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ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 5, 2026

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The Council of Ashville convened in Regular Session from 6:31 PM to 8:52 PM in the Charles K. Wise Council Chambers at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Mayor Clark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Jesse Burke-present; Dave Rainey-present; Darryl Glick-present; Jeff Martin-present

OATH OF OFFICE

After roll call, Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Ron Teeters. Clark then requested a motion to appoint Jeremy Scoby to fill the vacancy left by Clark when he became mayor. Darryl Glick moved, seconded by Dave Rainey, to appoint Jeremy Scoby to Council.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

MINUTES

- Jesse Burke moved, seconded by Dave Rainey, to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2025 Regular Session as presented. All votes were yay.
- Jesse Burke moved, seconded by Jeff Martin, to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2025 Special Meeting as presented. All votes were yay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AT 6:37 PM Ron Teeters moved, seconded by Darryl Glick, to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information related to economic development assistance. All votes were yay. The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:20 PM with no action taken.

PRESENTATION

Representatives from EdgeConneX and Karis Critical provided an overview of the proposed data center project and addressed questions related to infrastructure, environmental impacts, and community benefits.

Jeff Heuerman of Karis Critical stated that a formal agreement with the Village is expected to be finalized within the next 30 days. He explained that the agreement will clearly define the amount of municipal water the data center will use. Mr. Heuerman noted that the EPA has mandated the Village to construct a new water treatment plant and stated that the data center project could help fund the construction of the plant, reducing the need to pass those costs on to Village residents.

Mr. Heuerman emphasized that artificial intelligence is already transforming the workforce and that today's students will enter a vastly different job market than previous generations. He referenced the fact that Teays Valley voters have rejected the school levy twice and stated that preparing students with competitive skills requires significant resources. As an example, he cited a recently completed data center project in Millersport, where funding from the data center enabled the school district to build a

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new gymnasium and invest millions of dollars in technology programs and educational resources. Mr. Heuerman explained that the proposed site was selected due to its proximity to U.S. Route 23 and its location within an existing industrial corridor. He stated that approximately 225 acres are already within Village limits, require no annexation, and are zoned Limited Industrial. A map of the proposed data center site was presented.

Macy Ramsey of EdgeConneX presented preliminary renderings of the campus and outlined the three-phase development plan. Phase One will be constructed on the 200+ acres already located within the Village and will consist of a low-rise building designed to comply with current zoning ordinances. The primary access point to the site is proposed on State Route 752.

Ms. Ramsey explained that the facility will be screened with year-round evergreen landscaping. The project will include onsite natural gas generation capable of fully powering the facility, eliminating the need to draw electricity from South Central Power that serves residents. Planned setbacks include 150 feet at the entrance and a 20-foot buffer with mounding to enhance aesthetics and reduce noise. She noted that all noise levels are regulated and permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Ms. Ramsey and project representatives addressed several technical and environmental questions. They confirmed that residents' gas rates will not be impacted, as EdgeConneX will fund the necessary gas infrastructure. Low-frequency noise concerns were addressed, with representatives noting that such frequencies are heavily regulated, and that mitigation measures will be implemented if needed. The team also confirmed that Phase One development will proceed regardless of whether additional properties are annexed, and that a developer agreement would only be required if Phases Two and Three move forward.

The presentation also addressed water usage and environmental safeguards. The facility will utilize a closed-loop water system that recycles approximately 90–95% of water, with the remaining usage attributed to normal onsite staff needs. The system is monitored 24 hours a day with sensors designed to immediately shut down affected lines in the event of an issue. Water tanks hold approximately 30,000 gallons each and would not be filled in one day. The system does not require flushing, as the water is chemically treated to prevent bacterial growth. Representatives also confirmed that EdgeConneX will be the developer, owner, and long-term operator of the facility.

Ms. Ramsey concluded the presentation by highlighting EdgeConneX's commitment to the local school district, stating that the company will provide funding for training, technology, and educational tools to support both students and teachers and help prepare students for careers in technical fields.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

2026-01 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY TO BE KNOWN AS ASHVILLE PUBLIC POWER

Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-01-title only.

2026-02 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATE OF PAY FOR NON-POLICE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-02.

Darryl Glick moved, seconded by Jeff Martin, to suspend the Second and Third Readings and declare Ordinance 2026-02 an emergency.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

Darryl Glick moved, seconded by Dave Rainey, to adopt Ordinance 2026-02.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

2026-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE CREDIT CARD POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-03.

Jesse Burke moved, seconded by Darryl Glick, to suspend the Second and Third Readings and declare Ordinance 2026-03 an emergency.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

Jesse Burke moved, seconded by Darryl Glick, to adopt Ordinance 2026-03.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING

01-2026 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF ±485.957ACRES FROM HARRISON TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE ANDDECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Resolution 01-2026-title only.

OLD BUSINESS

Bert Cline issued projected TIF and NCA revenue reports to Council who said they will review and decide how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pro-Tempore – Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Ron Teeters, to appoint Jeff Martin as President-Pro Tempore.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

Rules of Council – Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Ron Teeters, to approve the 2026 Village of Ashville Rules of Council.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

2026 Council & Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule– Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Jeff Marting, to approve the 2026 Council & Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff

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Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

Check Account Updates – The Fiscal Officer requested that Dave Rainey replace Steve Welsh as an authorized signer on the Village's checking accounts.

Jeff Martine moved, seconded by Jesse Burke, to approve Dave Rainey as an authorized signer on the Village's checking accounts.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Various members of the public spoke out against the data center.

COUNCIL

- Jeff Martin moved, seconded by Dave Rainey, to request that the Planning & Zoning Board have a meeting to review the Village's current Limited Industrial zoning classification and consider how, or if, data centers fit into the overall intent of the classification.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed.

Ron Teetors moved, seconded by Darryl Glick, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll: Jesse Burke-Yay; Ron Teeters-Yay; Jeremy Scoby-Yay; Dave Rainey-Yay; Darryl Glick-Yay; Jeff Martin-Yay. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

APPROVED: January 20, 2026



ATTEST: April Grube, Clerk



Roger Clark, Mayor

All formal actions of the COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions, ordinances, and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.