

CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 2025

The May 5, 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; Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant; Walker Gottfried; Laura Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 21, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 21, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 28, 2025 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 1, 2025 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 15-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POTABLE WATER LINE EXTENSION WITH LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY UPPER SANDUSKY, LLC.", 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. 15-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 15-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 15-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 16-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE TARHE LIFT STATION NORTH PROJECT.", 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. 16-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 16-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 16-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 17-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EAST WYANDOT AVENUE, ODOT SMALL CITIES PROJECT, PHASE 2.", 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. 17-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 17-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 17-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Mrs. Lemire, Mr. Wessler, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Korte spoke in support of the proposed ½% income tax increase to be voted on by the City of Upper Sandusky residents tomorrow, May 6, 2025, at the primary election, and they encouraged voter support of the measure.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing the date of the next City Council meeting due to members having other conflicts. It was decided to keep the meeting on its regularly scheduled day since there will be a majority of the members present.

Mayor McColly again reported that an open house will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the EMS Building, 401 North Warpole Street, with representatives from the City, the Louis Dreyfus Company, and Peterman Associates to be in attendance. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions from the community regarding the Louis Dreyfus Company’s soybean processing facility located to the west of the City in Salem Township, the lift station to be installed, and the water and wastewater extension projects as part of the development. It was noted that property owners who live along CH 330 to the west of the City, and between the City and the project site were notified of the meeting.

Mayor McColly encouraged support of the proposed ½% income tax increase to be voted on by the City of Upper Sandusky residents tomorrow, May 6, 2025, at the primary election.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President