

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2026**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026, with Mayor Brian Ouverson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answering roll call were: Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Clark Conklin Mark Scott and Doug Timmons. Also present were Derrick Anderson, Krista Broesder, Chase Haman, Tiffany Hasstedt, Steve Brush representing Van Wert Company, Justin & Corina Robinson, Doug Follmann, Katie Kinsella Early Learning Center Director, Mckinley Bailey, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on April 13, 2026 and Special Meetings on April 20, 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for April 2026, Renewal of Rungo’s License #LC0037613 for Class C liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, Rungo’s Licenses Application #LC0037613 Outdoor Service on main street on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, during “Stratford on the Loose”, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$19,403.06 and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Catherine Bergman to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment at 7:11 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments received.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Clark Conklin to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Resolution 2026-18 – A Resolution amending Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve request from Corina Robinson to widen driveway at 1012 Teneyck Avenue. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve request from United Coop at Commercial Street for LP station. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman and seconded by Doug Timmons to accept building permit, variance letter and stipulate the approach will meet city code at 24 feet in right-of-way. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held with council concerning the Building Families grant. Katie Kinsella, director of the Stratford Early Learning Center, along with Doug Follman, a volunteer with the Hamilton County childcare coalition, and Mckinley Bailey were present to request funding. Currently the county supervisors are funding this program but are cutting funding for the next few years until it is no longer available. They wanted to request LOSST from the city, however the money is already allocated to infrastructure and pool. Council requested City Manager Leeds to research what other towns are doing to help.

Steve Brush of VanWert presented a demonstration of radio read meter system to council. Council instructed City Manager Leeds to reach out to other communities and see how they financed this project.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve of 28E Agreement for Law Enforcement for Law Enforcement with Hamilton County Sheriff Office. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve sending out request for proposals for City Attorney. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve sending out request for proposals for Auditing Services. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Mark Scott to approve Resolution 2026-16 – A Resolution approving policy for Change Funds at Stratford City Hall and at Stratford Swimming Pool. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Resolution 2026-17 – A Resolution approving the transfer of TIF funds to Debt Service to pay the city's General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Doug Timmons to adjourn at 9:16 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

*Brian E. Ouerson*

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Brian Ouerson, Mayor

**Attest:**

*Molly Vaughn*

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Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk