

CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2024

The November 4, 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 Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker. Scott Moore was absent.

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

The minutes of the October 21, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 21, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 24, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 28, 2024 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Bud Miller addressed City Council regarding the proposed new swimming pool and suggested an increase in the income tax collections from 1% to 1.5% be considered as a possible source of financing for the new swimming pool.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, 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 second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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| Mr. Wessler     | - | No  |
| Mr. Karcher     | - | No  |
| Mr. Korte       | - | No  |
| Mrs. Lemire     | - | No  |
| Mrs. Niederkohr | - | No  |
| Mr. Walker      | - | Yes |

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

Mrs. Lemire added to the discussion held with Mr. Miller regarding the proposed new swimming pool stating that a preliminary meeting was recently held and it was determined that a .25% increase in income tax collections would generate approximately \$1,000,000.00 in additional revenue annually, a .5% increase in income tax collections would generate approximately \$2,000,000.00 in additional revenue annually, and the City’s current 1.3 mill levy generates approximately \$59,000.00 of revenue annually. Mr. Miller also noted that there may be some State funding available for this project.

Mayor McColly reported that last Wednesday, October 29, 2024 Mrs. Lynch’s class toured the Municipal Building, Municipal Court, the Post Office, and the Sheriff’s Office.

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

Mayor McColly also reported that on Veterans’ Day, Monday, November 11, 2024, beginning at 8:15 a.m. there will be a breakfast at Upper Sandusky High School followed by an assembly by students recognizing and honoring veterans.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Kate Niederkohr, President