

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday February 02, 2026 at 6pm
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President John Torma **called to order** this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk read aloud the **call of the roll** and was recorded as follows:

First Ward Council member Tom Beagle:	present
Second Ward Council member Deb Danver:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Andrew Arcuragi:	present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Thomas Clark:	present

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Council member Kreefer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

MINUTES-CORRECT:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of January 05, 2026 and the special meeting of January 20, 2026, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Danver and **Seconded** by Council member Arcuragi, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted**. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

No one addressed Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

There were no Communications or petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Labor Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Finance and Labor Committee reported the committee met in special session prior to the special meeting of city council at 5:45pm Monday January 20, 2026, in chambers with all members present as well as several office holders, department heads and members of the media.

Kerr reported the committee considered two proposals for the full council to consider.

1. An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to advertise for bids for the purchase of meters, chemicals and supplies.
2. An ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with ODOT to clear trees and brush around the JR Bridge.

Mr. Kerr then reported the committee met in regular session at 3pm Tuesday January 27, 2026, in chambers with all member present as well as several department heads, elected officials and the media.

The committee agreed to pass on tho the full council the following two proposals for it's consideration:

1. An ordinance to appropriate the carryover-over encumbrances from 2025.
2. An ordinance to pay vendors.

Mr. Kerr reported the meeting ended at 3:22pm with the next meeting of the committee set for 3pm Tuesday February 24, 2026, in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday February 18, 2026, in chambers.

Streets / Lands & Buildings: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Streets and Lands and Buildings Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Friday February 20, 2026 in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance: Andrew Arcuragi, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report.

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report, but did call a meeting for 6:30pm Wednesday February 18, 2026, in chambers.

Rules Committee: Deb Danver, Chair of the Safety and Rules Committee reported the committee met 6:30pm Monday January 12, 2026 in chambers with all members present as well as Fire Chief Cumo. Please see attached.

Ms. Danver Called the next meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Monday February 09, 2026 in chambers.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE: Police Chief John Lane was not present.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Antony Cumo reported the work done by his men during the Blizzard, thanked American legion Post 374 and City Hospital for donations for a new ambulance.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Tim Clark was not present.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector was not present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: City Planning Director was not present.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Charles Payne made no report.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax Commissioner Sharon Williams was not present.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director William Jones Thanked all city employees for their service during the blizzard last week. Jones also announced the hiring of a new zoning inspector, Don Hyatt.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith commented on the difficulty with the amount of snow that had to be dealt with by all city departments, several water breaks, gave updates on the pot tax, and a grant for the State Route 39 project.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

BOARDS AND SEATS:

Mayor Smith requests that council appoint Mr. Josh Coil, 2064 Lisbon Street to the Board of Commercial Building Appeals fulfilling the vacancy of Mario Hernandez. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Smith requests that council appoint Mr. Josh Coil, 2064 Lisbon Street to the Board of Zoning Appeals fulfilling the vacancy of Mario Hernandez. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Smith request that council re-appoint Reese Kelly, Tim Brookes and Thomas Clark to the Board of Commercial Building Appeals. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Smith request that council re-appoint Floyd Fox, Brian Vaughn and Dan Williams to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion passed 7-0.

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND TO ADD TO THE AMOUNTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S (2026) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
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Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 05, 2026, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY CERTAIN VENDORS WHO SUPPLIED GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE CITY WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OR AUTHORIZATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT