

CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2024

The August 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 was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, 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 second 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 second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Resolution No. 238-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 238-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Mayor McColly noted that the project area addressed in Phase I of the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project, as contained in Ordinance No. 240-13, is approximately from Wendy's, 1750 East Wyandot Avenue, west to Burger King, 1583 East Wyandot Avenue.

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

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 first 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 first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 242-13 for the first time by title only.

It was noted that City Council members received the June 2024 Finance Report from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor. Mayor McColly indicated that Mrs. Coppler will be in attendance at the August 19, 2024 City Council meeting to address any questions regarding the report.

Mayor McColly reported that on Thursday, August 8, 2024 there will be activities in the City for the Shawshank Anniversary celebration including tours and a luncheon.

Mayor McColly also reported that he will be taking a bus tour this week, sponsored by First Citizens National Bank, of the New Albany area to view areas of new technology.

Mayor McColly inquired as to if the members of City Council would be interested in tablets for them to utilize for emails and use during meetings to access the documents now emailed and printed. Mr. Korte voiced his opposition to the tablets noting that the City doesn’t need the added expense and it will not set well with residents being subject to upcoming rate increases for their water, sanitation, and sewer services and either a levy or an increase in the City income tax ballot measure in the spring of 2025. Mr. Karcher and Mr. Moore inquired about the cost of the tablets versus the cost of the information presented at City Council meetings being printed out. Mrs. Lemire inquired about the possibility of a reference for technology being included in the levy or income tax increase ballot measure in 2025. Mr. Karcher inquired about the availability of grants for tablets, and Mayor McColly responded that he hasn’t heard of or looked for any grants for this purchase.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President