

CITY COUNCIL

August 19, 2024

The August 19, 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, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Tom Karcher.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Dale Rowe; Andy Voorheis; Jason Lemire; Dan Barth; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the August 9, 2024 Civil Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 9, 2024 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

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

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

At this time Mayor McColly swore in Mr. Jason Lemire as a member of the Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Sara Lou Binau through December 31, 2024.

At this time Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, reviewed the supplemental appropriations as addressed in Ordinance No. 242-13.

Mr. Dan Barth, 478 North Third Street, addressed City Council and requested consideration of an ordinance banning any cannabis businesses within the City. Mr. Barth stated that the reason he wants to ban cannabis businesses is because he believes marijuana is a public health concern, marijuana remains illegal federally, and because a majority of Wyandot County residents did not vote yes on Issue 2 legalizing marijuana which was approved in the State of Ohio's general election held November 7, 2023. Mr. Moore and Mr. Walker voiced their support of Mr. Barth's request and their opposition to marijuana. Mrs. Lemire indicated that it is her understanding that marijuana is heavily regulated by the State and almost all real estate in the downtown area would be unable to comply with the regulations. Mr. Karcher and Mr. Korte indicated that they would like to have additional input from residents and perhaps have residents vote on the matter. Mr. Wessler indicated that he would like to discuss the issue with Police Chief Jared Lucas and obtain his input on the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Resolution No. 239-13 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.", 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. 239-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Resolution No. 239-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 239-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire to place Ordinance No. 240-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, WYANDOT COUNTY, OHIO, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 240-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 240-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 240-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Resolution No. 241-13 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.", 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. 241-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Resolution No. 241-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 241-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 242-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 215-13, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.", on its second reading by title only as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 242-13 for the second time by title only as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 242-13 as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 242-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire to place Ordinance No. 243-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 195-11 AND 121-12, ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SANITATION SERVICES.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 243-13 for the first time by title only.

City Council members agreed that due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024, the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Mayor McColly noted that the Shawshank movie anniversary events held locally were nice and he thanked Bill and April Mullen for their part in the local events.

Mayor McColly also reported that he met with Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., last week and noted that Ms. Cindy Brooks was able to secure grant funding for design work for the Waterline to Crawford Project.

Mayor McColly informed City Council members that Mrs. Vicki Orians will be attending the next City Council meeting regarding Citizenship Day.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President