

BUDGET HEARING

July 15, 2024

The July 15, 2024 Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. City Council members present were Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Jim Stauffer; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this hearing was to allow public comments regarding the City’s 2025 estimate of budget revenues.

Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, reviewed the City’s estimate of revenues for the budget year beginning January 1, 2025 with the members of City Council.

It was noted that the City is required to submit the 2025 estimate of budget revenues to the Wyandot County Auditor and then it will be certified by the Wyandot County Budget Commission.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President

CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 2024

The July 15, 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 Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the July 1, 2024 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the July 1, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 1, 2024 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 8, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 8, 2024 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Resolution No. 238-13 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH).", 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. 238-13 for the first time by title only.

Discussion was held concerning the 2025 estimate of budget revenues, as reviewed in the Budget Hearing held prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the submission of the 2025 budget revenues to the Wyandot County Budget Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Korte reported that the Service Committee is reviewing sanitation (refuse) rate increases and a recommendation to City Council will be forthcoming. Mr. Korte stated that rate increases for wastewater (sewer), taking into consideration inflationary measures, are also being considered and a recommendation to City Council will be forthcoming. Mr. Karcher inquired about reducing employees with the automation that will be coming in the Sanitation Department, and Mr. Korte indicated that the Service Committee will potentially consider not backfilling positions in the Sanitation Department as employees leave the City. Mr. Walker inquired as to what will happen if the new garbage truck being considered that is equipped to pick up the tipper cans breaks down. Mayor McColly indicated that the City has a garbage truck that is equipped with a tipper arm or the City could temporarily rent a truck with the tipper arm feature.

Mr. Korte recommended postponing a measure to be placed on the General Election ballot for a levy or increase in the City's income tax until a comprehensive plan is formed as various projects are being considered and the City does not have all of the costs for those projects yet.

Mayor McColly requested approval by City Council of the appointment of Mr. Jason Lemire to the Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Sara Lou Binau.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jason Lemire to the Tree Commission with his term to expire December 31, 2024. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported that he and Mr. Mike Kohl, Wyandot County Engineer, will be attending a West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO) in Lima, Ohio on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Mayor McColly also reported that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for Vancrest on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Mayor McColly indicated that he and Mr. Rob Gagnon will be meeting with representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation on Thursday, July 18, 2024 regarding the planting of wildflowers at the highway interchanges.

Mr. McColly stated that he will be attending a Small Cities Grant meeting in Columbus on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 along with Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., to discuss the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project (Phase B), from Malabar Drive to Fourth Street.

Mayor McColly further reported that he met with a representative from the telephone company last Friday, July 12, 2024 regarding the replacement of the City's landline phones.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President