CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 2026

The October 19, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers 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 John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, and Kate Niederkohr.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Randall Besecker, Louis Dreyfus Company; Amanda Watson; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 6, 2026 special Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 13, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 13, 2026 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to untable Ordinance No. 93-14. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 93-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.", on its second reading by title only, as amended.

Mr. Buckland explained that he has been working with an attorney representing the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) to revise the Infrastructure Improvement Agreement and the primary update to the agreement stipulates under a Tripartite Engineering Agreement between the City, LDC, and a professional engineer that the engineer will design the project and LDC will pay the costs. It was noted that if change orders are needed, all parties must reach an agreement before any changes are made.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows on the second reading of Ordinance No. 93-14:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 93-14 for the second time by title only as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 93-14 as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote and Resolution No. 93-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 94-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNIMPROVED EAST/WEST ALLEY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", 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. 94-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 94-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 94-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 95-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 45-14 (AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY).", 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. 95-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Resolution No. 96-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.", 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. 96-14 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly reported that AARP has announced a ribbon cutting to take place on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. for the ADA Curb Ramps Project, with the exact location of the ribbon cutting to be determined.

It was noted that the Service Committee, at their meeting held earlier this evening, has recommended to City Council to amend Sections 933.05 and 933.06 of the Codified Ordinances to add a unit charge for a 6" meter in 2026 to be $750.00 per month with a $30 increase in this charge each year beginning in 2027, and add a unit charge for an 8" meter in 2026 to be $1,000.00 per month with a $40.00 increase in this charge each year beginning in 2027. An Ordinance will be presented at the next City Council meeting to address this recommendation.

It was also noted that the Service Committee, at their meeting held earlier this evening, has also recommended to City Council a 10% increase in consumers' sewer rates beginning January 1, 2027. It was noted that future sewer rate increases will be looked at later in 2027, after the sewage income from LDC is known. An Ordinance will be presented at the next City Council meeting to address this recommendation.

Mrs. Niederkohr, as the Chairperson of the Park Board, shared information with City Council about the new proposed swimming pool including layouts of the pool area and pool house, and a cost analysis of the project. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that the Park Board members have agreed to move the Swimming Pool Project on to the Design/Development Plan Phase.

In response to several complaints received about the placement of political yard signs within the City right-of-way, Mayor McColly stated that pursuant to Section 1134.02 (a) No sign shall be placed within the public right-of-way. Mayor McColly indicated that residents have been notified via social media and the City's webpage that political signs located within the right-of-way must be moved out of the right-of-way.

It was noted that City Council members have received the Finance Report for September 2026 from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- A County vs. City Community Challenge Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wyandot County Engineer's Conference Room, 320 North Warpole Street.
- A funding request was submitted to the West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO) for curbs and gutters on South Eighth Street, and $300,000.00 has been awarded for this project with this work to take place in 2029.
- The South Warpole Street railroad crossing improvements have been extended to November 15, 2026.
- A data center tool kit webinar will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2026. Council Chambers will be open for anyone who wants to view the webinar.

Mayor McColly thanked all of the service department for assisting the Parks Department with their needs and work while they are short staffed.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk Julia Lemire, President