

CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2025

The June 2, 2025 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. City Council members present were Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker. Julia Lemire was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 19, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 19, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 22, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that the swimming pool was open today for the second day of this season. The opening was been delayed due to cold weather. It was also noted that water is constantly being pumped into the pool due to leaks.

Mrs. Niederkohr also reported that there is a tree in Stepping Stones Park that has been roped off due to it being split and concerns of it falling.

Mayor McColly reported that the Water Department continues to work with a representative from Fontas Blue in effort to resolve the water taste and odor issues being experienced. Bottles were received today at the Water Treatment Plant for water samples to be sent to a company in Indiana for testing, and more bottles are expected next week to submit more water samples to this company.

Mayor McColly also reported that ultrasonic treatment at the reservoir to possibly assist with the water taste and odor issues being experienced has been suggested by Fontas Blue with this equipment to be attached to a bouy and placed in the reservoir. Mr. Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, is working with the Ohio EPA to obtain this equipment.

Mr. Korte reported that Mr. Doug Keller, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, has submitted his notice of retirement effective August 31, 2025.

Mr. Korte also reported that due to the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, trash that would have been picked up on Thursday, June 19, 2025 will instead be picked up on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Mr. Korte further reported that the automated trash collection will officially begin on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 6-14 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 333 P-TIER COMPACT TRACK LOADER AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM.”, which was tabled by City Council on February 18, 2025. Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, explained the need for the equipment and noted that this equipment would be an addition to the fleet of equipment not a replacement and this model is made for higher demand projects. Considerable discussion was held with Mr. Taylor regarding this equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 6-14 on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted No. The President declared the motion unanimously defeated.

It was noted that the Service Committee at their meeting held earlier this evening recommended to City Council to amend the charges for additional garbage containers to be picked up to be \$6.00 for residential sanitation customers (within the City), \$10.50 for residential sanitation customers (outside the City), and \$6.50 for commercial sanitation service, per garbage container each time the garbage container(s) are set out and collected.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, 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 second reading by title only as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 20-14 for the second time only as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-14 as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 20-14 was duly adopted as amended.

Mayor McColly reported that he met recently with Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., to discuss the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Project Phase II and the sidewalk and curbs at the northeast corner of North Fourth Street and East Wyandot Avenue.

It was reported that a Public Hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:50 p.m. prior to the June 16, 2025 City Council meeting to discuss the Keller/Moll zoning amendment.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President