

**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, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

Mayor Renner called to order a regular meeting of the Eaton City Council on Monday, February 16, 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  
Dave Kirsch, Vice Mayor  
Joe Renner, Mayor  
Absent: Brad Moore

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, Fire/EMS Chief Andrew Bekemeier, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief James Quinn, Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Gray, Chief Maintenance Worker Jason Erbaugh, Parks Coordinator Casey Wooddell, Cemetery Manager Eli Montgomery, Community Development Specialist Leslie Collins, Building Technician Jaclyn Erbaugh, Public Works Assistant Superintendent Scott Brubaker, Public Works Chief Utility Worker Jason Fore, Public Works Chief Operator Johnny Vest and Service Director Zac Wilson.

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

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved to approve the Clerk’s Journal Entries, to accept the tapes as the official minutes for the regular meeting of January 19, 2026, and to acknowledge the January 2026 Financial Report. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

**PRESENTATION BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Finance Director, Stephanie Hurd, gave a financial overview for the year 2025.

**ORDINANCE 26-01**

An Ordinance to Make Appropriation for Current Year Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Eaton, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026.

After a lengthy discussion, Council concluded to Table this Ordinance and revisit it at a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, along with Resolution 26-04 and Resolution 26-05.

Councilman Matlock moved to Table Ordinance 26-01. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 26-02**

An Ordinance to Revise the Codified Ordinances by Adopting Current Replacement Pages and Declaring an Emergency.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the reading of Ordinance 26-02, by Title only. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 26-02, by Title Only.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the adoption of Ordinance 26-02. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 26-03**

A Resolution to Authorize Payment of Various Bills. (National Inspection Corporation 2025)

Councilman Matlock moved for the adoption of Resolution 26-03. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

**Resolution 26-04 and 26-05**

26-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Certain General Revenue Funds to Special Revenue Funds

26-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Advance of Certain General Revenue Funds to Capital Projects Funds

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved to Table Resolutions 26-04 and 26-05 as previously discussed in this meeting. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Staff is working on possible FEMA reimbursement from the recent snowstorm to help offset some of the extra costs that have incurred.
2. Passed out the completed 2025 Year End Reports. Some of the notable items are:
  - Police had over 10,000 calls for service
  - Fire/EMS responded to over 2,700 calls for service
  - Contracted with National Inspection Corporation for Building Inspection Services, now providing Inspection Services five days a week.
  - May have received some Grants for the Parks Projects
  - Well # 1 at the Black Plant was replaced
  - 17 New Housing Permits issued
  - 2025 Business openings: Kroger, Cobblestone Hotel, Progressive Processing and Dunkin was completed.
3. The next Council Meeting scheduled will be on Monday, March 16, 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(g)(1), that Council adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of appointment, promotion or compensation of a Public Employee. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Inviting: The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director.

Mayor Renner moved to return to regular session with no action taken. Councilman Matlock seconded the motion which passed ad follows:

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

**SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Renner announced a Special Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, to address Tabled items: Ordinance 26-01, Resolution 26-04 and Resolution 26-05.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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SS Deputy Clerk of Council

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