

CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2025

The November 3, 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 Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, and Aaron Korte.

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

The minutes of the October 20, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 20, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 23, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 27, 2025 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 36-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 MARSEILLES AVENUE, 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. 36-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 37-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2-14, 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, 2025.", 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. 37-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 38-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO A GRANT TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND.", 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. 38-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Resolution No. 39-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO.", 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. 39-14 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly stated that he sent wage reports to the members of City Council to review. It was noted that there are currently three (3) union contracts under negotiations and in some of the union contracts employees pay their own retirement contributions while other employees retirement contributions are picked up by the City, and the goal is to make the retirement contributions uniform for all employees. Mayor McColly also presented a proposition to put pay ranges for each employee in the City's wage and salary ordinance that would address wages and salaries for new employees and wages and salaries for experienced employees within the set pay range. Discussion was held regarding who makes the decision on the wage or salary that is set for each employee. Mr. Buckland indicated that he has a different opinion on this issue that the representatives from Clemans Nelson Associates so this issue still need to be determined.

Mayor McColly reported that the Vancrest storm sewer project will begin on Thursday, November 6, 2025 with the north/south alley located between Shields Drive and South Hazel Street to be closed and not accessible to vehicular traffic for approximately two (2) weeks and Fairview Street to be closed on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and hopefully reopened on Friday, November 7, 2025.

Mayor McColly also reported that Upper Sandusky was approved as a stop on Ohio's rural intercity GoBus service route between Columbus and Toledo. An agreement to proceed with this service will be presented at the next City Council meeting. Mayor McColly indicated that the Wyandot County Council on Aging, 127 South Sandusky Avenue, will be the designated local stop.

Mayor McColly further reported that letters regarding the latest electric aggregation agreement with Constellation Energy have been mailed to City residents and the savings that consumers will see will not be comparable to the previous savings participants experienced.

It was noted that a public hearing has been scheduled to take place beginning at 6:50 p.m. prior to the November 17, 2025 City Council meeting regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Grant for the 4th Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President