

CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2026

The September 8, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the fire bay at the Safety Building by Julia Lemire, 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 Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, and Aaron Korte.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Bob Michener; Deb Michener; Becky Krock; Kevin Moon; Amanda Watson; Tom Martin; Rae Wessler; Bob Blocksom; Scott Ritter; Marla Ritter; Trish Frazzini; Mark Albert; Christina Baker; Amy Cox; Patricia Cortez; Cathy Kavanagh; Nancy Johnson; Mark Johnson; Bruce Kuenzli; Heidi Moore; Greg Moon; Jessica Moon; Jordan Treadway; Sharon Huffman; Marsha Thomas; Carrie Rinderknecht; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 17, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 17, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 20, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearings, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 24, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 26, 2026 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

Visitors to the meeting, including Upper Sandusky and Wyandot County residents (including: Sharon Huffman, Deb Michener, Patricia Cortez, Marsha Thomas, Heidi Moore, and Carrie Rinderknecht) addressed City Council regarding a variety of issues. Ms. Sharon Huffman voiced her opposition to Smartland Energy and stated that City officials should quit gaslighting residents. Mrs. Deb Michener inquired about the plans for paving Houpt Drive. Ms. Patricia Cortez submitted a Statement for the Record to City Council and the Planning Commission and written Questions for City Council. Ms. Marsha Thomas inquired about finances for the Police and Fire Departments. Mrs. Heidi Moore stated that Smartland Energy has been using the City's logo on their Facebook page. Ms. Carrie Rinderknecht presented a Statement for the Record, copies of emails and attachments sent to City officials and personnel in July and August 2026, a sample Zoning Ordinance from Luzerne County, and a copy of A Charter of Democracy by Theodore Roosevelt.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 87-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 44-14, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026., on its second reading by title only, as amended.

Mr. Karcher inquired as to what amendments were made to Ordinance No. 87-14 since the first reading held at the August 17, 2026 City Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to table Ordinance No. 87-14 until the Auditor has an opportunity to explain the amendments made to Ordinance No. 87-14. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Resolution No. 88-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, 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. 88-14 for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that as a result of negotiations on the proposed infrastructure improvement agreement with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) the Service Committee has recommended to City Council to approve the agreement including the rate for the out-of-town water usage reduced by 34.9%. Mr. Korte commented that the City has to look towards the future.

It was noted that a public hearing has been scheduled to be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the September 21, 2026 City Council meeting to review the request to vacate an east/west alley located to the west of Evergreen Lane.

Mayor McColly reported that there will be two (2) bid openings tomorrow, at 1:00 p.m. - Highland Parkway Reconstruction and at 1:30 p.m. - Fourth Street ADA ramps.

Mayor McColly also reported that the City typically budget \$200,000.00 annually for street and alley improvements, but with the additional income from the .75% income tax increase that was approved by the voters in November 2025 the City budgeted \$500,000.00 this year. M & B Asphalt Co., Inc. will begin grinding work on Saturday, September 12, 2026 followed by paving including work on Commerce Way.

Mayor McColly further reported that there is six hundred (600) feet of work left on the Interceptor Sewer Project on North Warpole Street.

Mrs. Niederkohr thanked everyone who attended the community event/public meeting for the new swimming pool that was held at the Wyandot County EMS building on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President