

CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 2024

The December 2, 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 Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Tom Karcher.

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

The minutes of the November 18, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 18, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 26, 2024 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 27, 2024 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 250-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO TRANSIENT GUEST TAX, 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. 250-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, 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. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 250-13 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. 250-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 250-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 250-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Discussion was again held regarding possible funding for a new pool, pool house, and pump house. Mrs. Lemire explained the difference in a permanent income tax increase and a property tax levy noting that a permanent income tax increase could be used to fund various projects within the City and a property tax levy could only be used for the specific purpose it is intended. Mrs. Lemire indicated that income tax does not affect individuals who do not earn a taxable income.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to have Mr. Buckland draft an ordinance to place a measure on the May primary ballot to increase the City's income tax by a ½%, from 1% to 1½%. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly thanked the members of City Council for proceeding with the ½% income tax increase.

Mayor McColly reported on a letter received from Columbia Gas of Ohio regarding an upcharge.

Mayor McColly also reported that the Fire Department's annual food drive will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Members of the Fire Department will be at the local stores from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on that day to accept donations and there will be a drive-thru at the fire station that day for donations to be dropped off. Individuals will also be able to drop off donations during the week leading up to December 14 at the fire station.

Mayor stated that members of City Council should have received an email recently from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, containing the City's 2025 budget.

Mayor McColly further reported that health insurance meetings for existing City employees will take place tomorrow at the Water Treatment Plant at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

It was noted that the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce's Home for the Holidays events will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Mayor McColly indicated that he was notified today by Ms. Angela Polachek that she will be resigning her position as Administrative Assistant, however she has expressed interest in continuing to work during the summer as the Pool Manager.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President