

## CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2024

The May 20, 2024 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, President Pro-Tem. 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, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, and Aaron Korte. Kate Niederkohr was absent.

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

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 Planning Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 13, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 13, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Korte reported that a recommendation from the Service Committee is forthcoming regarding water rate increases.

Mr. Korte also noted that on Wednesday morning, May 22, 2024 the Service Committee will be looking at streets within the City for repaving in 2024.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 228-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE PERIODIC AMENDMENT, REVISION, DELETION OR CHANGE OF SUCH POLICES AND PROCEDURES, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.". Mayor McColly noted that the labor departments' employees are currently voting on unionizing and he has been given guidance to pause / table any action on Ordinance No. 228-13. Mrs. Lemire indicated that she has had discussions with Mr. Buckland and Ms. Cheyenne Winegardner, Clemans Nelson Associates, regarding the new language for the Breast Feeding policy, as contained in Section 5.22, as it pertains to pumping and breaks. Mayor McColly noted that discussions of revisions to the Personnel Policies and Procedures manual can restart in approximately one month.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, to table Ordinance No. 228-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 229-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A HIGHWAY BUSINESS (HB) DISTRICT AND A GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) DISTRICT TO A GENERAL MANUFACTURING (GM) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF US 23/30 AND EAST OF STATE ROUTE 53 AND SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 67.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 229-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 229-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 230-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 222-13 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO CREATE A BANK OF TWELVE (12) HOURS FOR EACH FULL-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER, POLICE LIEUTENANT, POLICE OFFICER, AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO FOR ECLIPSE TIME, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members as follows:

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

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried by a vote of 5-1. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 230-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, 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 Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 230-13 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried by a vote of 5-1. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 230-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 230-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried by a vote of 5-1 and Ordinance No. 230-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 231-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH UPPER SANDUSKY HEALTH FACILITIES 2, LLC AND VANCREST OF UPPER SANDUSKY, LLC, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 231-13 for the first time by title only.

City Council members reviewed a recommendation from the Downtown Committee to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jan Stoneburner from the Downtown Committee. It was noted that Mrs. Stoneburner's term on the Downtown Committee expires December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jan Stoneburner from the Downtown Committee. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly indicated that he is accepting suggestions for someone to fill Mrs. Stoneburner's seat on the Downtown Committee.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- He continues to work on updating the City's landline phone system. Updates will include an auto dialer and voice prompts.
- He attended a program over the past weekend at the VFW in Crestline, Ohio honoring District Commander Rodger Brodman, a local resident.
- He recently attended the Wyandot County EMS' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and participated as part of the judging panel for a coloring contest. There were over 1,000 participants in the coloring contest.
- He also helped judge a Click-it or Ticket-it coloring contest recently.
- Voting to unionize by the labor departments' employees is currently underway.
- He attended a Policy Committee meeting at the Wyandot County Recycling Center last week.
- He has entered into a twelve (12) month agreement for natural gas for the Municipal Building.
- He attended a WIN meeting recently where the wayfinding sign for the downtown was discussed. This sign should be put up in the downtown soon.
- He, along with other local and state officials, toured Custom Glass Solutions recently and were shown the process for the manufacture of bullet proof glass.
- He attended an Economic Development meeting recently and were updated on local projects.
- He attended a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting recently to discuss updating their plan.
- Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., was here recently to discuss plans for Phases 2 and 3 of the East Wyandot Avenue Road Improvements. Phase 2 will proceed in 2024 and Phase 3 will proceed in 2025.
- He attended a WORPO - West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization meeting recently, which consists of representatives from Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Wyandot, and Van Wert counties.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for tornado sirens is being sought. Kirby and McCutchenville have been deemed the highest priority for sirens, but there is a possibility of the City also receiving CDBG funding for tornado sirens.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Aaron Korte, President Pro-Tem