

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2026-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present - Meeting is in Session.
4. Proclamations & Presentations.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.
10. OLD BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.
11. NEW BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

A. An **Ordinance** Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal.

Description: When it is determined that certain vehicles or equipment are no longer useful to, or needed by the City, Council must declare the item(s) as surplus and authorize the disposal of the items. The following are being declared surplus:

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| 2021 | Chevy Tahoe | 1GNSKLED0MR430166 |
| 2020 | Chevy Tahoe | 1GNSKDEC6LR157374 |
| 2020 | Chevy Tahoe | 1GNSKDEC9LR155862 |
| 2018 | Dodge Charger | 2C3CDXKT9JH198399 |

Action Needed: Passage of this Ordinance

Attachment(s): None

Public Comments

12. Council Comments.
13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that certain vehicles/equipment are no longer needed by the City; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to declare the following vehicles/equipment surplus and dispose of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: The following vehicles/equipment are hereby declared surplus:

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| 2021 Chevy Tahoe 1GNSKLED0MR430166 |
| 2020 Chevy Tahoe 1GNSKDEC6LR157374 |
| 2020 Chevy Tahoe 1GNSKDEC9LR155862 |
| 2018 Dodge Charger 2C3CDXKT9JH198399 |

Section 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to dispose of the listed vehicles/equipment in accordance with the applicable City of Canfield Ordinances.

Section 3: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D. 2026.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2026-5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Nacarato, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Schialdone.

Staff present: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; Charles Colucci, Chief of Police; Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector; and John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent.

Under **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**, there were none.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 18, 2026 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**:

MRS. OLIVER: I have one. A residence reached out to say, she cannot hear us on the meetings. She was asking if we could speak up, so people can hear us. I promised her that I would let everybody know that she told us that she couldn't hear us. We just need to make sure that everyone can hear what's going on.

MR. D'APOLITO: I also had I.T. purchase new microphones; at least for these tables. Hopefully, that will help. They're brand-new. We're testing them out to see how they work.

MRS. OLIVER: Perfect. So, for our residents to know, we have new equipment that is being tested out, so hopefully those work. If you don't hear us, please send me your feedback so I can share. Any other communications? Hearing none.

Under **REPORTS**, of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.

MR. NACARATO: Design Review has not met. We meet next week. I'll have a report following that.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Schialdone.

MR. SCHIALDONE: The Parks Board did not meet today because there was no quorum. Myself and Mr. Neff were absent and there is an open position.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish, do you have the Mayor's Report?

MR. DRAGISH: I have no Mayor's Report.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Planning & Zoning met Thursday, March 26th. Minutes were posted and if there are any questions. We appointed a Chairperson, Jack Palermo; which is good to add some continuity to that panel.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. For the Fire Board, they had some issues with their reporting system, we have an estimate in February of 230, we don't have March yet, for Fire Loss they have zero, ambulance transports estimates of 115, these are for February. We provided 6 mutual aid and we received 2. We will move on to Mr. Rapp, our Public Works Superintendent.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Good evening. Public Works crews have been busy cleaning out storm drains. We're getting some calls for some holes that need repaired. We have this every year in the spring with the amount of rain that we've been getting and the snow melt, so we've been busy identifying and repairing those. We're getting very close to the water meters being changed out, there are still about 250-225 meters remaining in the whole city, out of 3,000 + We're getting close.

Stick and limb pick-up begins on Monday. I will defer to our city manager for a slight change. That's all I have.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Finance Director, Mrs. Clayton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: The check register for February and the 2026 appropriation budget has been uploaded to the city website. I received notice today of a rate increase from the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department for 2026. Currently, we pay the county based on water consumption that we bill to our customers. A meter is being installed to measure sanitary sewer flow that goes out to the county. They're going to start billing us based on the flow through that meter; which includes probably a lot of I&I. We'll be working on an ordinance to increase sanitary sewer rates for the first meeting in May. I'm currently working on Capital Assets spreadsheets for the 2025 GAAP Report, that goes to Julian and Grube to prepare for the state auditors. The Finance Department has been busy processing income tax returns; which are due April 15th.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Zoning Inspector, Mr. Thorn.

ZONING INSPECTOR: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. For the month of March, we issued 18 permits, they are valued at \$212,318.48. Total permits issued year to date, 26. Year to date value is \$352,668.48. Design Review and Planning & Zoning both have meetings next week. Design Review is on Tuesday and Planning & Zoning will be on Thursday. That is all I have.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Clerk, Mrs. Bernat.

CLERK: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. The only thing that I have to add is that we still need to fill a position on the Parks Board. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00am.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our City Manager, Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. As Mr. Rapp referenced earlier, there will be a slight change in the stick and limb program. I'm going to call this a significant change. At the last meeting, the Mayor talked about the inequity of doing it by quadrants, based on the weather and the time of the year, that some people have to do it in rain or snow possibly vs others doing it in sunshine. I met with Mr. Rapp after our last council meeting and we developed a schedule where we'll be hitting every quadrant, one after another throughout each week. So, it's still going to be a 4-week program. I think we're still satisfying that need. We are going to have every quadrant hit in each week. It makes it more fair for all of our residents and I think it will be more effective. We're going to try it out and we'll see how it works.

MR. DRAGISH: Sounds good.

MR. D'APOLITO: Secondly, Mrs. Oliver, you referenced the Glenview Culvert. I know that you're getting some people complaining about it. I just want you to know, the bid opening is happening on April 8th at 10:00am. We'll have bid openings on it. There has been a lot of interest from contractors as I'm told from our engineer. That project is really right on schedule. I also wanted to mention that the following week on the 15th, we'll be having a bid opening on the CH Campbell waterline. That project is another way to get water to the school and to the neighborhoods, we feel it will be very beneficial for everyone. In an emergency, it will be extremely beneficial.

Finally, just following up with the finance director, I've mentioned this since I met with the sanitary engineer at the beginning of the year, that increases are coming, they're coming, let everyone know. They're not coming anymore, they're here. The rate increases are here. We got the letter today. Not only are they here but the way it's measured is going to be changed. It's been based on our water usage but there is a lot of I&I that gets into the system. It's sent to the county and in effect they believe that we're not paying enough, shockingly. We are now going to have accurate numbers that measure how much the City of Canfield sends to Mahoning County, through the sanitary lines. So, I just want everyone to be prepared that rate increases for the city result in rates increases for the residents. Nobody likes it, but the county has set us on this path. I just want to make everyone aware that it's coming. Thank you.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Did they give you any indication of what they're looking at percentage wise?

MR. D'APOLITO: Well, we know what the new rate increase is.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: It's up .46 per from last year. It's going to be \$7.53, per thousand gallons, that we have to pay them.

MR. D'APOLITO: But, I think the bigger factor is when we start measuring the actual amount of flow to the county. I think it's going to be substantially more than what we're getting billed for currently. Not just an increase but an increase on actually how much is being sent.

MRS. OLIVER: That's why it's important for people who have sprinkler systems and pools to have 2 separate meters, like we do. So, you're not paying the sewer on all of your water. It's really important for people to make sure they do that. Our police chief, Chief Colucci.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you. It's not all too often that our school resource officers get recognized for what they do. There are not always official police reports (inaudible) but in reviewing our catalog and daily activities reports, I want to thank them all for doing an amazing job. There is a lot that goes unknown. They work together and create partnerships with school districts and staff and students. They are a valuable asset for our community to have them in the school. At MCCTC, Officer Lamping and Morganne Lewis, Canfield High School, Steve Gartska, Canfield Middle School, Josh Zmuda and at the elementary school, officer Stacy Karis. They do an amazing job of keeping things status quo. Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Last but not least, Atty. Fortunato.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We're doing a lot. Needless to say (inaudible) there will be legislation coming forward on a few matters. There are some legal issues that I don't want to discuss. That's my report.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Council any questions on the reports that you've just heard? Hearing none.

Under **QUESTIONS** on Reports:

MR. JOSEPH LOCICERO: Joe Locicero, 60 White Oak Court.

MRS. OLIVER: Is this a question on the reports?

MR. LOCICERO: On the reports. I was curious about when residents can expect to see the increase?

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't know when that is going to happen. My guess is we'll probably do something at the end of spring or beginning of summer. We'll have some legislation with the new rates. We're going to have to figure out what those will be. The next month or so.

MR. LOCICERO: I should know this but are you going to start billing monthly on the water?

MR. D'APOLITO: That is what part of the meter changeover is, so yes. We are going to go from a quarterly billing system to a monthly billing system.

MRS. OLIVER: Please remain there because I have you on my list.

Under **RECOGNITION** of persons desiring to appear before council:

MR. JOSEPH LOCICERO: Thank you for having me. This is going to sound trivial compared to what you're discussing, it's all in the eyes of the beholder. I wanted to ask some questions about the law that governs where someone can store their RV. I think that the law is not crystal clear to some folks. I wondered if Mark, you could explain to me what the law is.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Sure. So, for boats, RV's, those kinds of things, In 1161.01, entitled general requirements, under subsection (i): The parking of a recreational vehicles, boat trailer and/or travel trailer or utility trailer in a residential area is prohibited except when:

- (1) The Vehicle is intended for pleasure purposes only, and is not part of a business; and
- (2) Such vehicle in uninhabited; and
- (3) Such vehicle is parked in the rear or side yards; and
- (4) Such vehicle is at least five feet from any adjoining property line.

People are allowed to keep it in the front of their house up to 4 days for loading/unloading, maintenance or preparation. That's what we have in place.

MR. LOCICERO: Okay. I think the confusing part, and it shouldn't be, that they can park a vehicle on the side of their house.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Side yard. The front yard goes from the front of the house to the street. Side yards don't begin at the street. Side yards begin from the front of the house and then continue to the back. So, if somebody has an RV in the side yard, in front of their house, that's prohibited. The side yard starts at the house and back.

MR. LOCICERO: There was a question about a vehicle parked on a street near me. So, now, I understand. The person has a side entrance, not a front entrance. They have a front entrance garage, it's not as convenient. You'd have to pull on the side of their house, right?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Correct. Behind the front of the house.

MR. LOCICERO: Okay. I got it. Can you tell me why that law is written? What's your intention?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Our intention is to keep these types of vehicles from the front yard. We passed this in 1995 and we had a lot of RV and boat owners come to council and they were interested in what we were doing, they'd like a place to keep their RV or boat. The council made a decision to provide that to them but to keep them as much out of the public view as possible, the side yard, off the property line and limited to just storage, you can't live in it or run a business.

MR. LOCICERO: Some people see it as a negative for their property values to have a vehicle in view from the street. Some people are saying, why are you not getting those out of view. Apparently, that wasn't the reason why you did it. What was the problem in the first place?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: We had people parking boats and RV's in the front of the house.

MR. LOCICERO: If you go to the side you can.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Right.

MR. LOCICERO: One last question that I have, could citizens get a law changed?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Sure, convince council.

MR. LOCICERO: Is there a way to get it.....

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes, an initiative.

MR. LOCICERO: Then, I would ask you guys and gals, to reconsider this ordinance, so these vehicles are not in view from the street. There are people that believe that would be an improvement to our community. Is it possible for people to get a petition for people to say, I don't want to see them?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: You can do that. I think you'll find as many RV owners and boat owners as you do people who don't like looking at them.

MR. LOCICERO: The people that I'm talking to don't want to see them. I don't care personally. I don't plan to buy an RV. If I did, I couldn't park it on my property because of side yards.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Another way it's handled is, a lot of deed restrictions now discuss that issue. Newer developments, deed restrictions. I'm sure a lot of subdivisions that are newer have deed restrictions. The city doesn't enforce deed restrictions. Those the property owners enforce against each other.

MR. LOCICERO: In a mature neighborhood.....

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Those don't exist in older neighborhoods.

MR. LOCICERO: How many signatures would I need?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: To get it on the ballot?

MR. LOCICERO: It would have to get on the ballot?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes.

MR. LOCICERO: In other words, two ways, you all make the law or it's on the ballot?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes. I don't know that answer but I can get it for you.

MR. LOCICERO: Okay.

MR. D'APOLITO: Mr. Locicero, the only thing I would say is, since I've been here 3 years and 3 months, I've heard 1 or 2 complaints. Obviously, I've heard a lot of complaints but this is the first that I've heard of this issue. A lot of people do call here with different issue and this is the first time anyone has brought this up.

MRS. OLIVER: I have brought it up previously at two council meetings, it was for Mr. Locicero.

MR. D'APOLITO: Right.

MRS. OLIVER: I just want you to know, when I told you I brought it up, I did.

MR. D'APOLITO: This is the first time this issue from Mr. Locicero.

MR. LOCICERO: From a citizen.

MRS. OLIVER: Yes, thank you.

MR. LOCICERO: I want to compliment this body. The city is feeling good. You guys seem like a really good team. Thank you.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there was none.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**:

ITEM A: New Ordinance §1151.01 (O) Permitting Outside Storage in B-2 Zoning Districts.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish would you please read Item A.

MR. DRAGISH: New Ordinance §1151.01 (O) Permitting Outside Storage in B-2 Zoning Districts. This constitutes first reading. This will be set for a public hearing.

CLERK: Yes, on May 6th at 5:30pm.

ITEM B: An Ordinance Requesting Participation in Purchase Contracts of the State for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) and Declaring an Emergency.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Requesting Participation in Purchase Contracts of the State for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) and Declaring an Emergency. I move for passage.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Any discussion? Hearing none.

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| ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Ordinance passes |
| | Ordinance 2026-11. |

ITEM C: An Ordinance Approving the Replat of Canfield City Lot 2954 and Creating Lot 2953 by Stonebridge Land Corporation.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |

MR. NACARATO: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Approving the Replat of Canfield City Lot 2954 and Creating Lot 2953 by Stonebridge Land Corporation. I move for passage.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: This is a replat. It an administrative action. MS Consultants reviews the replat, and Tyler makes sure it complies with all of our zoning requirements. That's all been done. This is really just an administrative act.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Do I have a second.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Ordinance passes. |
| | Ordinance 2026-12. |

ITEM D: A Motion reappointing Mark Fortunato as Municipal Attorney.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. SCHIALDONE: A Motion reappointing Mark Fortunato as Municipal Attorney. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MR. D'APOLITO: If I might add something, I think I know a little bit about lawyers. I've been around them. Since I've been here, I've been nothing but impressed with Atty. Fortunato, his work ethic, his availability. I can call him at night or during the day, he always gets back to me if he doesn't pick up immediately. His knowledge of the law is incredible. I mean, I have to help him out a lot (laughter). I would absolutely recommend that council reappoint Atty. Fortunato.

MR. GRAHAM: I think we all echo your sentiments.

MRS. OLIVER: I was going to say, I know this to be true, I know we all do, that's why I didn't ask if there was any discussion.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

Motion 2026-06.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Thank you, very much.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: It's an honor.

MRS. OLIVER: We're honored to have you.

ITEM E: A Motion to authorize the City Manager to Apply for F-1 and F-2 Permits as applicable from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control for Family Fun Night on August 13, 2026, Tailgate Party of September 12, 2026 and Fall Fest on October 3, 2026.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have A Motion to authorize the City Manager to Apply for F-1 and F-2 Permits as applicable from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control for Family Fun Night on August 13, 2026, Tailgate Party of September 12, 2026 and Fall Fest on October 3, 2026.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

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| ROLL CALL ON MOTION: | 5 Votes-Yes |
| | 0 Votes-No |
| | Motion passes. |
| | Motion 2026-07. |

MRS. OLIVER: I have to say, this goes to the city and us bringing on our city manager, that motion in letter E, all of these wonderful events that have been occurring since you've been here are absolutely amazing, the attendance is incredible. I thank you very much for bringing these things to our city.

MR. D'APOLITO: We're trying something new on September 12th a tailgate party. We'll hopefully have a very large screen. Ohio State vs Texas. It should be a great community event.

MRS. OLIVER: We'll be pushing it out on social media. Thank you. Anything before we adjourn? Hearing none. Can I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. DRAGISH: I just want to say, Happy Easter!

COLLECTIVELY: Happy Easter.

MRS. OLIVER: I keep forgetting it's Easter. Last year it was later.

MRS. OLIVER: Can I have a motion to adjourn.

MR. NACARATO: I'll make that motion.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: We are adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL