

SERVICE COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

The March 17, 2025 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairman. Service Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Dale Rowe, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector; John Walker; Scott North, Louis Dreyfus Company; Peter Ward, Louis Dreyfus Company; Alberto Ramirez, Louis Dreyfus Company; Ben Youngpeter, Louis Dreyfus Company; Lucas Hurtado, Louis Dreyfus Company; Jill Deck, Louis Dreyfus Company; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$117,833.68 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$117,833.68. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the March 3, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mayor McColly introduced representatives of the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC). Mr. Scott North, LDC attorney, indicated that he has been involved in economic development all over the State of Ohio and this community has been great to work with and this project is the largest economic development project that Wyandot County has ever seen and the second or third largest that the State of Ohio has ever seen. Mr. North explained the agreement reached for sewer and water service to the Valencia plant located west of the City in Salem Township noting that the sewer and water lines will run along CH 330 and under the initial twenty (20) year agreement the rates charged will be the same as rates charged outside the City. Mr. North stated that LDC will design and build the infrastructure for water and sewer service to the Valencia plant and then deed the infrastructure to the City. Mr. Peter Ward, LDC North American Senior Business Development Manager, stated that Upper Sandusky is a nice town and he is excited to see the Valencia plant grow and flourish.

Service Committee members reviewed a letter from Nancy Lehnhart, Utility Billing Office Manager, announcing her retirement effective June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, to accept the retirement of Nancy Lehnhart effective June 30, 2025. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A job posting for a Utility Billing Office Manager was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Korte, to authorize the Human Resource Officer to advertise for a Utility Billing Office Manager. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Copies of Chapter 951 Garbage and Refuse Collection of the City's Codified Ordinances were distributed. Service Committee members will review this information and discuss possible new regulations to include the automated trash collection and toter cans at their next meeting. Mayor McColly reported that he has had discussions with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, and they recommend the Service Committee look at rules and regulations from other communities who have automated trash collection.

Discussion was again held regarding commercial cardboard recycling. Mayor McColly indicated that an estimate of \$34,000.00 per year was derived from the costs of the commercial cardboard recycling including the number of stops, number of containers, labor, and fuel. It was noted that a charge of \$1.00 per yard per dump would generate approximately \$23,000.00 per year and a charge of \$2.00 per yard per dump would generate approximately \$46,000.00 per year. Mayor McColly stated that the City is not looking to make a profit on cardboard collection but this cost will continue to rise and he would like to see this service continue at a minimal charge to the customers. Mayor McColly recommended to the Service Committee to charge \$2.00 per yard per dump for commercial cardboard recycling containers.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to recommend to City Council to approve a charge of \$2.00 per yard per dump for commercial cardboard recycling containers. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Service Committee agreed to set the date for Spring Clean-Up to take place for residential customers during the week of April 21 – 25, 2025.

Mr. Moon indicated that the alley closure to allow for the demolition of the former Shotzy's bar and grill restaurant, located at 130 North Sandusky Avenue, will need to take place two weeks from today. It was noted that this matter was presented and approved by the Safety Committee.

Mr. Schneider presented a schedule of charges for the City's vac truck and camera and noted these rates have not been changed since 2012. Service Committee members will review the information provided by Mr. Schneider.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairman