CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

The May 18, 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 Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Aaron Korte. Kenneth Wessler and Tom Karcher were absent.

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

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2026 (9:00 a.m.) special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2026 (9:30 a.m.) special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Resolution No. 71-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WYANDOT COUNTY FOR 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM 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 Resolution No. 71-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Resolution No. 71-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 71-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 72-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 133.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND UPDATING THE PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF, 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 Ordinance No. 72-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 73-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 194-13 TO AMEND ONE PERMIT HOLDER AND ADD ONE PERMIT HOLDER LOCATED WITHIN THE UPPER SANDUSKY DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA).", 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. 73-14 for the first time by title only.

Mayor McColly shared a term sheet for raw water and potable water fees for the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC). It was noted that this information was also presented to the Service Committee earlier this evening. For the raw water, LDC will be responsible for the five (5) mile pipeline infrastructure from their facility to the old reservoir along the CSX railroad tracks and pay 25% of the in-City industrial bulk water rate. For the potable (treated) water, as of November 1, 2026 the City will provide a minimum of 174 gallons of treated water per minute to the LDC facility at the out of town rate and any usage over the 174 gpm will be charged at the in-City rate and once LDC has recouped its investment in water treatment facility improvements the in-City rate will go to the out of town rate. Mayor McColly noted that the Water Department plans to have a backup pump on the shelf if a pump would go out. The language in the term sheet stating, "volumes sufficient to support LDC's operational requirements" was discussed. Mr. Moore suggested an upper limit be established on LDC's potable water usage. Mrs. Lemire questioned the responsibility of repairing the pipeline if necessary and expenses to provide these services compared to the City's cost.

Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Cody Collins is willing to serve in the current seat vacated by Mr. Paul Berger on the Board of Zoning Appeals. This term will expire on December 31, 2027.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve Mayor McColly's appointment of Mr. Cody Collins to the Board of Zoning Appeals with the term to expire on December 31, 2027. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

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

Mayor McColly shared a Facebook and Social Media Performance Report as of May 2026 from Mr. Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant. It was noted that the goal of social media is to maximize the reach to the public for sharing information.

Mayor McColly reported that the City was awarded a final extension for the Interceptor Sewer Project of December 31, 2026.

Mayor McColly presented a quote from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for engineering services for the 4th Street ADA Ramps Project at a cost of $24,400.00. Mayor McColly noted that this expenditure is within his approval limitation so no action is needed by City Council

Mayor McColly indicated that the City has been awarded a $15,000.00 grant through AARP to assist with funding for the 4th Street ADA Ramps Project.

Mayor McColly also reported that a finalized road resurfacing plan from Choice One is expected soon.

Mayor McColly reported that the City has been awarded a $1,000,000.00 Brownfield demolition grant for a portion of the Fairhaven Home building located at 850 Marseilles Avenue. Mayor McColly indicated that the property will be deeded to the City and he plans to pursue the construction of a new Municipal Building and Police Station on this property while still utilizing some of the existing building.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk	Julia Lemire, President