

CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 2024

The February 20, 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 Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, and Julia Lemire.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Steve Heinlen, candidate for County Commissioner; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 Planning Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

At this time Mr. Steve Heinlen introduced himself and indicated that he is a candidate for Wyandot County Commissioner.

Mr. Korte shared information presented at the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening from Mr. Ben Howard, Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP), from a water rate study that was conducted including possible increases in water rates. City Council members will review the information.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 221-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE TO OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER, AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME WITHIN, THROUGH, OR ACROSS SAID CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF 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. 221-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 221-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 221-13 was duly adopted.

Mayor McColly reported that Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., will be here tomorrow to provide updates on projects and grant applications. Mayor McColly noted that the City will be applying for Phase 2 of the East Wyandot Avenue Project in 2024.

Mayor McColly also reported on a meeting tomorrow with an interested individual concerning the condition of the disc golf course and how to make it a more playable course.

Mayor McColly noted that Ms. Brenda Keller will be retiring from the utility office at the end of this month and the plan for now is to go back to two full-time people working in that office.

Mayor McColly stated that he will be presenting the State of the City at the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Korte indicated that the condition of West Church Street was discussed at the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening and due to recent construction projects in that area a major repair of the street is necessary. Mr. Korte noted that Mr. Taylor is looking into solutions for the repair of this street.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President