

CITY COUNCIL

May 19, 2025

The May 19, 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 John Walker, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Kate Niederkohr. Kenneth Wessler and Scott Moore were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Public Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 12, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 12, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, addressed City Council regarding complaints being received about taste and odor issues with the City's water. Mr. Schoenberger explained the process of treating the water at the Water Plant and the reservoir and the extra steps that have been taken to optimize the treatment of the water to remove the taste and odor issues including feeding powder activated carbon, running more water through the nanofiltration, treating the reservoir, flushing fire hydrants, cleaning the clearwell and water towers, and then flushing the fire hydrants again. Mr. Schoenberger was notified by the Ohio EPA of another municipality experiencing the same issues and after contacting that community's Water Supervisor he was informed that a certain type of algae was found in their reservoir that some people are very sensitive to. Mr. Schoenberger noted that the other municipality saw improvements to their water after working with Fontas Blue. Mr. Schoenberger indicated that he has a preliminary consultation scheduled with Fontas Blue on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Mr. Schoenberger stated that he continues to work with the Ohio EPA to resolve the issues and he noted that the City has not had any treatment or chemical violations from the Ohio EPA since the new Water Treatment Plant was built in 2011 and the City's water is safe for consumption.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to remove Ordinance No. 6-14 from the table, as it was tabled at the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, and proceed with the first reading of the Ordinance at the June 2, 2025 City Council meeting. Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will be asked to attend the June 2, 2025 City Council meeting to provide additional information and answer questions on the purchase of a John Deere 333 P-Tier Compact Track Loader and accessories, as addressed in Ordinance No. 6-14.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Resolution No. 19-14 entitled, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WYANDOT COUNTY FOR 2025 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 19-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Resolution No. 19-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 19-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 20-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 951.05 AND 951.06 AND CREATING SECTIONS 951.09 AND 951.10 OF CHAPTER 951 GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.”, 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. 20-14 for the first time by title only.

Mr. Jim Stauffer reminded City Council members that the General Election will be held on November 4, 2025, and August 6, 2025 is the deadline for local issues to be filed with the Board of Elections for placement on the General Election ballot. City Council members discussed the possibility of again placing the ½% income tax increase on the November 4, 2025 General Election ballot.

Mayor McColly reported that it has been decided that the fireworks will be held at the high school again this year on Thursday, July 3, 2025. The Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce will also have their monthly 1st Thursday event in the downtown area on that evening.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President