

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
March 10, 2026**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 10, 2026.  
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

\*\*\*\*\***ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**\*\*\*\*\*

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Fogel, DeBottis, Petrucci, Morrow, Mayor Radeff, Finance Director Rummell, Service Director Hastings, Law Director Ward.

Excused: None.

Attending Videographer, Citizens, Dt. Sivert, Dt. Helmick.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2026 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Monthly report of court receipts February 2026- \$3,757.70.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Flock Cameras:

Dt. Sivert says we are here to give a brief presentation on the Flock Camera System that we currently have installed on a temporary basis called Project Prove It. It doesn't cost the city anything. They were founded in 2017 in Atlanta, GA and they quickly expanded. They are now in over 5,000 communities nationwide. We are here to give basic information about what the Flock Camera System does and the usefulness of it. There's some information going around about public trust and what's called LPR. LPR is license plate readers. There's a lot of information going around about what it's going to be used for, what it can do, is it spying on the community. We just want to answer some of the questions that are going around. First of all, the one thing that they put on their presentation to us is that it's not connected to any federal immigration enforcement, ICE, DHS, anything like that. The federal bureaus do not have any cameras of their own connected to Flock. The information that Flock captures is never sold, never given to anybody but the police dept. The information it collects is not on the person, it's not on their address, it's on the license plate itself, which is a public record that anybody can see at any time during the day and night. Any police officer at any time can turn, can get behind a car, can go down the street and run every single license plate if he wants to; no probable cause, no reasonable suspicion, he can run any plate if they want. That information then will go in the system. If you put it in Flock, you have to give a reason why you're running that plate, you have to give a report number, and you have your own account so it can be audited all the way through the process. If I want to put in a plate and say we had a burglary at a house on Lafayette, and the neighbors on their ring camera or on their camera or just the description said there was a blue 4-door car, it looked like a Ford, older model, and that's all the information they have. It went south on Lafayette and either east or west on Oster. What we can do is based on that basic description, we can go into the Flock cameras that are closest to that area and start looking at cars from the time it happened until the time we think it passed us. We can put in simply a blue 4-door vehicle. Any blue 4-door vehicle that comes by, whether it catches their license

plate or not, will show up on that camera. Now, most of the time when it shows up, it's going to catch their license plate. So, what then we do is we take that license plate number, we run it through LEADS, the database that has everybody's license plate in it, then we determine who that person is. If that's a person that lives next door to the house that was burglarized and we know that car is not involved, we move on to the next car. So, I think it's important that people understand that it's not looking at the person or even the owner of that vehicle. It gives you a plate. Now, the other good thing that it does, if information goes into LEADS, which is Law Enforcement Automotive Database, I'll give you an example. Let's say somebody has a warrant for their arrest and their name, they're the owner of that car, that information is now connected to that license plate. Just like if I got behind a car and ran the plate, if there was a warrant for that person, it would show up that there's a warrant for the owner of that car. What this system does is if a car passes through any camera in our city and it sees that there's a warrant for that person, it'll alert. It gives an alert to all the officers, either on duty or off duty, that this car just passed this camera in this direction at this time, and that person has a warrant. Now, that automatically does not give a police officer the right to go pull that car over and yank that guy out and handcuff him. There's a process, that gives you the start of that process. You have to find that car, or you have to make sure that warrant is valid. Then, if you find that car, you have to make sure the person driving the car matches the description on the warrant. If all that matches, then you can pull the car over and have the person identify himself. If he's got a warrant, you arrest him. The other thing it does is if there's a stolen car that comes in our city, it'll alert that that car's stolen from anywhere in the United States, that that car's stolen in a report. Again, you've got to follow that procedure. You've got to verify that the car's still stolen, and you've got to go through that process. It doesn't check to see if you have a suspended license or no license. It does check if you're a sex offender. If you're a sex offender and you come in this city and your name is connected to that license plate, it's going to say, the owner of that vehicle is a sex offender, that car just came into the city. Again, because somebody registers as a sex offender, it doesn't mean they're doing anything wrong when they're driving into the city, but it alerts us if there's a sex offender coming into the city. That information is not sold; it is not shared with anybody. Then every 30 days, the records are purged. Now, here's some of the concerns that are coming up: One is that Flock has inadequate security standards. As you can see, there's a lot of accreditations they have there as far as framework for IT security. Several different institutes that they had to get their standards from. The other one is that their system would be hacked. Out of the 80,000 cameras they have all over the country, their system would be hacked. As you can see, they have no claims of any time their system has ever been hacked. That's a couple of the false claims that are kind of going out there. Privacy is a big concern. It's a big concern to me; it's a big concern to everybody. Unfortunately, in this day and age, as soon as you walk out of your house, if your neighbor has a ring camera, you're on camera. If you go to the store, if you drive outside the city, every city surrounding us has blockades. So, the second you drive out of the city, your car is going to show up on camera. Lorain probably has 40 cameras that make their intersections. Avon Lake has probably 10. Avon probably has 60 or 70 cameras, but they're on a different system, not on a Flock system. Private citizens cannot call Flock and ask for this information. This system has been in place since 2017, and Lorain's had it probably for 5-6 years. Avon's had it, Avon Lake's had it for 4-5 years. So, it may seem like the government

is spying on you, but it's really not. It's just capturing your license plate. What that information leads us to is what we do. We can do that in any way possible through an investigation. So, just so I can show you how many cars and how many people travel through this city, this is a breakdown of the total vehicles that have traveled through this city since February 6th to March 8th. So, a month, we had 465,000 cars come through this city. As you can see, now the year-to-date volume is a little different. When it picks up a vehicle, sometimes it'll pick up a partial vehicle. It'll pick up a trailer because the camera reacts to motion. So, some of those, the number you got to concentrate is 465. That's in one month that it picked up that many cars. You know, you can tell probably what days the weekends are because there's more cars coming through. This is a breakdown of where the cameras are located. As you can see, the green at the top is at Harris and a number of other tracks. Now at Harris, just north of Harris, we have a camera and Sheffield Village has a camera. All the cameras are pointed to show vehicles coming into Sheffield Lake and vice versa with Sheffield Village. They have cameras that show the vehicles coming and exiting. So, it's nice to have 2 cameras because we can come and go. Abbe Rd. is at Schueller Blvd. Now, that one's a little far for us right now. It's catching a lot of Ford workers coming. That's not even in our city. Ideally, we didn't want it there, but that's where they had to put it temporarily. The next one's at Walker and the City Line. Again, Avon Lake has a camera right in the same location, just on the opposite side of the street, pointing so they capture cars coming into their city. Lake Rd. and Abbe Rd., we wanted that one a little farther east towards Erie View, towards the border, but that's where we had to put it temporarily. Then Lake Breeze at the railroad track. So, pretty much 360, we were able to capture cars coming into the city. As you can see, this is just a temporary list of what's coming in. At the top over here, we see topics. 107 sex offenders have come into the city. Now, granted, those are duplicates. If somebody lives in the city, works in the city, that's labeled a sex offender. They're coming into the city. Non-owned custom hot list, that's somebody who puts a hot list in from somewhere else that it may not alert to us. It may be in an aerial hot list. Warrants, 14. Stolen plates, 12. Custom hot list is what we can put in. Protection orders, gang and suspect terrorists, and stolen vehicles. Those are the type of alerts that we got. Now, those numbers seem low because they were low to me, too. What we found is that we didn't have everybody up to speed yet to recognize the hot list and put the hot list information in there yet, but we're working on that. So, what we did, because all the cities have Flock around us, we decided to contact Flock, and they did what's called a project group. They come in, free of charge. They put 6 cameras up, and they give you 2 months or so to run it to show the amount of vehicles that come into your city that probably nobody would ever believe that that many cars come into the city in a month's time. Hopefully, it is used to solve a crime, to stop somebody, to help somebody, to rescue somebody. We've had success with the Flock system in general before we even had it. There was a victim in the city that was conned out of a lot of money, and we were able to use our own city cameras. We were able to use people with a ring camera to get an identification of this car. All we had was a white car and we were able to capture certain rims were a different color on a private camera. We were able to capture them on a city camera, then we were able to track that car as it left the city through Lorain. We tracked it all the way to Indiana, where about a month later, the FBI, who I've been working with on this case, was able to apprehend that person as he was going to con another person out of thousands of dollars. That's just one example. The other one we had recently...

Dt. Helmick says you guys were aware of the Root Rd. shooting recently. They came into our city. That was captured on Flock cameras as well. The speeder recently that was going 115 down Lake Rd., captured on Flock. Dt. Sivert states the other well-known incident that happened was when the guy in Elyria robbed an armored truck. He made it all the way to Lorain. Once that information got out, Lorain was able to use Flock and pinpoint where he was at and got behind him. The chase went all the way out to North Olmstead, where he ended up capturing that person. Of course, he died as a result of that. Those are just a few examples of how valuable this tool can be, and this project, like I said, is free of charge. The costs for these cameras are high. I'll be perfectly honest with you. For the 6 cameras that we have, and the information that it could collect, is \$21,000 a year. That's high, I understand that, but I don't know if it saves somebody's life, if it helps us catch a serial burglar, a rapist, anything like that. You know, the money is really not important at that point. It's easier for me to say I understand, but I'm a taxpayer, too. I know everybody's got a bunch of questions that they've been talking about online, and we're here to answer as many as we can. I'm not an expert in this. I've used it. I mean, I've used the information I've got from other cities when we had to go to them to help us with that. There was a recent court case in Virginia where Virginia sued Flock. Somebody sued Flock by saying that's a privacy issue, and a lower court judge agreed with that person and said Flock cannot capture license plates without a warrant. The higher court ruled against that, and threw that case out. So, it's perfectly legal what Flock is doing, because they're not capturing personal information about you. They're not keeping that information. They're not selling that information. That information goes directly to the police officer, and it can be narrowed down directly to the department that that vehicle is connected to that vehicle or that city is connected to that vehicle. Councilman Morrow says I'll say that I'm very familiar with Flock from other cities that I've lived in. I think they're an excellent tool for the police, and I think that it's very important that, yes, these are expensive, but if you look at that, that's probably the work of what 6-8 police officers could do, and that would be a lot more expensive than that. So, when you're saying, hey, we could put 6/8 police officers on for \$21,000 a year, then it looks really attractive. Dt. Sivert replies not only do that, they also would like to, and I was thinking about the Mariner's Watch area over there, they will contract with private enterprises. Like if we had a big industrial park in this, that company can go buy their own Flock camera from Flock, connect it right to the police dept. So, if something happens on that property, it could come right to us. It doesn't have to go to an alarm company. The alarm company doesn't have to call us. We don't have to respond. We can get that information directly at our police station. Any officer's car can get that information. I think it would be a perfect place at Mariner's Watch if we could talk them into getting that. If other businesses in a certain area, the shopping center, they want to buy those cameras, that would be a great tool to have. Like you said, having a camera there that's 365 days a year, recording stuff, capturing license plates involved in a crime is invaluable to us and to the citizens. It's just a great tool. Councilman DeBottis asks if I came in and said, Buddy, I want all of yesterday's videos, all the cars that came in out of Sheffield Lake, would I get that? Dt. Sivert responds sure, if you wanted to see every car that that camera captured, it's a public record. It comes to us just like you could if you walked down the street or somebody took a picture of a car in the parking lot. As long as you're not on private property. It's information that is like any information we have; reports, tickets, videos, anything you want. It's a public record we

have. As far as my understanding goes, that's how it is. Councilman DeBottis asks that information could be sold if someone came in and got it. Dt. Sivert replies not sold by Flock. if somebody came in and saw that, all they would be selling is a picture of a license plate. That's all. They wouldn't be selling information on that license plate, because that's not in there. If we pull up a license plate, that does not show us anything about who owns it, who drives it, where the license plate is registered, what address does it show us? It shows us a plate and a car. There are other systems out there. Like I said, Avon, they use a whole different company. I'm not sure what it's called. Unfortunately, it's not integrated to the surrounding departments. So, if they need information, you've got to call Avon and ask them for specific information. If they're not busy, they can give you that. So, what's nice about this is all the areas are connected, all the way in all states, other parts of the country. This is the most popular one, and this is the one used by, I think they said, 8,000 companies. Dt. Sivert shows the breakdown for each camera. They also use this for traffic studies. If a business wants to come in and say, hey, I want to put a business on Lake Rd., how many cars go by Lake Rd. every day? You can go to this and use this information to say, we have 2 cameras on Lake Rd., one on the east side and one on the west side. This is how many cars go down Lake Rd. Very useful tool if there are companies that want to know that.

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### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman DeBottis reviews the minutes of the March 2, 2026 meeting. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**Safety:** Chairman Kovach reviews the minutes of the March 4, 2026 meeting. Councilman Morrow asks the fire truck that we are looking at purchasing, do we have specs on that or what type of truck and what its capabilities are? Chairman Kovach replies I believe all that information has been spec'd out through the fire chief. I don't have specifics on that. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. /**Ordinance:** None. /**Finance:** None. /**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** None. /**Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. /**Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. /**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Radeff has no report. Councilman Morrow asks I'm just wondering on the capital budget request. Have we made any capital budget requests? Mayor Radeff responds yeah, we submitted our capital budget to both Nathan Manning and to Joe Miller. We asked for I think \$975,000 towards the Recreation Center. That was what we submitted today. Councilwoman Gee asks as our safety director, for the next safety meeting, could you please have a list of any equipment or gear that is needed to be replaced for either safety dept.? Mayor Radeff replies yeah, I'll have them put that together \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings reports at the end of February we had a retirement from our water and sewer department, Tom Kepic. He worked here about 11 years and was a fantastic employee. He always answered the calls, allowed me to temporary transfer, to use his construction skills for a lot of the pavilions that were built and I wish him the best and thank

him for his service. As far as our roads and drains, we're currently cleaning storm sewers in the fourth ward. We have also done some ditches, one of which was brought up by Councilman Fogel over on Grantwood with another one scheduled on Roberts at the request of a constituent of Councilman DeBottis. We also have pipe schedules. This week we hope to install over on Idlewood, and then we have a handful more. We are currently patching with cold mix, which is not the best, but when the plant opens up here in April, we'll switch over to hot mix. Our parks have added a community garden that you might notice outside the door here at City Hall, intended for handicapped participants in that the beds are raised up with nice access through the parking and the sidewalk to it. They're currently servicing mowers in anticipation of the cutting season. Our water and sewer dept. has been coordinating with all the construction going on, such as Columbia Gas and West Dr. We are working on our AMI meter system. Some of those need updated, the specific meter of the 4,000 we have. They're under warranty, and that's moving along well. We are also cleaning sanitary sewers in that dept. in Ward 2 and 3. Updating on our pending and current construction, West Dr., currently all the underground infrastructure is complete. We are working on sidewalk and apron restoration currently. When that plan opens up, we will perform our paving. We hope to have that wrapped up and out of there by the end of May. Columbia Gas continues to work on Walker Rd. and Pleasant View. That's in advance of construction we have scheduled with Ohio Public Works for the rehabilitation and repaving of Walker Rd., the TAP ODOT grants for sidewalks and pedestrian crossing, flashing lights in front of Guenther Park, as well as the splash pad, which is before you this evening, I think, on reading #2. Phase 5 of the lakefront connectivity was successfully awarded. That came in at a construction cost of just under \$800,000. That will go from Buckeye to Cove Beach and will include new traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, and the turning lane, which is a point of contention there at 6 and 301. That will all be under construction here in the near future. There's a series of trees that are impacting the project, and those will come out before the end of the month. On Phase 3B, we're in the acquisition phase from Harris to Treadway, buying right of way. On Phase 6, we solicited letters of interest to various engineering firms and awarded the design to Bramhall Engineering. Also working with Bramhall Engineering, we do have hydraulic and water studies along the day ditch that we cleaned out some years ago. So, we're using that information to get cost estimates for the box culvert replacements and using the hydraulic data to determine the size we would need to accommodate a better flow there. That was requested by Councilman Fogel. We'll have a firm total on how to procure funding. The city was awarded a Community Development Block Grant for the sanitary sewer and road rehabilitation on East Dr. I have that scheduled for construction this year at the mid to late summer, probably move into 2027 to complete it. That does include alternates to address water lines and sidewalks, depending on how the bids come through. Just a couple of notes on the committee meetings that I wasn't able to attend. I did hear about Maplewood's concern. Chief Kory did contact me, and in addition to increased patrols, we have installed our digital speed radar so that the residents can see that. President Rosso asks is West Dr. still one way? Service Director Hastings replies it is. As part of the final part of this project, some people had issues with their drains running

properly. So, there's still big, heavy equipment coming through that cleaned that and or inspected, camera inspected, so we see. If we damage something, I want it fixed. President Rosso replies yeah. Finally, I'm sorry to see Mr. Kepic retire. Over the years, I've interfaced with him a few times on projects in the city. He's actually worked on stuff, helping me with figuring out water, helping me turn the water off in my house when we had to replace things. I'm glad he gets to enjoy his retirement, but that's the negative side to it. He was a very good employee, and he will be missed. So, if you talk to Tom, tell him we said congratulations, and I hope him the best. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

***/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Finance Director Rummell reports the presentation for the finance (inaudible) will be next Tuesday during the finance and audit meeting. The February treasurer's report is in front of you this evening. All of the appropriations this evening or all of the ordinances and resolutions do have to do with money. #6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 are all on the second reading, with 6 being evidence money, 7 is the splash pad, 8 is the pavilion at Memorial Park, 9 is the patrol pistol sights, and 11 is the NOPEC. The new ones this evening that are in front of you are Council #12 and Council #13. Council #12 is an EMS grant that we received as a reimbursement for, I believe it's the chair lift that they received. Then #13 is very similar to Council #3 and 4, where it's an OWDA reimbursement. This is, to the best of my knowledge, related to West Dr. It's very similar to what we did for council #3 and 4 previously. Last but not least for mine, the presentation for the Flock cameras that was just up, I just checked with the mayor. We're going to get that posted to the city website, so that way everybody will have access to it and can ask any questions they need to. Councilwoman Gee asks could you by some chance prepare exactly what it would cost if we could consider keeping the Flock cameras and if it's affordable? Finance Director Rummell replies absolutely. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

***/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Law Director Ward has no report. Councilman Morrow says I still have some information that I'm waiting for from the community survey. I know that you provided me with all of the survey forms. I'm still waiting to see whether or not I get anything as far as the methodology and the controls that we use for the survey. Law Director Ward replies as far as I know, Councilman Morrow, we've provided all the survey information that you requested. Councilman Morrow asks so, you consider it to be finished and whole, that there were no controls and there was nothing that's in writing or anything documented on the controls of it or the methodology of it? Law Director Ward responds not that I'm aware of. Councilman Morrow asks Mr. Mayor, would you share that information or not? Mayor Radeff asks what do you mean controls? In order to do the survey, you had to list your name and an email address, which we then checked to make sure that person was a resident of Sheffield Lake. So, the control was you had to be a Sheffield Lake resident to be able to do the survey. Councilman Morrow says would just like that to be documented and how you did it, if you went to the... Mayor Radeff replies I didn't need to, I know that's what we did. I'm not creating public records to create public records. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** *Rodney Bonner, 711 East Dr.* says I am the commander of the VFW. We are looking forward to the two items we have to get approved for the shelter, for the memorial park, and the sights for the police dept.'s duty pistols. In addition to that, I would like to find out the possibility of potentially putting another veteran memorial in that park that honors the veterans of, like, Desert Storm and later, like myself. We have a lot of younger veterans over there. We don't have monuments that really apply to us that I'm aware of. Mayor Radeff replies we have Park Board on Monday. You can either come or send me something and I can bring it up. Mr. Bonner says we have no design yet. We want some input on what would fit well in there. We don't want to do something that doesn't really fit the rest of the theme for the memorial park. In addition to that, in May, we do a day of service. We would like to talk to whoever we could, maybe have a cleanup day in Memorial Park for the VFW to go in there and clean it up and find out what we can and can't do, that sort of stuff. I'd also like to remind all the citizens of the city that on Memorial Day, we do have a memorial service at 11 o'clock in the morning. After that, the public is more than welcome to come. We have food and that sort of stuff and we'd like to have a strong showing if we could this year. Mayor Radeff responds in May, we do have Pride Day on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We could set it up the same day. Mr. Bonner will coordinate with the service director.

*Patty Gascoyne, 856 Irving Park Blvd.* says my comment is in relation to the possibility of licensing, registering, and or permitting businesses. I stopped in at about a dozen businesses that we have here in tiny, teeny Sheffield Lake. Some of them corporate businesses, some of them just small businesses where the owner is the operator. I know personally, it's hard to be a self-employed person, file your taxes, cover all your overhead, paperwork, business insurance, health dept., all the other powers that be from the state, filing with the secretary of state, all the tingle tangle of red tape, which I hope sincerely that our city does not contribute to. One gentleman, the Shoreway Beverage owner, Mr. Pagano, I spoke with a little bit. Many of these people couldn't be here or send someone because they're all working, making money, putting food on the table and covering the income of their employees. Very important stuff as they do provide a good component of our tax base here, which is largely carried by the residents. So, Mr. Pagano has got the liquor store, the lottery, he's got all kinds of stuff going on over there that is heavily regulated already by the state and the county and the health department. So, 43 years he's been here and there's been no other requirement of him other than the burden of just being in business. You know, I didn't know that because I don't go in there. I don't really drink or play the lottery. So, he's a long-timer, but a new-timer, Mary Ann, who owns Biggby Coffee, she's having a tough time and she's new and that place is wonderful. I think it's a community asset to have such a nice little coffee shop, very clean. John had his swearing in there. I know the mayor's had a meeting there. A lot of people meet up there and talk and connect with the community. One more license or hoop to jump through is something she does not need. So, I did speak to a list of people, and they had no idea that this was even a brainwave in the city, and none of them are looking forward to it, as it has no material benefit for them as a functioning business in our teeny, tiny little town. So, I think a real justification would be needed and a presentation actually made to the businesses in our city that may potentially be licenses, et cetera.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilman DeBottis asks if we can have a presentation on the splashpad. Service Director Hastings asks do you have specific questions? I could answer them now. Councilman DeBottis asks do we have a total absolute cost of the splash pad? Service Director Hastings replies total absolute cost is in your legislation this evening. The only thing that is not included in that is a fence around it, which some of the experts say not to put a fence, but I'm of the mindset that we should have a fence. Councilman DeBottis asks is it going to have new water or recirculating water? Service Director Hastings replies it's considered a pass-through system, so it would be supplied with fresh water. Councilman DeBottis asks do we have a time approximately on the start and stop in the timeline? Service Director Hastings replies I'm in the queue for construction to start in July, unless there's some holdup by city council. My goal is that the community would get some enjoyment in it in the month of August. A splash pad, according to Ohio administrative code, is actually considered a special use pool. So, I would operate that under the same guise as, you know, Memorial Day to Labor Day, about a three-month cycle. Councilman DeBottis asks is there going to be a charge for the splash pad for people using it? Service Director Hastings replies no. Councilman DeBottis asks hours of operation, do we know that yet? Service Director Hastings replies we don't. I based my operational costs on a 10-hour day, but I think that's a little much, because that's like an 8 a.m. start, and I don't anticipate starting that early. Councilman DeBottis asks do you know if we're speaking every day of the week, seven days a week? Service Director Hastings replies 7 days a week. Councilman DeBottis asks will there be an age limit? Service Director Hastings replies we haven't addressed that yet. It will be based on our observations for safety. We intend to put cameras up. Councilman DeBottis asks who will oversee the splash pad operation and maintenance, please? Service Director Hastings replies well, again, the Ohio Administrative Code and the Dept. of Public Health consider this a special use pool, so there's very definitive maintenance requirements. We check for chlorine; we check for safety. Those are in 6-hour intervals. So basically, once per use day. We check for the flow rate on it. All of the features combined are running at 148 gallons per minute. However, we zone that out so that we don't use that much water. Basically, it's a push activation because if you just leave this running, it's a substantial cost. The maintenance, to answer your question, would include a water operator, which we have certified operators in the city as well as the park staff. Then we maintain records on maintenance, deliver it to the Ohio Dept. of Health. There's a form involved, form 5221, and then we maintain those records for 2 years. Councilman DeBottis asks are we going to have to hire anyone above and beyond our normal staffing that we have here? Service Director Hastings replies no. Councilman DeBottis asks besides the fence, are there any other structures or amenities that need to be built, constructed, or being considered to support the splash pad? Service Director Hastings responds yes, we actually applied last year for a NatureWorks grant to expand the current concession stand to include public restrooms. That project came in at about \$300,000. However, the city of Sheffield Lake did not receive that grant we are applying this year, and that is a very important asset that we need to pursue. So, we are applying for that again, and I hope to be able to build that in 2027. Councilman DeBottis asks about utility/water cost. Service Director Hastings replies this has a series of controls. We can either use a sequencing controller or activation buttons. We're going to do activation buttons, which will bring you under 20,000 gallons per day and run at a cost of about \$6,031 per month or \$18,000 per season. Councilman Morrow says coming from

Sandusky, we had a wave action pool at one time in our downtown, and we loved it. Everybody in the town loved to have that wave action pool. They didn't put away enough money to be able to fix the pumps on it when it went bad and went into disrepair. Now they no longer have it. What is the maintenance like on the pumps that would be used to be able to make the splash pad splash, and is there anything that we would do to put money away to ensure that we have money to be able to repair it if and when that pump goes out? Service Director Hastings replies a good part of the components have warranties, some of which extend beyond 25 years, and then some go to 3 - 5. The park budget, park maintenance line that the finance director and I work with each year would easily absorb those maintenance costs. Ironically, with a splash pad, they're very regulated, including I think it's called McKenna. McKenna's law passed in 2023 where even the pounds per square foot that come out of that head have to be regulated at under 20 psi. So, when you change those heads, you have to fill out a specific form with the state. It's all very regulated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Petrucci says I'm asking to see if we have a code of conduct for city council members, and if we do, where would we find that? Is that written someplace? President Rosso replies it would be in council rules, and I believe it's in there, but I would have to read through them and tell you which one exactly. Council rules are set by council, so if we need to add, change, delete, we have the authority. Councilwoman Petrucci says maybe we could take a look at that. I know our work session is quite heavy right now. President Rosso replies everyone can review them and come up with, see if they have it. I'll try and look for one that I think you're asking about and refer you to a number, and I'll share that with everyone. Councilwoman Petrucci says I feel like in, and I'm going to read this, in light of recent offensive Facebook posts, I feel there's a need to have a way to hold individuals accountable. So that's what I'm looking for. Councilman Morrow states I got a motion and just 2 announcements on ordinances that I want to introduce for work session. The motion, I want to, I move that the council of the city of Sheffield Lake formally address my concerns regarding the use of city resources, pursuing grant applications, or expending any operational or municipal resources related to the projects that have not been duly approved by the legislative authority of the city. Whereas under the structure of the municipal government established by the city charter. President Rosso says you don't need to read it all. You want to move this on to ordinance or work session? Councilman Morrow replies no, I didn't. I want to pass this as a policy of our... President Rosso says Oh, I thought you just said you wanted to move these on, because I'm not quite sure. I'll be perfectly honest. Before we get too far down the road here, I don't know if we've ever created a policy or we've ever voted on anything that wasn't a legal, like an ordinance or a resolution. I don't know what covers a policy. So, I'm not quite sure how to handle this, where this falls to just vote on something that didn't come from the law director or the law dept., if you will. I know we talked about this before, and I thought you were just saying you wanted to move these on for further discussion, but I'm not sure. I don't know, so I'm asking for some direction. How do we create a policy? I mean, a policy for what? If it's not an ordinance, it doesn't go on the books as an ordinance. So, what do we do? How does it work? Law Director Ward states I think that it would be appropriate to address these matters at the work session. If council is interested in entertaining the proposals from Councilman Morrow, then I can work with him to clean up the ordinances or make them in proper form.

President Rosso replies let me make sure so I understand what I'm trying to ask here. So, you work with Mr. Morrow, you come to an agreement., you'll write up either a resolution or an ordinance? Councilman Morrow replies So, you have a book that's called a charter, then you have a book that's called a council rules. This would be a book that we would create new that is policy. That's all that it would be is just a separate book and it would govern how we do things here on council. So, not necessarily a rule. I don't think that everything has to come up to the level of a rule. That's why I'm saying that I don't believe that this may be belong there. I had introduced something like this for the last work session and I looked at it and I'm sitting there saying, well, it doesn't really look like it needs to be passed as ordinance or resolution. President Rosso replies I'm looking for guidance how we set up a book called policies and what does that take? Does that take an ordinance that says we're going to set up something called policies, like something we've got ordinances, we've got resolutions, do we have policies? Councilman Morrow responds I think our charter empowers us to create our own rules for council. Law Director Ward states the city council meetings are governed by the city council rules. If there's a desire to amend or supplement in some way those rules, then I think they should be called rules. Whether you call them policies or rules, there's still something that I think would need to come in the form of legislative action by this body. President Rosso replies I'm just concerned that we follow the correct process so we don't create something that down the road someone else can challenge and say, well, you didn't do it the right way. Councilwoman Gee asks considering we just got these, can we have some time to review these before we do anything? President Rosso replies well, the process is Mr. Morrow made a motion. So, if somebody seconds it, then I guess you vote, but I don't know what we're voting on. \*Motion by Fogel/Second by Gee to table. President Rosso says again, I don't know if this is right or wrong. It's the way you guys want to go. We'll go. We have a motion to table and a second. Roll call vote to table. ROLL CALL: Gee, Morrow, Kovach, Petrucci, DeBottis, Fogel. Nays-Cizl. Councilman Morrow says the other 2, I just wanted to announce that I'm just putting 2 pieces out for ordinances to be looked at for work session. One is about nonconsensual deepfake pornography and its use here in the city. The other one is about banning tier one, tier two, tier three sex offenders from school events and from our parks. Councilwoman Petrucci asks as far as the tier one, two, and three sex offenders, are those covered under some type of state statute? I mean, I know as far as it prohibits where they can live, but as far as, like they can't live within a certain distance of. Is there something already on there that states that they can't come into parks, recreation areas, obviously playgrounds, rec centers, that kind of thing? Law Director Ward responds not under the ORC. I would say that there's nothing in the case law that I'm aware of that would serve as a bright line prohibition of this type of ordinance. It would be subject to constitutional scrutiny, just like any other exercise of the city's police power. Other than that, I don't have any further comment. Councilman Morrow says there are 20 other cities in my research. There's probably more that have this type of legislation. Councilwoman Gee says when we first had safety the other day, there were 500 residents that were signed up for the do-not-knock list. In that short of a time period, as of this morning, we had 600 resident homes signed up for the do-not-knock list. It is working. The police do address it if someone disturbs you. If you know someone that has not signed up for the list, please have them call City Hall and sign up for the do-not-knock list. That will keep the solicitors away. Mayor Radeff states for the texting for notifications, we did reach out to Joren, who they own and

they run our website. They can do one for us. He's just on vacation, so when he gets back, we'll start working those details out.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**COUNCIL #006- SECOND READING-** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL: DeBottis, Morrow, Petrucci, Fogel, Gee, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL: Petrucci, Kovach, Fogel, Morrow, Cizl, DeBottis, Gee. Yeas All.

***Ordinance Passes #11-26***

**COUNCIL #007- SECOND READING-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPLASH PAD AND ASSOCIATED APPURTENANCES.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Fogel, Morrow, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Cizl, Gee, Morrow, Kovach, Petrucci, DeBottis, Fogel. Yeas All

***Ordinance Passes #12-26***

**COUNCIL #008- SECOND READING-** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DONATION OF FUNDS FROM THE VFW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION IN MEMORIAL PARK.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Gee, Cizl, Petrucci, DeBottis, Kovach, Fogel, Morrow. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Petrucci, Kovach, Gee, Morrow, Cizl, Fogel, DeBottis. Yeas All

***Resolution Passes #13-26***

**COUNCIL #009- SECOND READING-** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DONATION OF FUNDS FROM THE VFW FOR THE PURCHASE OF RMR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DUTY PISTOLS.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL: DeBottis, Morrow, Petrucci, Fogel, Gee, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL: Petrucci, Kovach, Fogel, Morrow, Cizl, DeBottis, Gee. Yeas All.

***Resolution Passes #14-26***

**COUNCIL #011- SECOND READING-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Fogel, Morrow, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Cizl, Gee, Morrow, Kovach, Petrucci, DeBottis, Fogel. Yeas All

***Ordinance Passes #15-26***

**COUNCIL #012- FIRST READING-** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #013- FIRST READING-** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by DeBottis to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES**

*Brandy Randolph*

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of COUNCIL of March 10,, 2026.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Richard Rosso*

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**MAYOR**

*Rocky Radeff*