

CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2025

The March 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 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; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Dean Leonard; Bill Sturgeon; Marty Reber; Ron Marvin; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the February 18, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the February 20, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Marty Reber and Ron Marvin, representing the local committee of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250-OH) in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States, shared plans for the events to take place in 2026 between the months of April and August. Events include a visit from Wyandotte Chief Billy Friend, movies at the Star Theater featuring Ohio residents, planting a heritage tree in Bicentennial Park, dig up the 1976 time capsule in Bicentennial Park and bury the capsule again with items added, vintage baseball in Stepping Stones Park, war reenactment in Stepping Stones Park, 4th of July parade, and many activities involving children and recognizing veterans.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 5-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF MEMBRANES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.", 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. 5-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 5-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 5-14 was duly adopted.

It was noted that Ordinance No. 6-14, as presented at the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, will continue to be tabled. Mr. Korte indicated that Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will attend a future City Council meeting to explain the need for this equipment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 7-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$64,660.00) FOR PROJECT PID NO. 115788 (EAST WYANDOT AVENUE RESURFACING) 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. 7-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 7-14 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. 7-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 7-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 7-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 8-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, APPROVING THE PALMER ENERGY RECOMMENDATION FOR A 24-MONTH HYBRID RATE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, 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. 8-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 8-14 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. 8-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 8-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 8-14 was duly adopted.

Mr. Niederkohr shared a 3-D video of the new proposed pool facility prepared by Peterman Associates. It was noted that the estimated cost for the new facility is between \$6,000,000.00 and \$8,000,000.00. Mr. Niederkohr noted that he is available for meetings and presentations to promote the new facility. Mr. Niederkohr stated that without the passage of the ½% income tax increase at the May 6, 2025 primary election the pool will only be able to operate one to two more years. Mr. Karcher inquired about the cost to demolish the existing pool facility and Mr. Niederkohr indicated that it would cost \$200,000.00. Mr. Korte stated that this is an opportunity to have a centerpiece for our community, residents, and visitors.

Mayor McColly provided an update from the Safety Committee meeting held earlier this evening regarding barricades that can be utilized to block cross streets for parades and be used for temporary alley closures and noted that Chief Lucas will be checking into this matter next week as he will contact the City of Bucyrus and look at the barricades they use during parades.

Mayor McColly reported that representatives from the Louis Dreyfus Company will be attending the March 17, 2025 Service Committee and City Council meetings.

Mayor McColly also reported that discussions continue with Omnifiber in effort to provide internet access to residents and businesses located on the east side of the Sandusky River.

It was noted that a retirement party was held for Mr. Tim Clark, Sanitation Department employee, on Monday, February 24, 2025 to celebrate his retirement effective Friday, February 28, 2025 after 34+ years working for the City.

Mayor McColly indicated that he met with Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., recently to discuss upcoming projects including the waterline to Crawford, the Ohio Public Works Commission west waterline loop, and Phase 2 of the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project.

Mayor McColly noted that there is an upcoming meeting with Mr. Ben Martin, GL Cap, regarding Community Development Block Grant funding to improve the curbs and sidewalks on North Fourth Street adjacent to East Wyandot Avenue.

Mayor McColly further reported that Ms. Nancy Lehnhart, Water Office Manager, has submitted her retirement notice effective June 30, 2025.

Mayor McColly also noted that the play presented at the Star Theater last weekend was a great show. Mrs. Niederkohr thanked everyone who participated and stated that there was fantastic support from the community.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President