

CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 2025

The April 7, 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; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Dave Olds; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 17, 2025 Public Hearing (6:40 p.m.), having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

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

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

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

City Council members thanked Chief Lucas and Chief MaGinn for the recent public tour of the Safety Building to demonstrate the need for the passage of the ½% income tax increase that will be voted on at the May 6, 2025 primary election.

It was noted that Spring Clean-Up will take place for residential sanitation customers during the week of April 21 – 25, 2025.

Mr. Karcher expressed his concern for the 27%+ pay increase addressed in the labor agreement with the Police Dispatchers.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 9-14 entitled " AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS DISPATCHERS, EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNING UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2027, COVERING FULL-TIME DISPATCHERS FOR THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, 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. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9-14 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 as follows:

Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 9-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 9-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote and Ordinance No. 9-14 was duly adopted.

Mr. Dave Olds addressed City Council regarding the lease of office space in the Municipal Building as addressed in Ordinance No. 10-14. Mr. Olds noted that Connection Recovery Services, formerly known as NAMI, is a non-profit organization providing case management for mental health. Mr. Olds indicated that the office will be utilized for writing reports, use of Wi-Fi, and as a home base. A full-time case manager will be in town forty (40) hours per week but no counseling will be offered at this office as counseling primary takes place at the Wyandot County Jail or at Wyandot Counseling Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 10-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NAMI OF NORTHWEST FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED IN THE CITY BUILDING.”, 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. 10-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 11-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SEWER LINE EXTENSION AND WASTEWATER AGREEMENT WITH LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY UPPER SANDUSKY, LLC.”, 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. 11-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 12-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A HIGHWAY BUSINESS (HB) DISTRICT TO A LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO A PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST WYANDOT AVENUE.”, 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. 12-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 13-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A LIMITED MANUFACTURING (LM) DISTRICT TO A GENERAL MANUFACTURING (GM) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO A PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF BROADVIEW STREET.”, 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. 13-14 for the first time by title only.

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

It was noted that City Council members received the Income Tax Collections and Transient Guest Tax Collections quarterly reports as of March 31, 2025.

Mr. Buckland indicated that an Ordinance addressing a waterline to the Louis Dreyfus Co. facility in Salem Township, west of the City, will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor McColly noted that he spoke at a Rotary luncheon last week to promote the ½% income tax increase. Mr. Korte noted that he and Mrs. Lemire spoke at a Senior Citizens luncheon recently and he and Mrs. Niederkohr will be speaking at an upcoming Senior Citizens luncheon to promote the ½% income tax increase.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President