

PUBLIC HEARING

June 15, 2026

The June 15, 2026 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers by Julia Lemire, President. City Council members present were John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore. Kate Niederkohr was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Steve Heinlen, Wyandot County Commissioner; Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Kayla Weaver; David Lehman; Lisa Lehman; Bryce Cameron; Jill Thiel; Mike Thiel; Jessica Moon; Travis Frisch; Mike Rigsby; Spencer Patchett; Brittany Patchett; Trish Frazzini; Mark Albert; Michael Bush; Lauren Bush; Lindsay Hall; Craig Swartz; William Knapp; Jenni Jury; Pat Riedel; Rae Wessler; Carole Young; Bill Gillen; Chris Gillen; Deborah Michener; Bob Michener; Heidi Moore; Jean Grove; Sharon Huffman; Angela Huffman; Ashlee McColly; Jim Stauffer; Daniel Duke, Police Officer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to allow public input on a request from the Wyandot County Commissioners to vacate Court Street.

Mr. Steve Heinlen, Wyandot County Commissioner, addressed City Council regarding the request for the vacation of Court Street, an east/west street located along the south side of the Wyandot County Courthouse, from South Fifth Street to South Sandusky Avenue. Mr. Heinlen explained that the vacation of Court Street is being requested for the future construction of a new county jail at the east end of the current Court Street. Mr. Heinlen noted that the County owns the properties on both sides of Court Street and this street is rarely used by motorists as a thru street.

It was noted that the Service Committee reviewed this request at their meeting held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 and recommended to City Council to proceed with the vacation of Court Street as petitioned by the Wyandot County Commissioners. It was also noted that contained in the petition it says, "The City of Upper Sandusky shall retain the right to install and maintain all utility easements, including rights of ingress and egress."

City Council will discuss this request in their meeting to follow this public hearing and determine how they want to proceed with this request.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President

CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 2026

The June 15, 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, and Scott Moore. Kate Niederkohr was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Kayla Weaver; David Lehman; Lisa Lehman; Bryce Cameron; Jill Thiel; Mike Thiel; Jessica Moon; Travis Frisch; Mike Rigsby; Spencer Patchett; Brittany Patchett; Trish Frazzini; Mark Albert; Michael Bush; Lauren Bush; Lindsay Hall; Craig Swartz; William Knapp; Jenni Jury; Pat Riedel; Rae Wessler; Carole Young; Bill Gillen; Chris Gillen; Deborah Michener; Bob Michener; Heidi Moore; Jean Grove; Sharon Huffman; Angela Huffman; Ashlee McColly; Lisa Rife; Jennifer Banta; Wyatt Slavey; Brad Baker; Drew Baker; Lori Greishop, Sam Barker; Tamara Barker; Lyssa Riedel; Nancy Johnson; Monica Bess; Suzy Cross; Mike Cross; Jim Stauffer; Daniel Duke, Police Officer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes June 1, 2026 special Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 8, 2026 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 8, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 10, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed City Council concerning a revised potable water agreement, an infrastructure agreement, and a raw water agreement. Mr. Buckland indicated that he has not had the opportunity to review the information provided today by Mr. Waxlax.

Mr. Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector, explained the request for a similar use designation received from Smartland Energy, LLC for a 150 megawatt power generation facility paired with a data center, as previously presented at the June 1, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

Upper Sandusky residents and Wyandot County residents (including: Kayla Weaver, David Lehman, Lisa Lehman, Bryce Cameron, Mike Thiel, Craig Swartz, Sharon Huffman, Angela Huffman, Lisa Rife, Jennifer Banta, and Wyatt Slavey) addressed City Council and expressed their concerns about a data center and the possible water usage and issues, noise, increased utility costs, loss in property values, etc. that could be created from a data center. Many of these residents spoke in favor of a moratorium being placed on data centers. Some of these residents also voiced their concerns about the need for a substantial amount of water from the Louis Dreyfus Company and the effects this could have on the community.

Mrs. Lemire thanked everyone who attended this meeting for expressing their interest and concerns regarding these matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 74-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE UPPER SANDUSKY HARRISON SMITH PARK POOL PROJECT.", 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. 74-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 74-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 74-14 was duly adopted.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Wyandot County Commissioner to vacate Court Street, as reviewed in the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to proceed with an Ordinance to address the vacation of Court Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire inquired with City Council members about the possibility of reducing paper usage by eliminating paper copies of information handed out at the City Council meetings containing the same information that is emailed to Council members, but noted that if any members would still like to receive paper copies of the information they should inform the Clerk of their choice. It was suggested that all members be provided with a paper copy of the agenda at each City Council meeting.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- He has received paperwork from Vancrest regarding the donation and transfer of the former Fairhaven property and parking lot to be acquired by the City.
- American Electric Power (AEP) will be installing 3-phase electric at the Tarhe Lift Station soon.
- The City has been awarded a \$199,000.00 grant to address inclusive playground equipment in Bicentennial Park.
- The City has been awarded a grant of 50% or up to \$112,000.00 for a full-depth roadway restoration on Highland Parkway.
- The 2026 bid opening for the Streets Maintenance Program Project will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- A 4th of July parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2026, stepping off from the high school at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Walker inquired about what the budget is this year for street and alley repairs. Mayor McColly indicated that the budget for the street and alley repairs is approximately \$500,000.00.

Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation to the members of the community who attended the meeting this evening and to those who voiced their concerns regarding issues within the community.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President