

CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2025

The August 4, 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 Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, and Julia Lemire.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Robert Camper; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

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

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

The minutes of the July 21, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to remove Ordinance No. 23-14 from the table. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was noted that contained in Ordinance No. 23-14 under Section 7. Enforcement and Revocation, #1. was revised to provide for the Downtown Committee to be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance, including monitoring compliance and initiating any revocation or suspension actions.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 23-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY.”, on its second reading by title only, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 23-14 for the second time by title only, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-14, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote and Ordinance No. 23-14 was duly adopted, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 25-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.06(B) OF CHAPTER 951 GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, 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 Ordinance No. 25-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 25-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 25-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 26-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE WESTSIDE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT.", 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. 26-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 27-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT.", 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. 27-14 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly indicated that the Fire Department has been approached by food truck vendors about inspections of their propane hoses, as reported at the July 7, 2025 Safety Committee meeting by Chief MaGinn. Mayor McColly requested Mr. Buckland review the matter and provide his opinion.

Mrs. Lemire indicated that the Safety Committee at their meeting held earlier today agreed to move the next Safety Committee meeting from Monday, September 1, 2025 to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day holiday. City Council members also agreed to move their Monday, September 1, 2025 City Council meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor McColly reported that he met last week with Fire Chief MaGinn and the three (3) Fire Captains in relation to the proposed $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase measure to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, and discussed changes within the Fire Department over the years.

Mr. Korte stated that he will be spearheading the subcommittee to promote the proposed $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase measure. Mr. Korte indicated that Mrs. Lemire has volunteered to serve on the subcommittee and so far five (5) residents have indicated their willingness to serve on the subcommittee. Mr. Korte is still looking for volunteers and anyone interested in serving can contact him.

Mayor McColly indicated that the small cities presentation by Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. to the State of Ohio for funding for Phase III of the East Wyandot Avenue Roadway Improvements went well.

Mayor McColly stated that preliminary work on the North Warpole Street/Houpt Drive sewer interceptor is being conducted.

Mayor McColly also reported that the lift station on property owned by the Koehler Family and located on property north of US 23/30 and east of State Route 53 North and south of State Route 67 will be addressed in the spring of 2026.

Mayor McColly further reported that the fees collected for food trucks and for use of public sidewalks and rights-of-way, as addressed in Ordinance No. 23-14, goes to the Downtown Committee for use in the downtown. Mayor McColly will obtain a balance of the funds collected from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, and provide that information to City Council and the Downtown Committee.

Mr. Wessler reported that the annual Battle of the Badges softball event will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Teams participating include the Upper Sandusky Police and Fire, Sycamore Fire and Rescue, Carey Police and Fire, Wyandot County Sheriff’s Office, and the State Highway Patrol – Bucyrus Post. Raffle tickets are available and proceeds will benefit the oncology patients at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President