

CITY COUNCIL

October 21, 2024

The October 21, 2024 City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, and Kate Niederkohr. Aaron Korte was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Paul Berger; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 Planning Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 15, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 15, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 247-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE STATE ROUTE 199 NORTH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT.", 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. 247-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 247-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 247-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 248-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TWO YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE OF A 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE WITH EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM.", 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. 248-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 248-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 248-13 was duly adopted.

Mr. Karcher indicated that in previous discussions about placing a ban on cannabis businesses within the City it was stated that a majority of Wyandot County residents did not vote yes on Issue 2 legalizing marijuana at the general election held November 7, 2023, but in researching the election results Mr. Karcher found that the measure passed by approximately forty (40) votes in the City of Upper Sandusky.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 249-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	No
Mr. Karcher	-	No
Mrs. Lemire	-	No
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	No

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 249-13 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly reported that the City’s insurance carrier has indicated there are no issues with using City vehicles to block intersections during a parade and the insurance carrier has offered guidelines for best practices for parades. Mayor McColly noted that for the time being Street and Sanitation employees will be asked to work during parades to assist with blocking intersections.

Mr. Niederkohr reviewed the City of Upper Sandusky Feasibility Study of Existing Pool, Pump House and Pool House Proposed Pool Facility as prepared by Peterman Associates, Inc. The estimated project cost is \$6.9 million and with the 20% project contingency and project design the cost is \$8.53 million. Mayor McColly presented possible funding options for the new pool, pump house, and pool house including an increase in income tax or a levy which either option would require a vote from registered voters during a primary or general election.

Mayor McColly noted that everyone needs to complete the I.T./Security training provided by the AME Group.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President