

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 25

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on April 7, 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; Dan Alldred, Fire Chief; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Matt Burns, Police Chief; Scott Brown, Police Major; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Mayor Johnson presented Lt. Josh Forrer, Firefighter/EMT, Phillip Norton and Firefighter/EMT, Brandon Roberts, a certificate of appreciation for demonstrating exceptional skill and professionalism to our residents.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Steve Boeder, 127 Lindell Drive, stated that he is a member of the Fire EMS Levy Committee. The Committee is working hard to inform the residents of Germantown and German Township of the upcoming levy and how important it is. If this levy does not pass, crucial personnel will be cut, and response times will be much longer. We are hoping that residents will support this upcoming levy on May 6.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland congratulated the Fire EMS Department for their hard work and dedication. There is a levy on the May 6 ballot, and she asked that everyone take the opportunity to vote.

There are several pieces of legislation on the agenda. The agreement with RITA for tax services, a contract for the 2025 paving program and a very generous donation for the MMI Park.

Montgomery County Solid Waste reviewed their five-year solid waste district plan. The plan will include 20 years of adequate disposal capacity, achieving recycling goals and adequate funding to meet all set goals. Legislation 25-17 would include Germantown to participate in this district plan.

Attorney Carly Sherman reviewed and explained the proposed Valley View final plan for the intermediate school located in Germantown. This plan has been reviewed and approved by Staff and the Germantown Planning Commission, and we would like Council to consider approving the proposed plan to combine lots that would be more beneficial to the city and the school for record keeping. These changes would "clean up" the current nine lots into three lots.

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Mrs. Shively reviewed the legislation concerning the transfer of funds and legislation concerning the annual appropriations and expenditures amendments.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson stated he was unable to attend the last Mayors and Managers Meeting. He is hoping to attend the April meeting.

He attended the Parks Board Meeting in March, and they discussed upcoming projects and events. The next meeting will be May 7.

The MMI Committee met and discussed upcoming projects for the year. The plan is ahead of schedule for the completion of the park. He thanked the family for their generous donation to the MMI park.

He announced that the Hometown Hero veterans' banners are being installed on the poles in town. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Veterans Museum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

He had surgery last month and was not able to attend meetings. He is on the mends and is planning to attend upcoming meetings this month.

He encouraged residents to support the upcoming Fire-EMS Levy. He appreciates the Fire-EMS staff for all their dedicated service.

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle stated that our Fire-EMS Department does a fantastic job, and we are fortunate to have such dedicated and experienced staff. She asked that residents support the upcoming Fire EMS Levy. She thanked the Fire-EMS Levy Committee for their hard work to get accurate information to the public.

She plans on attending the Senior Center Committee Meeting this week. She invited all residents to attend the Senior Center Open House event on April 11. They are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Center.

The Cemetery Board meeting will be on April 14. She reminded everyone that the cemetery does close at dark.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn stated that the campaign consultants that were hired to help with the Fire-EMS Levy were paid for with many generous private donations.

He attended the Fire Oversight Committee Meeting. They discussed the increase in runs by the Fire-EMS Department, saying they are up by 25% since 2020. We have continued to work with no additional funds, but the calls have increased significantly.

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He thanked all the volunteers who are working so hard to try to pass this upcoming levy. He encouraged residents to educate themselves on the information and vote in the upcoming election.

Mr. Reed's Report:

Mr. Reed stated that the CBC met on March 10 and will be meeting on April 14.

The Pool Board met on March 19 and discussed the upcoming pool season. The staff have been hired, and we are looking forward to a great season. They are researching the replacement of the current slide since it is 25 years old. This project should be on the agenda for next year. He thanked all the staff for their hard work at keeping our pool running so effectively.

He thanked the Fire EMS staff for their hard work and dedicated service to the residents of Germantown.

Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich stated that he attended the Planning Commission Meeting this month. They discussed a request from Community Harvest Church to combine lots at their location. This request has been tabled until the required curb and sidewalk request is resolved.

He encouraged residents to vote yes for the upcoming Fire-EMS Levy.

He wished everyone a happy and safe Easter Holiday.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig stated that the MVCC meeting was cancelled.

He encouraged everyone to support the upcoming Fire EMS Levy. Our department was once a volunteer department and times have changed. We must pay salaries to get qualified staff. This has happened in all departments, not just ours.

Mayor Johnson stated that he would like to thank Michelle with CCA. They are extremely helpful in resolving issues with taxes each year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. March 3, 2024-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. Request for placement of a Handicap Parking Signs/Spaces to be located at 124 North Plum Street. (Staff have no issues with this request)
3. Accept the 2025 Second Quarter Credit Card Report (This is a requirement by the State Auditor per the credit card policy)
4. RESOLUTION NO. 25-16
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VALLEY VIEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FINAL PLAT, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 25-17
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 25-18
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

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7. RESOLUTION NO. 25-19
A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND (CCA) FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2025.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 25-21
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC, FOR THE 2025 STREET PROGRAM.
9. RESOLUTION NO. 25-23
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$10,000.00 ON BEHALF OF THE MIAMI MILITARY INSTITUTE.

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

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

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 25-15
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 921.03(e) OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN TO INCREASE THE SEWER TAP IN FEES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing would be held May 5, 2025 proposed passage by Emergency with suspended rules

ORDINANCE NO. 25-20
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing would be May 5, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-22
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND 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 May 5, 2025 proposed passage by Emergency with suspended rules

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 25-12
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

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

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-12.

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor