

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025

The regular meeting of October 14, 2025 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 57 – 25: An Ordinance To Enact Section 305.057 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Obetz To Regulate Box Trucks And Certain Commercial Vehicles In Residential Areas, To Establish A Residential Work Vehicle Permit Program, And To Declare An Emergency. Ms. Boumis discussed the ordinance. She stated there have been a lot of issues this year in the neighborhoods. People are parking box trucks in neighborhoods and then leaving and just using the City streets for storage. The ordinance also addresses parking commercial vehicles. Certain sized vehicles are excluded. People can also get an on-street parking permit. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 57 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 57 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 58 – 25: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Property Owned By The City Of Obetz To Grand Communities, LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated this is a home developer. The contract is ready to go; just need to review the product. More details at second reading.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 59 – 25: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Pritchard Tent LLC, And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis stated this was the tents used at Zucchinifest. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 59 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 59 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the City finished Zucchinifest strong. The annual Halloween party is October 25th. She further stated the older active adults went down to Nelsonville for a train ride and then dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS

Chief Michael Confer – Chief Confer stated stats were emailed to Council. He then stated someone was struck by a train two weeks ago. He did not live in Obetz. Officers helped a car broke down on Alum Creek Drive and the Sheriff's office used a drone to find a missing person. There was also a house fire on Obetz Avenue.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Stacey Boumis, AICP – No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq. – Mr. Davisson stated Dunkin Donuts is opening soon. He then stated he is working on the budget. Income tax revenue is up 0.3% for the year. There were \$250,000 in refunds this month. Since 2021 there have been over \$3 million in refunds due to the State's new tax laws. Mr. Davisson and Council discussed these refunds. Mr. Hollins stated the City tries to negotiate with the companies to spread out large refunds over multiple payments. Mr. Davisson discussed the budget process. He stated at least \$2 million needs cut from the budget. There are limited safeguards left. There will be no money for capital expenditures. The mowing contract needs significantly reduced.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

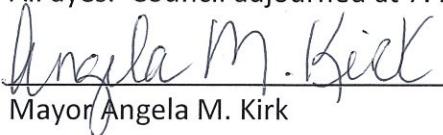
Ronald Beech, candidate for Hamilton Township Trustee, introduced himself. He stated he wants the Township and City to work together as one community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

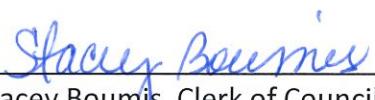
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:44 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:44 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council