CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

November 4th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen: Craig, Wyche, O'Malley, Fogle, Wiley and Kirchberger

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

110426.1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman _____the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28th, 2026 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes _____.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:
N/A

FROM THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk submitted payrolls, bills for services and expenses, and reported that the Department Heads submitted reports of labor performed in their departments.

Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)
N/A

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

110426.2
By Alderman_____:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue orders in favor of the claimants for payrolls, bills and services to be paid on November 5th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman _____and adopted. Ayes _____.

110426.3
By Alderman Wiley:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend congratulations and appreciation to the following City employees for their years of dedicated service to the City of Lockport:

Employee	Years of Service	Title
Michael Kagels	5	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes___.

110426.4
By Alderman_____:

Resolution Calling For Public Hearing
For Submission of One or More
Community Development Block Grant Applications

Whereas, the City of Lockport Common Council wishes to assess the advisability of submitting one or more Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") applications to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") for a grant to support an economic development project that will support manufacturing, economic growth and job creation in the City and a grant to fund a microenterprise assistance program that will support existing and start-up microenterprise businesses in the City, and

Whereas, the City of Lockport is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider public comments regarding community development needs and the possible submission of applications for CDBG funding, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council shall conduct a public hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the City's community development needs and the proposed funding applications at City Hall, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York on the 18th day of November, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that published notice of such hearing in the City's official paper and posted notice on the City website shall be given at least eight (8) days before the public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

110426.5 Withdrawn.

110426.6
By Alderman Craig:

Temporary Departmental Spending Restrictions and Expenditure Approval Requirements

Whereas the City of Lockport Common Council recognizes the importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility and ensuring appropriate oversight of departmental expenditures; and

Whereas, concerns have been raised regarding departmental spending, including the need for additional information and sufficient time to review expenditures prior to approval; and

Whereas overtime expenditures in several City departments have exceeded their budgeted allocations, creating additional financial concerns as the City approaches the end of the 2026 fiscal year; and

Whereas the Common Council wishes to implement temporary spending restrictions to provide greater financial oversight and accountability; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution, all City departments shall be required to obtain prior approval from the Director of Finance, City Treasurer, and Mayor for any expenditure exceeding $500.00, excluding departmental emergencies or expenditures necessary to address immediate public safety concerns; and be it further

Resolved, that requests for such expenditures shall include an explanation of the intended purchase, its necessity, and the proposed use of funds, and shall be submitted for review to determine whether the expenditure is necessary or may be deferred; and be it further

Resolved, that information regarding proposed expenditures exceeding $250.00 shall also be provided to all members of the Common Council for their review; and be it further

Resolved, that all City department heads shall be notified of these requirements and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance; and be it further

Resolved, these temporary spending restrictions shall remain in effect through December 31, 2026, and shall expire on January 1, 2027, unless otherwise extended by resolution of the Common Council.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

110426.7
By Alderman Wiley:

Resolution to Approve K9s for Warriors

Whereas, the Lockport Fire Department has identified an opportunity to support the mental health and well-being of its members, as well as the citizens of the Lockport area; and

Whereas, Lt. James Pytlik has researched and presented Fire Chief Quagliano and the Board of Fire Commissioners with a written proposal for a Fire Department Station Dog Program in partnership with K9s For Warriors; and

Whereas, said proposal outlines the parameters of the program and has been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners, pending Common Council approval, with no anticipated cost to the City of Lockport; and

Whereas, Chief Quagliano has confirmed with the City's liability insurance carrier that no additional insurance premium is anticipated as a result of the program; and

Whereas, Lt. James Pytlik shall maintain personal ownership and possession of the dog, and Local 963 shall be responsible for the costs associated with its care and upkeep; and

Whereas, it is the express intention of the Common Council that the City of Lockport shall not assume any financial obligation associated with the ownership, care, maintenance, training, housing, transportation, veterinary treatment, insurance, or any other expenses related to the dog, either now or in the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Lockport Fire Department Station Dog Program, expressly conditioned upon the understanding that the City of Lockport shall have no financial responsibility for any costs or expenses associated with the dog or its participation in the program; and be it further

Resolved, that all expenses associated with the dog, including but not limited to food, veterinary care, vaccinations, medications, grooming, training, equipment, licensing, and any other related expenses, shall remain the sole responsibility of Lt. James Pytlik, Local 963, or other non-City funding sources; and be it further

Resolved, that this authorization shall not constitute an agreement by the City of Lockport to assume ownership, custody, financial responsibility, or any ongoing obligation for the dog, and no City funds shall be appropriated or expended for the program without separate authorization by the Common Council.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

110426.8
By Alderman_____:

Acceptance of East Hill Foundation Grant for Fire Department

Whereas, the City of Lockport Fire Department has applied for a grant from the East Hill Foundation in the amount of $14,400 for the purchase of a digital fire extinguisher training system to enhance public fire safety education; and

Whereas, these funds were not included in the 2026 adopted budget; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council hereby accept the grant award from the East Hill Foundation in the amount of $14,400; and be it further

Resolved, that the 2026 General Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue:		
Increase		
A.3410.32770	Other Classified Revenue	$14,400
Expense:		
Increase		
A.3410.52070	Public Safety Equipment	$14,400

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

110426.9 ADJOURNMENT

At _____pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, November 18th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk