

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 25

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones; Mrs. Bonnie Koogler, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Chief Dan Alldred, Fire Chief; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Chief Alldred and Mayor Johnson presented Amanda Dey and Ryan Edgerton with Certificates of Appreciation for their heroic service by delivering a baby boy in route to the hospital. This is a huge honor for our staff. They were also presented stork pins to honor their event.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland congratulated Amanda and Ryan on their stork pins and the amazing work that was done that night.

She went on to review the legislation on the agenda. We request to table 25-32 for now until we clarify some concerns of Council Members.

Ms. Shively reviewed Ordinance 25-31 which is an amendment to the appropriations for this year.

Mr. Parsons reviewed the request by the owner of 53 West Market Street for a new liquor permit. The city requested a 30-day extension since the application is due today. The city was granted the extension by State Liquor Control. We have asked the applicant what kind of business he intends to have at the location and at this time he is not sure what exactly will occupy the space.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Ms. Novak reviewed Ordinance 25-29 which allows staff to include mailing property maintenance letters by first class mail vs having to mail all letters by certified mail. Certified mail is very outdated, is very costly and is a very slow process.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson congratulated Terri Zimmerman on her retirement from the Police Department after 38 years of service. We thank her for her time and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

He attended the Memorial Day Ceremony in VMP. As always, it was a great ceremony that honored the men and woman who have served our County. He thanked everyone that made the event a huge success.

He attended the Mayor and Mangers meeting for May in Oakwood. He plans to attend the next meeting in September.

He also plans to attend the Parks Board Meeting on June 4. They will be discussing the upcoming July 4 Parade details.

The MMI Committee met and discussed upcoming projects for the year. The plan is ahead of schedule for the completion of the park. They are working with an architect to design the wall monument. Landscaping will begin around the entrance rock in the next few weeks. The next meeting will be on June 24.

He congratulated all the VV spring sports athletes on their successful season.

He sends his condolences to the Wasson Family for their loss of Dennis Wasson.

He spoke of D-Day and asked everyone to remember those who lost their lives on that day.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones stated that the BZA met and approved a variance for detached structure at Schenk's Furniture.

He plans to attend the MVRPC meeting this month.

He also asked that residents remember D-Day and those who fought.

Mrs. Koogler's Report:

Mrs. Koogler reminded everyone of the guidelines for decorating headstones for the Memorial Day holiday and that they will remove any decorations left after two weeks. The cemetery looked great for the holiday, staff did an amazing job.

She attended the Center Street Market on Saturday. There was a huge turnout, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves with all the vendors.

The MMI park entrance looks great. She thanked everyone for their hard work making the park look so good and is looking forward to what is being planned.

She thanked Terri Zimmerman for her years of service and congratulated her on her retirement.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn thanked German Township for releasing the pool funds so that the pool staff can move forward with upcoming projects. The pool looks wonderful and is a great asset to the community.

He encouraged everyone to attend the monthly Center Street Market. They are local vendors with fresh produce, flowers and many homemade items to sell.

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Mr. Reed's Report:

Mr. Reed thanked German Township for releasing the funds to ensure that the new slide is installed. They have installed a new speaker system, and it is working well. With the surrounding communities not opening their pools this season our staff will be preparing for a very busy season. The next Pool Board Meeting will be on June 18.

CBC planted flowers at city hall. They look amazing and we appreciate them doing it.

Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich thanked all the residents for voting yes and supporting the Fire Levy. The Fire Chief will use the funds wisely.

He wished the VV Track athletes the best of luck that will be going to the State Competition this coming weekend.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig wished the students from the VV Track Team good luck at the upcoming State Competition.

He thanked all the voters that supported the fire levy.

He attended the MVCC meeting, and they voted on the merger with MVECA. The merger of the two organizations will be a positive move for all involved.

He thanked everyone for a successful Memorial Day program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. May 5, 2025-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. May 5, 2025-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. RESOLUTION NO. 25-32
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE
THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D1 & D2 Liquor Permit for DS Weidle LLC DBA Daves

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to agree to not requesting a hearing for the D1 & D2 Liquor Permit for DS Weidle LLC DBA Daves.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-31
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 25-22
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND

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EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing would be held July 7, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 25-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES WATER RATES SECTION 919.08 (a) RATES; RULES FOR UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-24.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SANITARY SEWER RATES SECTION 921.21(a) RATES.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-25.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-27

AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE JOINTLY WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION ON A ONE PRICE SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH ELECTRIC LIGHT SERVICES SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET LIGHTING.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-27.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1130.01.7 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN NOTICES AND ORDERS.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-29.

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ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-30

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 1130.03.2 (I) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR STORAGE-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES.

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to Table Ordinance No. 25-30.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION TABLED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn to Executive Session under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRESENT:

The following members were present at the start of the Executive Session: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogler, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; and Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

The aforementioned persons had discussion under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn motioned to return to regular session.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:46 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Rettich moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor