

**CLERK’S JOURNAL OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EATON, OHIO, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, AT 6:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**

Mayor Renner called to order a regular meeting of the Eaton City Council on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and found the following to be:

Present: Jim Ball
 Tony Matlock
 Brad Moore
 Dave Kirsch, Vice Mayor
 Joe Renner, Mayor

Also in attendance were City Manager Brad Collins, Assistant City Manager Joe Ferriell, Finance Director Stephanie Hurd, Law Director Ryan Brunk, Police Chief Steve Hurd, Police Sgt. Dave Sizemore, Fire/EMS Chief Andrew Bekemeier, Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Gray, Chief Maintenance Worker Jason Erbaugh, Community Development Specialist Leslie Collins, Building Technician Jaclyn Erbaugh, Public Works Superintendent Chris Denlinger, Public Works Chief Utility Worker Jason Fore and Service Director Zac Wilson.

Mayor Renner led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation with Reverend Ken Harbaum.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councilman Moore moved to approve the Clerk’s Journal Entries, to accept the tapes as the official minutes for the regular meeting of December 15, 2025, and to acknowledge the December 2025 Financial Report. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

Public Works Superintendent, Chris Denlinger, updated Council on the progress of the UV Filtration Replacement Project and gave a list of projects upcoming in 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-01

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Excess Property by any Division in the City of Eaton for the Year 2026.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 26-01. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 26-02

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Eaton Senior Lofts.

Councilman Matlock moved for the adoption of Resolution 26-02. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Renner (4) Nays: None (0) Abstain: Kirsch (1)

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

1. The City of Eaton received the Ohio EPA Salt Reduction Grant in the amount of \$49,900.00. This grant was used to purchase a new salt spreader with a brine applicator for the Public Maintenance Division. The equipment has been installed and is now in service.
2. Public Maintenance continues to wrap up construction on the addition to the Maintenance Building. Final Inspections will happen this week.

3. Parks Coordinator, Casey Wooddell, completed training and testing and is now a Certified Playground Inspector through the National Parks and Recreation Association.
4. Dunkin is scheduled to open on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
5. The Omni Fiber Lawsuit has been dismissed upon the passage of Ordinance 25-17, which was effective on January 1, 2026.
6. The Eaton Police Division held their Annual Awards and Staff Training Day on January 19th. Officer Derek Pheanis was named 2025 Officer of the Year.
7. Fire/EMS are in the process of interviewing for the Bat. Captain's open position and completed Remote Gas Monitoring Training.
8. Public Maintenance is currently taking applications for two open positions.
9. Staff continues to work on Year End Reports and the Budget.
10. The next scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, February 16, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Moore moved pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2), that Council adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of the acquisition of real property for public purpose. Inviting: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director and the Law Director. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved to return to regular session. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Councilman Moore moved to approve the purchase of two parcels of property in the amount of \$45,000.00. Vice Mayor Kirsch seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

ADJOURN

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Matlock, Moore, Kirsch, Renner (5) Nays: None (0)

SS Deputy Clerk of Council

SS Mayor