

CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 2024

The October 7, 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 Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

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

The minutes of the September 16, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 16, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to 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 first 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 first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Discussion was again held regarding the possibility of banning or placing a moratorium on cannabis businesses within the City. Some members of City Council agreed to further consider this suggestion and gather additional information and input from residents. At the request of Mr. Moore, Mr. Buckland was asked to draft legislation to place a twelve (12) month moratorium on cannabis businesses within the City.

It was noted that the Income Tax and Transient Guest Tax Collections Reports as of September 30, 2024 were received by City Council members.

Mayor McColly noted that the annual Autumn Cruise held in the downtown area on Saturday, September 28, 2024 was a great event.

Mayor McColly also noted that due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 14, 2024, the Park Board will be meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in Bicentennial Park.

Mayor McColly indicated that any City Council members interested in attending the Economic Development dinner on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Everhart Gathering Place in Nevada, Ohio should contact him.

Mayor McColly reported that scoring takes place this week for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application submitted for \$300,000.00 for the Westside Waterline Project.

Mayor McColly also reported that representatives from the Police and Fire Departments will be participating in the upcoming Career Day for Wyandot County students to be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds.

Mayor McColly further reported that the City recently began a partnership with Waterworth which will track revenues rom the City’s utilities and assist the City with making decisions on projects.

Mayor McColly noted that the City’s supervisors have been meeting with Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, in preparation of the departments’ budgets for 2025.

Mayor McColly stated that an economic development meeting was held recently with Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) to discuss future development of land owned by the Koehler Family located within the City and to the north of US 23/30 and east of State Route 53 N and south of State Route 67.

Mayor McColly indicated that he has been working with State Representative Riordan McClain to obtain AED machines which are provided for under H.B. 47 for public entities.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President