

CITY COUNCIL

February 5, 2024

The February 5, 2024 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Sara Lou (Brown) Binau 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; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time Mayor McColly swore in City Council members appointed to the Downtown Committee as follows: Tom Karcher (2 years), Scott Moore (4 years), and Kate Niederkohr (4 years).

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

The minutes of the January 16, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 18, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 22, 2024 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 31, 2024 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Korte reported that the Service Departments' employees have filed the paperwork to form a union. Mr. Korte stated that Clemans Nelson Associates will be representing the City in discussions/negotiations with the union.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 220-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY CAMPING SITES IN THE UPPER SANDUSKY CITY PARKS FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024, 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. 220-13 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 Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 220-13 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. 220-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 220-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 220-13 was duly adopted.

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

It was noted that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2024 being Presidents Day.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to move the next City Council meeting to Tuesday, February 20, 2024 due to the Presidents Day holiday. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Solar Eclipse to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. Mrs. Lemire indicated that she recently attended a webinar pertaining to the event where informational signs, portable traffic signals, and pamphlets containing emergency phone numbers, medical information, and local events was discussed. The next meeting for the Solar Eclipse will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Mayor McColly noted that the fireworks display to be held in conjunction with Wyanstock will take place on Friday, July 5, 2024 at the Upper Sandusky High School.

Mayor McColly congratulated the 7th grade boys basketball team on their N10 tournament championship and undefeated (19-0) season.

Mayor McColly presented his appointments of members at-large to the Downtown Committee as follows: Marc Mays (2 years), Nicole Morris (4 years), Graham Treadway (4 years), and Jan Stoneburner (2 years).

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Mayor’s appointments of members at-large to the Downtown Committee as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members vote Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President