

CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2024

The May 6, 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, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Tom Karcher. Scott Moore 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 April 15, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 11, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 11, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 15, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 22, 2024 Tree 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 Resolution No. 227-13 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WYANDOT COUNTY 2024 MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, 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 Resolution No. 227-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, 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 Resolution No. 227-13 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 227-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Resolution No. 227-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 227-13 was duly adopted.

Discussion was held regarding changes to the employees' personnel policies and procedure manual as addressed in Ordinance No. 228-13. Mrs. Lemire expressed concerns about employees who are breastfeeding or pumping being treated differently for taking a break compared to other breaks like smoking or bathrooms. Mrs. Lemire also voiced concerns about the language of some of the policies and the term "known pregnancy" and if it meant employees had an obligation to divulge personal medical information about themselves. Mr. Buckland indicated that he would look into Mrs. Lemire's concerns.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place 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.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 228-13 for the first time by title only.

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 first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 229-13 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly reported that he attended the Rotary Club’s annual Service Above Self banquet today where Mr. Mike McKee was honored with the Service Above Self award.

Mayor McColly also reported that Mr. Doug Keller, Water Reclamation Facility Supervisor, will be speaking to a middle school class since it is the end of the season for schools.

Mr. Buckland reported that he performed on the courthouse lawn as part of the 1st Thursday event held in the downtown on Thursday, May 2, 2024 and it was nice to see all of the designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA) cups being utilized by many people walking downtown for the event.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk	Kate Niederkohr, President