

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____, 20____

Village of Ansonia Council Meeting Minutes 06/16/2026

1. Call to order at 7:00
2. Roll Call: All present
3. Approval of Minutes: 1st Gariety, 2nd Brown. All yea
4. Approval of Agenda: 1st Hildebrand, 2nd by Kammer to approve agenda. All yea.
5. Presentation of Bills - signed
6. Introduction of Guests:
 - See attached sign in sheet.
 - No comments from any guests present
7. Committee, Department and Special Reports:
 - a) Finance Director's Report—Received a certified letter this morning from Abigail Kramer. Request by Diane Hall to read the letter in its entirety. Letter was read in full and will become a part of these minutes.
 - b) Police—Chief Puckett reported the following:
 - Still working on the Charger
 - Located a stolen vehicle
 - Chief Puckett stated he apologizes to anyone he personally upset over his statement to the court concerning the Beam case.
 - c) Fire Department—Assistant Chief Armstrong reported the following:
 - a. Update on runs; preparing for the 4th of July; fireworks on July 3
 - b. Corey Meadows was present and stated they received the results of the core drilling but have not had time to review
 - c. If anyone on Council/Mayor is interested in doing the dunk tank please let fire department know
 - d) Village Administrator
 - a. Water Tower Project—update given
 - b. ODOT is planning on resurfacing 47 – exact date not known yet but possibly in next week or so
 - c. Received call from Angie King and we will get getting a \$12,000 from state capital improvement grant for park
 - d. Acadia in town working on checking for lead piping
 - e. Will be working on setting up training for cyber security
 - f. American Pump Repairs will be working on lift station (\$13,600 is estimated costs)
 - g. CCR report will be going out in the next week; letter included to satisfy the violation we received previously
 - h. EPA inspection will be done by end of July

Councilman Gariety – July 2nd is when tent will be brought in; would like mowing done on July 1.

Mosquito spraying will also be done on July 1; Tom to check with Eric on insulation on building and electric on scoreboard.

Tom to talk to Youth League about the mess the bathrooms are continuously being left in.

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e) Committee—none.

8. Mayor's report: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Executive Session: At 7:20 motion by Hildebrand, 2nd by Gariety to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel; employee complaint. All yea. At 7:50 returned to regular session.

12. Final Comments: None

13. Adjournment—motion by Gariety, 2nd by Brown --All yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm



Ted Adkins, Mayor



Julie Kimmel, Finance Director

June 9, 2026

Dear Ansonia Town Council Members,

As I'm sure most of you know, my mother, Ericka Kramer, was murdered in her home on April 10, 2026. This day will forever be the worst day of my life. I lost my mommy, my best friend, my favorite person, my two childhood dogs, Sophie and Bentley, my keepsakes, and my home, where I had so many wonderful memories with my mom and dad. On April 10th, my heart was completely shattered, and my life was forever changed because of someone's heinous decision to take my mother. I am now 20 years old and have no parents. I think about my mom every second of every day, and I am completely outraged that someone took her from me in this violent way. The person who is suspected of committing this disgusting act is in the Darke County Jail right now, and two community leaders chose to speak in his favor.

I am writing this to address my concerns about the recent actions of Chief John Puckett and Mayor Theodore Adkins. After the tragic murder of Ericka Kramer, my mother, there are some thoughts I would like to express. As the daughter of the murder victim and a member of the Ansonia community, I have many concerns following these two leaders' choice to use their position of power to try to lower the bond of the person who is suspected of murdering my mother. Even the council meeting minutes state, "...the Village of Ansonia Council are all taking a neutral position and they support the investigative procedures taking place. All Councilmen agreed."; however, this has not been the case. Mr. Beam has been indicted on four very serious counts (aggravated murder, arson, tampering with evidence, and abuse of a corpse). This indictment shows that there is very good evidence against the defendant.

With all that being said, the Chief of Ansonia and the Mayor still decided to address the court in favor of a lower bond for the defendant on May 11, 2026. A decision that drastically lowered my confidence in the leaders of this community. Following their decision, there was community outrage, and the Chief requested an apology. When he made the decision to speak in favor of the defendant, he didn't think about my mother or her family, and I think he is one who owes my family and the community an apology.

There is a difference between freedom of speech and using your power inappropriately. Both the Chief and the Mayor made their decision without knowing any evidence against the accused, which is unethical and inappropriate. As stated by Union City Chief of Police Mark Ater, "It is not the role of a police chief to intervene on behalf of an accused violent offender in

a manner that could potentially influence judicial proceedings or public perception... Equally troubling is the fact that Chief Puckett reportedly made this decision without knowing any facts of the case... Public officials should not use the weight and authority of their elected or appointed positions to involve themselves in matters of this nature, particularly in a case involving allegations of extreme violence."

In addition, words from Sheriff Mark Whittaker, "A chief law enforcement officer should not be using their position as a public official to influence a court in criminal cases that they are not involved in or know nothing about. It is unprofessional at the least." This decision made by Chief Puckett and Mayor Adkins has made me feel unsafe in my hometown, a place where I have already lost so much over the past two months. I lost my mother and my home, both of which were my sense of safety and security.

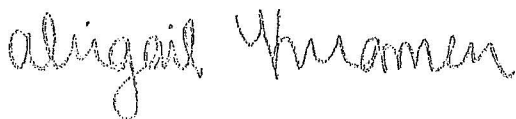
Following the Chief and Mayor's actions, my feeling of safety in the community has been taken away. This is the place I grew up as well, and the only place I know. I feel like I must leave this town and everything I know to feel safe now. After everything else has been ripped away from me, I just wanted to be able to hold onto one piece of my mother and father, and that's the town I was raised in by them. I don't know if my words hold any weight with the council, but I thought I would at least try. These two have already decided to support a suspected murderer, not the murdered victim's family, and in that decision, it makes me question their ability to not only keep me safe but the whole community.

Additionally, my mother was a very important part of this community; she was the Varsity Cheer Coach, a local farmer, part of the Ansonia Youth League for years, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach for 1 year, among several other things. She loved this community and gave so much of her time to better it. It is so disappointing and disrespectful to witness her being treated this way after her tragic passing and all she has contributed to the community.

My life will never be the same, my mother will never come back, and I will never get to talk to her or see her beautiful face again. I would like to feel safe in the place where I had so many memories with her, but with Chief John Puckett and Mayor Theodore Adkins in positions of power, that is not possible. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope my words mean something, with all my respect.

Sincerely,

Abigail Kramer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abigail Kramer". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid, with a large, stylized 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.