

Special Village Council Meeting & Workshop

Community Room, Fieldhouse

May 28, 2026 7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Roll Call: Paul King, Tony Midlam, Russell Landwehr, Terri Stivers

Absent: Crystal Stoner, Penny Fessler

Others in Attendance: Denis Aslinger, Brenda Carroll, Elizabeth Bush

Call to Order

The Special Council Meeting portion of the session was called to order and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were reviewed during this meeting.

Resolution 2026-11 a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Pleasant Hill to enter into an agreement with Dave Knaff for a mural location, and Rosie Vargas to design and paint the mural for the Village of Pleasant Hill, and declaring an emergency.

Key Points:

- The mural must be completed by the end of June to qualify for grant money from the Ohio Rock Arts Council.
- The design concept features a historic traction car that used to run in front of the Knaff building.
- The wording in Sections 1 and 2 was amended to insert the word "with" before the contractor names.

Motion:

Made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Russell Landwehr** to suspend the three-reading rule and pass Resolution 2026-11 as an emergency.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner and Penny Fessler** absent.

Motion: Made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Russell Landwehr** to pass and adopt Resolution 2026-11 as corrected.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner and Penny Fessler** absent.

Resolution 2026-12 a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Pleasant Hill to purchase specified items and appropriate the necessary funds, regarding equipment in the recently purchased funeral home property.

Key Points:

- The Council agreed to purchase the installed audio-visual and security equipment for \$7,200.
- The Council agreed to purchase 96 folding chairs for \$1,900. The option to purchase 70 stationary chairs was removed from the resolution.
- Concerns were raised regarding the building's inspection report. It was noted that the seller is replacing the Federal Pacific electrical boxes. Council requested that the installation of the new electrical boxes be officially inspected and approved by the county.
- Evidence of wood-boring insects was noted in the inspection; the Council agreed this will be addressed following the property transfer.

Motion: Made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Paul King** to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Resolution 2026-12 an emergency as corrected.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner and Penny Fessler** absent.

Motion: Made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Paul King** to pass and adopt Resolution 2026-12 as corrected.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner and Penny Fessler** absent.

Adjournment of Special Meeting

Motion: Made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Paul King** to adjourn the Special Council Meeting.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner and Penny Fessler** absent.

Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Workshop Session

Following the adjournment of the Special Meeting, the Mayor opened the Workshop Session.

Building Usage and Renovation Planning

The Council brainstormed potential uses and renovation plans for the newly purchased building.

Key Points:

- A community open house may be held to allow residents to view the space before or during renovations.
- Local interior designer Sharon Bledsoe has offered to volunteer her services to assist with the building's interior layout and design.
- Council discussed layout options, including locating the primary village offices on the second floor for security, while establishing an ADA-accessible public-facing office and community gathering space on the first floor.
- Suggestions for naming the building included "Gathering Space," "Community Center," and "Village Venue." No final decision was made on the name.
- The Council discussed establishing a priority-tier system and deposit requirements for local organizations and community members renting the venue.
- The potential need for ADA compliance upgrades, such as push-button door openers, was discussed.

Right-of-Way Mowing on Private Property

The Council discussed the village's current practice of mowing three strips of right-of-way located on private farm property along State Route 718 near the cemetery. After discussing the aesthetic benefits and potential ordinance enforcement options, the consensus was to continue the current practice of maintaining the right-of-way strips.

Announcements

- The Mayor thanked those who attended and participated in the Motive Eight parade.
- A future workshop meeting may be held on-site at the new building to facilitate physical walkthroughs and layout planning.

Adjournment

Motion:

Motion was made by **Terri Stivers** seconded by **Paul King** to adjourn the Workshop Session.

Motion was passed by roll call with **Crystal Stoner** and **Penny Fessler** absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting date was not specified.

Brenda Carroll, mayor

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Elizabeth Bush

Elizabeth Bush, Fiscal Officer