

CITY COUNCIL

January 2, 2024

The January 2, 2024 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler. Scott Moore was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

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The minutes of the December 18, 2023 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 22, 2023 special Services Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Korte reported that the Service Committee, at their meeting held earlier this evening, discussed trash pick-up on Monday, April 8, 2024, the day of the Solar Eclipse, and the weekend preceding this day. It was noted that Wyandot County Landfill and the Wyandot County Recycling Center will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024 and trash that is normally picked up on Mondays will instead be picked up on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Mr. Korte indicated that the Service Committee is open to suggestions regarding the disposal of trash during the time surrounding this event due to the number of individuals expected to be in the City to observe the eclipse.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 218-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, APPROVING THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VALENCIA PROJECT, LLC FOR THE DISCHARGE OF NON-HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIAL SEWAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT REFLECTING SAID TERMS.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 218-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 218-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 218-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 219-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING A SECTION OF ONE STREET IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 219-13 for the first time by title only.

It was decided that due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Monday, January 15, 2024, the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Mr. Buckland shared his Law Director's report for 2023.

Mayor McColly reported that the City's finance software transition is still in progress.

Mayor McColly reported that grant opportunities to fund water and wastewater projects, etc. are still being explored.

Mayor McColly reported that additional rounds of the State of Ohio's Brownfield grant funding, which addresses the demolition of structures, are upcoming.

Mayor McColly also reported that the City has been awarded the Nature Works grant submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) pickleball courts in Bicentennial Park. The work on this project will take place in the spring of 2024.

City Council members reviewed the Income Tax Collections report as of December 31, 2023.

City Council members also reviewed the Transient Guest Tax Collections report as of December 31, 2023.

Mayor McColly presented the following appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Bill Thornton (4 years), Paul Berger (4 years), and Sam Molnar (4 years).

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President