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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Crooksville Council Meeting Minutes
Held

Monday, July 21, 2025

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to order with the following council members present; Mr. Hampton, Mr. Locke, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Redfern Ms. Smith and Mr. Walters. Lacey Tumblin, Courtney Edwards and Jan Baughman were also present.

MINUTES: Motion needed to approve Fiscal Officer’s Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. Locke.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Motion needed to approve the Fiscal Officer’s Financial Reports. A motion was made by Mr. Redfern and seconded by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Bank Reconciliation for June 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Redfern and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Mayor’s Court Report for June 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MESSAGES: Mayor Mohler wanted to thank everyone for their part in the Pottery Festival.

FINANCE:

RESOLUTION 67-2025 to approve the Transfer of Funds for Interfund Transfers. A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Hampton.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 68-2025 to approve Reallocations and Supplemental Appropriations. A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 69-2025 to approve Payment Listing. A motion was made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. Hampton.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 70-2025 to approve Payroll Reports. A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Hampton.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Pay App #5 to The Righter Company in the amount of \$233,094.35 for B1/B6 Sewer Project. A motion was made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. Locke.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

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Before moving on to Safety, Mrs. Tumblin stated that there was a house fire last week and she wanted to recognize the 3 men (Mark Dalrymple, Dana Strate and Danny Rodgers JR.) that risked their lives to go in and save a life of a young girl inside. She also stated that she received something from Roseville where they would like to recognize the men.

SAFETY: Chief Wallace was present along with 32 other people and stated that they had a meeting at the Fire Department yesterday. He stated that they listened to the public and that there has been a lot of drama in the Fire Department. A lot of which has come from the outside. He stated that he has tried to do things on the financial side, advance the practices and has been met with so much resistance stating that Crooksville is not ready for change. He then turned in his resignation. He stated that there is a lot of things this place needs and that they have tried to do family dinners and things to that affect to bring back the "family" feel of the department and that things are being taken down from the outside. He stated that he appreciates the opportunity, and the lessons have been learned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Loomis. (Aaron Norris belted out "the rest of your department just resigned, and Morgan Norris said "the ones that work anyway")

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

The council is out of Executive session and the Mayor stated that anyone wanting to speak can come to the podium and state your name, where you're from, any certifications, if you've had any past services and to keep it at a 2-3 minute time limit.

First, Steve Skeens, Fire Firefighter/EMT was present and stated that he was kicked off the Fire Department because he doesn't make as many runs as he should but was never formally told so he doesn't know if he is on the department or not. He stated that he went to the Fire Department and had asked if he was kicked off and never received an answer. He stated someone (Aaron Norris) had taken him off the computer so he would not get alerted for the calls.

Colton Glanemann was present and stated that he was told by Chief Wallace that he had to refrain on a department that he has ran on for 4 years. He has a full-time job with Value Care Ambulance and runs day in and day out on a squad. He stated that he told Wallace that was stupid and that he would receive his resignation. He was removed from all active and all Facebook with no writing, no notice, nothing. When Colton questioned it, he was told that he (Chief) was told the resignation went through. No one ever got a resignation, nothing approved, he was just no longer on the department. Colton had asked if there had been anything new for his card level and stated there was nothing new that had changed. He put in for availability on a month of 48 uncovered shifts and was told he could not put in for availability because he needed to be trained on a department he's already been trained on.

Lynn Dalrymple was up next, she stated that she officially resigned from the fire department 4 years ago. She stated that this problem has been going on for the past 4 years. She stated that she doesn't feel safe living in this community. The taxpayers pay for Fire and EMS and are not getting that service. She said that at the meeting Sunday, they showed up to try and help Chief Wallace to resolve these issues. They left the meeting still no answers on what the problem was or where they needed to go. She has heard a lot of stories on why people have left, how the Chief treats them and how he talks to them. She wants to help. The Chief has torn apart the 212 squad and it needs fixed. You must be certified to work on those.

Betty Roberts, active member for Roseville, Crooksville and New Lex. The number of runs she has been sent to Crooksville has increased significantly. She quit running for Crooksville is because Aaron Norris. The way he treats and speaks to people is unacceptable. She states she does not have a problem with Chief Wallace but we need to fix this.

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Brian Watts, Fire Fighter for Crooksville for 14 ½-15 years, he states there is no family at the firehouse anymore. There is too much drama. He was about to hang it up because he doesn't want to deal with it anymore. He just wants to help people, but the family feel isn't there anymore. He doesn't think highly of Chief Wallace. He feels like he lies. He wants to get it back to the way it used to be and get the runs and get it done.

Dyrall Newlon was present and stated that there are no medic units in this town. He contacted the pharmacy, and had it straightened out to where we were keeping the drug bags. It had to go through a process. He received a text message from the medical director assistant and said too late, they already turned it in and stated they didn't need them. He is working on getting them back. He stated that he resigned June 2nd. He was fed up with everything and he tried talking to Wallace and that didn't work and that's when he made the decision to leave. He stated that there has been about 16 people that said they will come back. He also received a message today that told him he needs to contact a guy named Brad, from Rescue Wrench, about the trucks because neither one are safe to be out on the road, the rescue or the engine.

Seth Marolt, Firefighter that resigned 2 years ago, stated his concern was that there were warning signs. He wanted to know where his tax dollars were going if the budget was gone. That's how he left the meeting yesterday understanding the budget. Mrs. Edwards let him know that the budget was not, in fact, gone. He also stated that there has been reports filed and he doesn't see where there has been any intervention taken place. He wondered if it was possible to get the township trustees involved also with important decisions and financial matters. Mr. Redfern states he has met with some of the township trustees, and they must worry about their cemetery and roads that they are required by law to maintain. He suggested to renew the levies at current property evaluation. No increase of millage. Mayor Mohler stated that the meetings he had been to, the township trustees were always apprehensive. They did not want to be responsible for throwing a tax levy on. It's not their job. He stated he was told that we were in the red on the budget. Mrs. Tumblin, Mrs. Edwards and Mayor Mohler told him that was untrue, and the mayor also stated that we have never been late on the payment for the Fire Department. That he wanted to squash that rumor as well. Mr. Marolt apologized and said he was given false information.

Tyler Dierkes, Firefighter/EMT at The Crooksville Fire Department, was present and stated that Chief Wallace said that he must use the brush truck to haul 212 down the road to put it in the bay and to cover up what he has done to it has put apparatuses and a generator around it. He has also made the brush truck nonlegal. It has no front bumper after a member had wrecked it into a telephone pole. There is a busted seal on brush truck 217 that hasn't been replaced since Chief Wallace took over. He was placed into a squad by Wallace that had no lights, no sirens, or no way to turn on oxygen for patients. Dyrall Newlon told him to take it out of service and he did. He stated that Mr. Wallace is a bully not only to Crooksville Department. He said everyone is leaving because of Wallace and Aaron Norris.

Mrs. Tumblin asked who all was willing to come back. Most of the people in the audience were willing. They asked if someone could be made as acting chief. Mr. Redfern stated that they need to go into executive session and discuss it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Redfern and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Out of Executive session.

Motion to accept the resignation of Chief Wallace, department members Aaron Norris, Amanda Rush, Amanda Torres, Michelle Love, Suzette Wallace, Morgan Norris and Thomas Heston. A motion was made by Fred Redfern and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

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VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Mark Dalrymple and Dyrall Newlon as interim chiefs for the fire department and EMS. A motion was made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint committee member Fred Redfern to our advisory board for the Fire Department.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Abstained. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint committee members John Loomis and Lacey Tumblin to our advisory board for the Fire Department.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Abstained. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE: Motion to suspend the rules to approve Resolution #71-2025, Consent to ODOT for single chip seal w/fog seal and related work (PER SR 669) -as emergency. A motion was made by Mr. Redfern and seconded by Mr. Hampton.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #71-2025. A motion was made by Mr. Hampton and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

UTILITY: Motion to suspend the rules to approve Resolution #66-2025, assessing costs of water charges (lien)- as emergency. A motion was made by Mr. Redfern and seconded by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Resolution #66-2025. A motion was made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. Redfern.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to approve bidding on an International Jet Vac Truck. A motion was made by Mr. Hampton and seconded by Mr. Loomis.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-No. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Without any further discussion, Mr. Hampton makes the motion to adjourn and Ms. Smith seconds.

VOTE: Mr. Hampton-Yes. Mr. Locke-Yes. Mr. Loomis-Yes. Mr. Redfern-Yes. Ms. Smith-Yes. Mr. Walters-Yes. Motion carried.


Chris Mohler
Mayor


Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer