

CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2025

The October 6, 2025 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, and Kenneth Wessler. Tom Karcher and Scott Moore were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Rodger Brodman; Amy MaGinn; Susan Young; Mindy Taylor; Heather Book; Madelyn Frey; Susan Bucher; Cliff Constein; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 17, 2025 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 18, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Rodger Brodman inquired about rumors circulating about the closure of more alleys in the downtown area. Mr. Brodman explained that these alley closures could hamper the operations of businesses including deliveries. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that there have been no discussions of additional alley closures.

Mrs. Amy MaGinn, on behalf of the wives of firemen who were in attendance, read a statement explaining the duties and sacrifices of firemen throughout the year and their support of the firemen. Mrs. MaGinn concluded voicing support of the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase to be voted on in the General Election to take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Mrs. Lemire reported that an open house was held this evening at the Fire Department to demonstrate the need for the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase. A flyer that was handed out at the open house was shared. Mrs. Lemire indicated that another open house will be held later this month at the Police Department.

Mayor McColly shared a comparison of the Income Tax Collections between 2023 and 2025.

Mayor McColly reported on a request that was presented to the Service Committee at their meeting held earlier this evening for a second well at the Upper Sandusky High School to be located to the northwest of the existing high school boys' baseball field, and west of the football field, located along Houpt Drive. The well would be utilized for watering the athletic fields including the soccer fields. The City's regulations prohibit wells within the City so an Ordinance is required to address this request and the Service Committee recommended this request be approved. An Ordinance will be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Mayor McColly indicated that he received notice that the City's electric renewal rate under the aggregation program will be increasing to .09789 per kWh.

Mayor McColly also reported that he is currently working on a telecommunications cost savings project with Spyglass Consulting.

Mayor McColly further reported that the City has six (6) tickets available for the Economic Development Dinner to take place on Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Everhart Gathering Place for those City Council members interested in attending.

It was noted that due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 13, 2025, the Park Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the Downtown Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor McColly noted that representatives from the City of Bucyrus will be here on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 to view and discuss the City's trash automation.

Mayor McColly also noted that members of the Police and Fire Departments will be participating in a career program presented to students on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Masters Building on the Wyandot County Fairgrounds.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President