

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 26

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on June 1, 2026 at 7:07 p.m. in the city building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Rick Reed were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Scott Davies, Law Director; Pat Shivley, Finance Director; Chenoa Erisman, Senior Center Director; Dave Eshbaugh, Project Manager; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Chief Josh Forrer, Fire/EMS Department; Chief Matt Burns, Police Department; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Mike Lucking, Economic Development Advisor; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council, and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Mayor Johnson congratulated the Valley View Class of 2026 and wished them the best. He also congratulated the Valley View Spring Sports Athletes for their outstanding accomplishments this year.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland thanked our Service, Fire and Police staff for their hard work during the flooding that occurred.

She went on to review the agenda. Several pieces of legislation, a work session and an executive session.

Amy Schmidt, Covered Bridge Project Manager, updated Council on the bridge. We are currently on schedule for completion in October. There was damage from the flooding, but it did not affect the bridge, but it did affect the scaffolding under the bridge used for repairs.

Chenoa Erisman updated Council on the Senior Center. There is a lot of activities currently and the enrollment of members is up for the year. We are looking at replacing the HVAC unit on the roof. We have legislation on the agenda to move forward with this repair.

Pat Shivley reviewed the proposed legislation that is on the agenda.

Will Parsons asked that participants of the July 4 Parade to register and shared the link. We plan to present awards to the top participants. We are asking the community to participate in making these decisions.

He went on to update Council on how well the pool season is going. The joint efforts with Farmersville Pool seem to be going well too.

He encouraged everyone to sign up for CodeRED to receive notifications for various alerts.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson stated that the Mayors and Mangers meetings are on summer break.

The Park Board will meet this week. They will be discussing the upcoming July 4 Parade.

The MMI Committee met and discussed their completion of their five-year plan. They plan to have a ceremony soon to formally invite the public to see what has transpired over the years. The committee is discussing installing cameras to hopefully deter anyone from performing additional vandalism.

He attended the annual Memorial Day event in VMP. He thanked everyone who made this event special. He recognized Dave Short for his many years of service to our community and country. He was presented with a honor quilt at the VMP event.

He asked everyone to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our county while remembering D Day.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones stated that he and Pat Higgins attended the MVRPC meeting.

The BZA did not meet last month.

He reminded everyone that the Germantown Pool offers a senior and veterans free swim daily.

He thanked Staff for gathering the information for Council to review regarding Data Centers. He feels this is a topic Council needs to discuss further.

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle attended the Cemetery Board Meeting last month. She reminded everyone to remove any flowers that are in/on the ground so that staff can mow and maintain the grounds.

Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich congratulated the Valley View Class of 2026.

He attended the Memorial Day event. It was well attended and very nice.

He congratulated all the students that went to State Competition for Track and Field.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig attended the MVCC meeting this past month. They are discussing AES aggregation programs and explained that Germantown Residents will be automatically enrolled in the program. This is the best rate available.

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They also discussed the hot topic of e-bikes. All communities are having issues with them, and we are looking at a collective action plan.

Mayor thanked all the staff for their assistance in the flooding issues a few weeks ago. He knows that several residents were affected by the water and it was not easy to deal with.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. May 4, 2026-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. May 4, 2026-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. RESOLUTION NO. 26-28
A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE FIFTH THIRD BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVE, INTERIM AND/OR INACTIVE PUBLIC FUNDS WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GERMANTOWN.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 26-29
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 26-32
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMBULANCE BILLING NETWORK, FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH BILLING SERVICES.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 26-33
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 26-34
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A1 MECHANICAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW 12.5 TON HVAC SYSTEM.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 26-35
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ACCUBRINE LLC 4062 PEACHTREE RD. NE STE. A513 BROOKHAVEN, GA 30319 TO PURCHASE BRINING EQUIPMENT.

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2027 ROSENBAUER TANKER FOR USE BY THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT.

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

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-31.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes;. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-30

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AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing would be August 3, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 26-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1130.03.2 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-20.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-21

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 1129.25 OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CHICKENS AND OTHER FOWL.

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

MOTION: Mr. Rettich moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-21.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-23

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING THE THROUGH HIGHWAY DESIGNATION ON A PORTION OF FARMERSVILLE PIKE TO RECOGNIZE IT AS A RESIDENTIAL STREET AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4511.65 AND 4511.21.

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

Dave Short, 166 Farmersville Pike, expressed concern with how fast people drive on Farmersville Pike at all hours of the day. He submitted a petition from many residents along Farmersville Pike. He is in favor of reducing the speed to 25 MPH for safety. He hopes that Council will pass this legislation.

Rebecca McCarty, 237 Farmersville Pike, stated that people drive at excess speeds down Farmersville Pike making it dangerous and virtually impossible to pull out of her driveway. She is in favor of reducing the speed on Farmersville Pike to 25 MPH. She is asking Council to pass the proposed legislation tonight.

Ms. Bell, 187 Farmersville Pike, asked Council to pass the proposed legislation. It is very dangerous to live on Farmersville Pike and lowering the speed limit will hopefully help slow down the residents and make it safer for everyone.

Mayor Johnson stated that Farmersville Pike is a dangerous road with excessive speed. He thanked the residents for speaking tonight and the staff for preparing the legislation.

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Mr. Wafzig asked if Staff had followed up on the School Zone in this area. It does not affect this legislation tonight, but he would like to follow up with correct signage and times.

Mr. Rettich stated that he grew up on Farmersville Pike. We had a traffic study conducted that did not state a real need for the change. There have not been any horrific accidents that we are aware of, and he does not see the need to make the change.

Mr. Jones feels that there are several issues along Farmersville Pike. There is a line of site that makes it very difficult to see any distance before a speeding car is approaching. This may have been discussed in the past, but we have the opportunity to make a change now.

Mrs. Koogle stated that she has traveled in the area and it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic and has had some close calls. Unfortunately lowering the speed limit will not make people slow down and be safe.

Mayor Johnson stated that as a Council if we have the opportunity to make our town safer, we need to do so.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-23.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, no; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 4-yes, 1 no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN RECORDS POLICY TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR THE PRODUCTION AND INSPECTION OF VIDEO RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL’S MODEL POLICY AND STATE LAW.

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

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-25.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

MOTION: Mr. Rettich moved to excuse Mr. Mike Kuhn and Mr. Rick Reed.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adjourn to Executive Session under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes, Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRESENT:

The following members were present at the start of the Executive Session: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Scott Davies, Law Director and Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Terry Johnson and Mr. Robert Rettich IV were absent.

The aforementioned persons had discussion under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig motioned to return to regular session.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor