

CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2024

The December 16, 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 Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, and Aaron Korte.

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 December 2, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 2, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 2, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 2, 2024 Planning Commission 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. 251-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 940 USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.", 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. 251-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 251-13. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 251-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 252-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 215-13, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.", 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. 252-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 252-13. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 252-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 253-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2024 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES: TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH: TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER: AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 253-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 253-13 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. 253-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 253-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 253-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 254-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT ISSUE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%), EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF THE MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 254-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 254-13 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. 254-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 254-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 254-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 1-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 1-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 1-14 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. 1-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 1-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 2-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 2-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 2-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote and Ordinance No. 2-14 was duly adopted.

Mayor McColly reported that the District 16 meeting was held on Friday, December 13, 2024 in Mansfield, Ohio and the City was awarded grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Westside Waterline Extension Project.

Mayor McColly also reported that meetings are being held with representatives from the Louis Dreyfus Company for the Valencia soybean processing plant to be built in Salem Township regarding a proposed agreement and corrections that are being made to the agreement, and meetings will continue to be held in effort to finalize the agreement.

Mayor McColly further reported that the bimonthly Mayors’ breakfast was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 and Wyandot County Commissioner Bill Clinger, who started the Mayors’ breakfasts, attended for the last time as he will be leaving office at the end of December. Mayor McColly thanked Commissioner Bill Clinger for establishing the breakfasts and for his service. Mr. Moore added that he has attended the Mayors’ breakfasts and they are great and time well spent.

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