

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Of the
City of Northfield Council
March 24, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday March 24, 2025 via Zoom.

Council members attending: Barbara Durbin, Patricia Martin, Tracy Walker, Steve Levy, Larry Schaefer, and Gay Harmon

Council members absent: None

City officials present: Mayor Randolph Chappell, Police Chief Tom David, Treasurer Charles Veeneman, City Engineer Adrian Oliver and City Clerk Lucy Martin

City officials absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Randolph Chappell.

Guests:

- Joe Montgomery, Montgomery & Company, P.L.L.C.
Mr. Montgomery reviewed the 2023/2024 Northfield Independent Auditors Report. He concluded that all financial controls have been met.
- Grace Simrall, Lumos Fiber
Ms. Simrall reported that Lumos Fiber is expanding to Metro Louisville. In order to include Northfield in this effort, they need a franchise agreement with the city. John Singler will be asked to draft a document for the council's review.

MINUTES: Minutes for the February 2025 meeting were approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer distributed financial reports prior to the meeting for activity in February 2025. They included:

- General Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet
- Northfield Schedule of Investments
- Road Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet

Due to time constraints, the Mayor asked council members to review the financial reports and get back to the Treasurer with any questions or comments.

CITY CLERK

Taxes collected as of today: 384 bills \$337,265.82

Outstanding: 9 bills, \$33,266.34 (5 Commercial, 4 Residential)

Total plan: 393 bills, \$370,532.57

POLICE REPORT

March

- 7 Calls from neighbors for service
 - 6 Calls for service from LMPD
 - 5 House watch checks
 - 6 Traffic stops
 - 3 Non-injury accidents
 - 1 Hit and run non-injury accident in the Kroger Parking Lot non-resident
 - 1 check fraud report from a non-resident
 - Flocks cameras where used to identify one suspicious vehicle and one vehicle operated by a senior lost in the neighborhood
 - 2 Subjects where relocated to a shelter and we assisted LMPD at a homeless camp in the field behind Mac Donald's
 - Follow up on concerns from the last council meeting:
1. 2306 Glenview Ave: This property belongs to Joyce Shumate. The Chief went by there and picked up mail that has been building up for months including the NF Tax Bill, and many bank documents. He also noted the debris and neglect. He has the contact information for her son and will contact him to alert him to our concerns about her, and her property, and find out what's going on. Update, her son has paid the tax bill, removed the trash, and will have the car removed.
 2. 2011 Northfield Drive: The Chief contacted MSD about the situation in the front yard by the road. He let them know that it was deteriorating and that it needed to be addressed. MSD agreed that it was their responsibility and that it was on their schedule to be fixed by March 31.
 3. 2402 Baylor Dr.: The Chief spoke with the homeowner. He encouraged him to make sure the dog was licensed, up to date on vaccinations, as well as not being off the property unleashed. The homeowner responded that he is in the process of putting up a secure fence to contain the dog. Update, the fence is completed.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No new construction requests.
- Lime Ridge sidewalk repair. In progress, utility work must be completed first.
- City street and stop signs to be painted and straightened. In progress, weather permitting (April/May).
- Striping in progress, a vendor has been contacted. Also weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS

- In progress: NF Main Entrance signage update (Tracy). This will be revisited when highway construction is completed. Tracy encouraged the council to view the existing sign, and he will share some preliminary design concepts. The update may include lanterns.
- In Progress: Fence down along US42.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trash/Recycling bidding will begin in April. Trish volunteered to assist. The Mayor noted that he expects a price increase to maintain rear door service.
The two options to bid:
 - Option 1: Retain current services
 - Option 2: Curbside only
- Northfield "Hall of Fame": Randy would like to appropriate funds in the next budget planning cycle (May). Barbara and Gay proposed two ideas including a bench and a bench with obelisk. They are investigating other options and will report back to the council with recommendations.
To be determined:
 - Who to include and what are the qualifiers
 - Location
 - Alternatives and cost estimates
- Trish asked if the council could do something to address abandoned properties in the city. She noted several that have been neglected for many years. John Singler will be asked to discuss alternatives at a future meeting.

PARKING LOT

- Still in planning: Northfield citywide leaf pickup, (\$20K placeholder until firm estimate received). Joe's lawn care proposed \$120 per house, per event (minimum 12 homes). Tracy will get proposed dates (prefer Mondays). Communication will be distributed then date(s) are confirmed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
The next meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Lucy Martin, City Clerk

Randolph L. Chappell, Mayor City of Northfield