

CITY COUNCIL

January 2, 2024

The January 2, 2024 City Council meeting, as provided for in the Municipal Charter for the purpose of organizing, was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, President Pro-Tem. 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; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time Mayor McColly administered the Oath of Office to reelected City Council members Julia Lemire and Kate Niederkohr.

Mr. Korte announced nominations for President of City Council were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr for President of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker to nominate Mr. Karcher for President of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to close the nominations for President of City Council. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows on the nominations for President of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Niederkohr

The President Pro-Tem declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a second vote was taken on the nominations for President of City Council as follows:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mrs. Niederkohr
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Niederkohr

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote in favor of Mrs. Niederkohr for President of City Council.

Mrs. Niederkohr announced nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker to nominate Mr. Karcher for President Pro-Tem of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler to nominate Mr. Korte for President Pro-Tem of City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to close the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a second vote was taken on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a third vote was taken on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a fourth vote was taken on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a fifth vote was taken on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Karcher
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the vote tied at 3-3.

Upon Roll Call, a sixth vote was taken on the nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council:

Mr. Karcher	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Korte	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Lemire	-	Mr. Korte
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Mr. Korte
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Karcher
Mr. Wessler	-	Mr. Korte

The President declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote in favor of Mr. Korte for President Pro-Tem of City Council.

Mrs. Niederkohr announced nominations for City Council's representative on the Park Board (2 year term) were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr to serve as City Council's representative on the Park Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to close the nominations for City Council's representative on the Park Board (2 year term). Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, on the motion to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr to serve as City Council's representative on the Park Board (2 year term), all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Niederkohr announced nominations for City Council's appointment to the Income Tax Board of Review (2 year term) were opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, to nominate Mr. Daniel Barth to serve as City Council's appointment to the Income Tax Board of Review.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to close the nominations for City Council's appointment to the Income Tax Board of Review. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Upon Roll Call, on the motion to nominate Mr. Daniel Barth to the Income Tax Board of Review for a two (2) year term, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly presented his appointments of City Council members to standing committees as follows: Aaron Korte – Service Committee (2 years); Downtown Committee – Tom Karcher (2 years), Kate Niederkohr (4 years), and Scott Moore (4 years); Records Commission – John Walker (2 years); Safety Committee – Julia Lemire (4 years), and John Walker (2 years).

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Mayor's appointments of City Council members to standing committees as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly presented his appointments to standing committees as follows: Service Committee – Dale Rowe (4 years), and Andy Voorheis (4 years); Planning Commission – Nancy Johnson (4 years), and Jordan Treadway (4 years); Income Tax Board of Review – Tom Dible (2 years); Revolving Loan Fund Committee – Teresa Fox (4 years), Susan Heckathorn (4 years), Doug Kelly (4 years), Andy Loose (4 years), Tom Masterson (4 years), and Tracy Shriver (4 years); Records Commission – Ben Buckland (4 years), and Nickie Coppler (4 years).

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the Mayor’s appointments to standing committees as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Abstain
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote.

Mayor McColly presented his appointments to the City administration as follows: Law Director and Municipal Court Prosecutor - Ben Buckland; Municipal Court Prosecutor – Richard Grafmiller; Greg Moon – Zoning Inspector; Nickie Coppler – City Auditor; and Eric Troiano – Treasurer.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the City administration as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Abstain
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote.

Mayor McColly also presented his appointment to the City administration of Rae Wessler as Income Tax Commissioner.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to approve the appointment of Rae Wessler as Income Tax Commissioner. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Abstain

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote.

At this time Mayor McColly swore in the following: Ben Buckland – Law Director, Municipal Court Prosecutor, and Records Commission; Nickie Coppler – City Auditor, and Records Commission; John Walker – Safety Committee and Records Commission; and Julia Lemire – Safety Committee.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President