

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting

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

Crooksville Council Meeting Minutes
Held

Monday, September 15, 2025

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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. 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.

REPORTS: Motion needed to approve Fiscal Officer’s Financial Reports. 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.

Motion to approve Bank Reconciliation for August 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Locke 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.

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

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

FINANCE:

RESOLUTION 86-2025 to approve the Transfer of Funds for Interfund Transfers. 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.

RESOLUTION 87-2025 to approve Reallocations & Supplemental Appropriations. A motion was made by Mr. Loomis 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.

RESOLUTION 88-2025 to approve Payment Listing. 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.

RESOLUTION 89-2025 to approve Payroll Reports. 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.

Motion to approve Pay App #7 to the Righter Co. in the amount of \$80,490.12 for B1/B6 Sewer Project. 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.

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Motion to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$4,585.51 for upfront electric expenses for the new 400A service at Lift Station B1 Project. 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.

SAFETY: Motion to approve Robert Jack to Fire. 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.

Motion to approve James Baker to Fire. 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.

Motion to accept EMS resignation from Cheyanne Wheeler. 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.

BUILDING: Motion to approve Building Permit for 302/304 S State St, all utilities have been checked and approved. (pre-approved at workshop) 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.

Motion to approve Building Permit for 114 Vaughn St, all utilities have been checked and approved. 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.

LEGISLATIVE: Motion to approve Ordinance #2749, Changing Tunnel Hill Rd to Old Water Works Rd-final reading. 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.

Motion to accept Ordinance #2749. 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.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Motion to approve \$.50 raise for Daniel Rodgers. Jr-6 month raise. 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.

Motion to approve \$.50 raise for Kenneth Wood Jr-6 month raise. 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.

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NEW BUISNESS: Rocky Chevalier was present with several questions for the council/Mayor.

1. Mayor, why did you allow Chief Wallace to remain Fire Chief after numerous complaints?

Mayor Mohler responded that it wasn't a cut and dry situation. He relied on Mr. Wallace's expertise and training to work out issues and run through the chain of command.

2. Were you aware of the allegations of the Fire Chief's misuse of the chief vehicle and public safety risks and what actions did you take as Mayor?

The couple incidents of the chief taking kids to school in the fire dept vehicle were addressed and Mr. Wallace was told not to do so.

3. What about the allegations of the chief running 70 mph through town? Did you address it with him?

Yes, you ask him but how do you prove it?

4. What steps, if any, did you take as Mayor to investigate or address these concerns when they were brought to your attention?

I had a sit down with him and called him on the phone.

5. How do you justify allowing Mr. Wallace's alleged actions including delayed medical responses and reckless driving to continue putting residents' lives at risk after being reported multiple times?

There was a discussion regarding the "delayed medical responses" due to not having the staff to fill the positions and there is a chain of command that needs to be followed per Mr. Hampton. Mrs. Tumblin stated that all the complaints that were given to Rocky were all ran through Jan Baughman and that they were also all typed up and given to the council as well before ever given to Rocky at his records request.

6. Why was Suzette Wallace allowed to act in an official compacity, influence department decisions and operate vehicles despite not being an employee, elected official or volunteer?

Mayor Mohler states that Suzette was an employee. She was an EMS advanced life support employee of the Village. He states that Mrs. Wallace was on the department and putting in hours prior to Chief Wallace being hired. She was brought in by former chief, Ralph Hill.

7. The village has lost 2 fire chiefs under your administration (Mayor Mohler). What can the residents expect in the future?

Mayor Mohler states that stability is his hope.

There was a brief discussion about a fire truck that's over 26 years old and also how much it is to buy another squad. Rocky had questions about which funds come out of which accounts for certain expenses.

Ms. Smith left the meeting.

Mr. Redfern would like to set aside money every year for paving alleys. The council agreed but stated as long as it is feasible, and they will need to re-evaluate every year.

Motion needed to set aside \$10,000 from income tax for paving alleys. 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- Absent. Mr. Walters- Yes. Motion carried.

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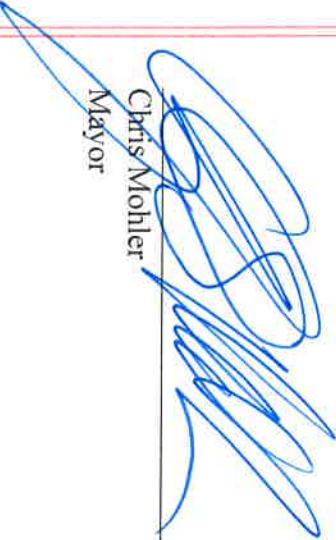
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ADJOURNMENT: Without any further discussion, Mr. Redfern makes the motion to adjourn and Mr. Hampton seconds.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Chris Mohler
Mayor


Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer