

CITY COUNCIL

December 1, 2025

The December 1, 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 Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Fred Lord, Clemans Nelson Associates; Patti Davidson, Upper Sandusky Library; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 17, 2025 Public Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 17, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

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

Mrs. Patti Davidson, Upper Sandusky Library, 301 North Sandusky Avenue, addressed City Council asking to have the alleys around the library repaved in the spring or early summer of 2026 as they will be hosting traveling exhibits beginning in August 2026 and they are expecting many visitors. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, is working to form a priority list of streets to be repaved and he will bring this to Mr. Taylor’s attention.

Mr. Fred Lord, Clemans Nelson Associates, addressed City Council indicating that a three (3) year proposal has been reached between the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) and the City of Upper Sandusky. Mr. Lord outlined the terms of the contract. Mr. Wessler indicated that the Safety Committee reviewed this information in their meeting held earlier this evening and recommended to City Council the approval of this agreement.

Mayor McColly reported that he met with engineers from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. regarding concerns about the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project and those engineers are exploring new options for this project. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that she met with Mayor McColly and Mr. Aaron Clark, Bringman Clark Funeral Home, to discuss different possible options for the project. City Council members agreed that Ordinance No. 38-14 addressing grant funding from the City’s Revolving Loan Fund to address this project will remain tabled until additional information for this project is presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 40-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 727 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE MOBILE FOOD VENDORS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 40-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of OrdinanceNo. 40-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 40-14 was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 41-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 41-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 41-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote and Ordinance No. 41-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 42-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 155.07 IN CHAPTER 155 DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.”, 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. 42-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of OrdinanceNo. 42-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 40-14 was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 43-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PAY SCALE AND COMPENSATION FOR NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT WAGE ORDINANCES.”, on its second reading, as amended, by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-1-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 43-14 for the second time by title only, as amended.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 43-14, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-1-1 vote and Ordinance No. 43-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 44-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.”, 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. 44-14 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Wessler stated that he is part of the local Airport Authority and a new beacon light has been installed at the airport, located at 10841 CH 42, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the county paid 10% of the cost of this light.

Mr. Korte reported that he has been asked by people in the community about the dumpsters in the alley between Wyandot Avenue and Walker Street. Mr. Korte also inquired as to if there has been any discussion about reopening the alley between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue during the winter months as it is unlikely that the picnic tables in the alley will be used much after the Home for the Holidays events to take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Mr. Karcher, Downtown Committee Chairperson, indicated that there has not been any discussion about reopening the alley.

Mayor McColly reported that details of the City employees’ health insurance for 2026 are still being finalized.

Mayor McColly also reported that the north/south alley between Shields Drive and South Hazel Street is scheduled to be paved and reopened tomorrow.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk	Kate Niederkohr, President