.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Jeanette Marcus

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Karen Powell

ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell