

Akron Town Council Meeting
August 18, 2025

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal, Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Assistant Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 21, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the adjustment request for Chad Cunningham as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the adjustment request for Jamie Luva as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the quote from WACD for \$1,789.93. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for July 2025 was presented. Justin attempted to paint the No Skateboard/Bicycles on the downtown sidewalks however the florescent paint is not highly visible. He has communicated with the Street Department to help paint when they paint the Do Not Enter on Federal Drive. The new police truck was purchased today and taken to CopsGear in Columbia City. The truck should be completed in 6 weeks. Jim made a motion to purchase the extended warranty on the truck for \$3570.00. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We are continuing to work with Midwestern Engineering on the water project. We had the water project pre-construction meeting on July 28th. We completed 3 data log reports.

Sewer Dept: The lagoons are currently operating well. We attended a meeting on August 4th & August 8th regarding the potential sewer project. We are working on securing a date to have our flow meters calibrated for the year.

Street Dept: We are working on identifying roads & sidewalks for the October CCMG Grant application. AR Tree Service plans to remove trees the week of September 15th.

Miscellaneous: We have completed 17 locate tickets. Joe Dirt Landscaping will be here the week of August 25th to landscape the welcome signs. The welcome sign by Sonoco will not be landscaped until the new water main installation is completed.

Attorney Report:

The public hearing regarding Ordinance 07-21-2025 – An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the Town of Akron Municipal Sewage Utility opened at 6:16 pm. Adam Wilcox with Baker Tilly addressed the council and audience on the need for the sewage rate increase. Rebecca informed those in attendance the minimum user of 2000 gallons or less would see an increase of \$1.60/month starting October 1, 2025 and an additional \$1.68/month starting May 1, 2026 if adopted by the council. Audience members asked questions regarding the proposed sewer rate increase. Rich made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.


Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-21-2025 – An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the Town of Akron Municipal Sewage Utility. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 08-18-2025 – Appropriation Reduction. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$190,896.69. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next monthly council meeting is Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer