

**Council for the Village of Yellow Springs
Regular Session Minutes**

In Council Chambers @ 6 P.M.

Tuesday February 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Gavin DeVore Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council President Gavin DeVore Leonard, Council Vice President Angie Hsu and Council members Carmen Brown, Senay Semere and Stephanie Pearce. Solicitor Amy Blankenship, AVM/Project Lead Elyse Giardullo and Village Manager Johnnie Burns were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. Credit Card Statement for April

Hsu MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes made.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk will receive and file:

Molly Lunde re: Unsafe Structures in Business District
Mayor's Clerk re: Mayor's Monthly Report (2)
Anne Randolph re: Thanks for Opening Short Street
Council Clerk re: Board and Commission Updated Document
Marcia Wallgren re: How Motions and Votes Should Work

Hsu reviewed communications.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04 Repealing Chapter 220.01 "Rules and Procedures" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Chapter 220.01 "Rules and Procedures". Semere MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Council worked through the redlined document. No changes were made.

The document will return as Exhibit A to Ordinance 2026-04 for the second reading.

DeVore Leonard declined to call a vote on the first reading.

Reading of Resolution 2026-06 Approving Dues for Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County for 2026. Hsu MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-07 Designating Judy Kintner as Village Council's Designee to Receive Public Records Training on Behalf of Each of the Elected Officials Pursuant to and in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B) and 149.43(E) (1). Brown MOVED and Hsu SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

The Clerk briefly explained the legislation as providing backup paperwork for the auditor as well as covering a repeat training for a returning Council member who may choose not to repeat the training.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-08 Approving Purchase of a YSPD Cruiser at State Bid Pricing. Semere MOVED and DeVore Leonard SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Burns provided information regarding the need for a new cruiser, noting that this was approved in the 2026 budget, but needs to be approved for actual purchase. He noted that hybrid models are lasting longer with fewer repair costs, so that once the YSPD fleet is fully hybrid, the replacement interval can be extended an

additional year. He noted that police package kits are not available for fully electric vehicles making them cost-prohibitive as well as very slow to obtain.

Citing desire for accuracy, Pearce MOVED TO REMOVE LANGUAGE FOLLOWING “2025” IN THE FIRST “WHEREAS”. DeVore Leonard SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE on the amended motion. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-09 Approving 2026 Expenditures for “AMERICA 250” Events as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget. Brown MOVED and Semere SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Brown explained that while the appropriations were made during the 2026 budget process, Council needs to approve the funds for their stated purpose.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Ralita Hilderbrand spoke to several matters, asking that Council use Roberts Rules and commenting on Council Goals.

Mitzie Miller addressed school zone signage, offering a myriad of suggestions.

Riley Dixon asked for any update Burns could provide regarding changes to the COS positions.

SPECIAL REPORTS

There were no Special Reports.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Burns provided highlights from his Manager’s Report. Both Burns and DeVore Leonard expressed appreciation to Village crews for rapid removal of a huge amount of snow following the recent snow event.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Goals Document Discussion. Council resumed the Goals discussion started during the Work Session.

The discussion was completed, with Council generally agreeing as to which goals to modify, combine or remove. Giardullo stated that she will work the final list into a spreadsheet which will eventually list outcomes, timelines and entities or persons responsible for shepherding and reporting on each goal.

Council agreed to finalize the document during their March 2nd meeting, with timelines, responsible parties and outcomes identified at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing: Next Steps. DeVore Leonard led a discussion around housing next-steps. Council determined that Hsu, Brown and Burns will collaborate on a retreat agenda, and the Clerk will schedule a 6-7-hour retreat for late March or April.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Brown reported on upcoming AMERICA 250 speakers, which are being coordinated through PACC.

Semere reported on his first RPCC meeting.

Hsu reported on her first Library Commission meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March 2: **Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2026-04** Repealing Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures”
 Reading of Resolution 2026-10 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Public Arts and Culture Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget
 Reading of Resolution 2026-11 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Environmental Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget
 Village Goals for 2026-2027: Finalize Outcomes and Individuals Responsible
 Prioritization of Projects/Requests
 Special Reports Topic Discussion
 Quarterly Financials
 End of Year Report: Finance
 End of Year Report: Treasurer

March 16: **Reading of Resolution 2026-12** Approving Village Goals for 2026-2027
 Swearing In: Schultz-Herman; Gibson
 Annual Calendar Update
 Personnel Policy Manual Work Session
April 6: Personnel Policy Ordinance
April 20: Solicitor Evaluation Timeline

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17pm DeVore Leonard MOVED and Hsu SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Signed: _____
 Gavin DeVore Leonard, Council President

Attest: _____
 Judy Kintner, Council Clerk