

BUDGET HEARING

July 6, 2026

The July 6, 2026 Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:50 p.m. in Council Chambers by Julia Lemire, President. 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; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Deb Michener; Bob Michener; Sharon Huffman; Robert Waxlax; Dustin Strausbaugh; Chuck Brooky; Rae Wessler; Terrence O'Donnell; Scott Parsons; Randall Besecker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this hearing was to allow public comments regarding the City's 2027 estimate of budget revenues.

Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, reviewed the City's estimate of revenues for the budget year beginning January 1, 2027 with the members of City Council.

It was noted that the City is required to submit the 2027 estimate of budget revenues to the Wyandot County Auditor and then it will be certified by the Wyandot County Budget Commission.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President

CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2026

The July 6, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 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; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Deb Michener; Bob Michener; Sharon Huffman; Robert Waxlax; Dustin Strausbaugh; Chuck Brooky; Rae Wessler; Terrence O'Donnell; Scott Parsons; Randall Besecker; Heidi Moore; Jim Stauffer; Greg Moon; Shane Davis; Brian Kummerer; Alan Garverick; Mark Albert; Trish Frazzini; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the June 15, 2026 Public Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 15, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 22, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

Visitors to the meeting, including the City's Zoning Inspector, Upper Sandusky residents, Wyandot County residents, labor union representatives and a Louis Dreyfus Company LLC representative, (including: Deb Michener, Bob Michener, Sharon Huffman, Robert Waxlax, Dustin Strausbaugh, Chuck Brooky, Heidi Moore, and Shane Davis) addressed City Council regarding the previously proposed power generation facility and data center, the Interceptor Sewer Project, and an agreement with the Louis Dreyfus Company LLC for potable water service. Mr. Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed City Council in regards to a potable water agreement that has been reviewed by the Service Committee and recommended to City Council for approval. Mr. Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector, addressed City Council indicating that Smartland Energy, LLC has withdrawn their request for a Similar Use Designation for the construction of a 150 megawatt power generation facility paired with a separate co-located large-scale computing and digital infrastructure facility (commonly referred to as a data center). Mr. Dustin Strausbaugh, Mr. Chuck Brooky, and Mr. Shane Davis, labor union representatives, spoke in favor of the power generation facility and data center and the jobs that would be created from these projects. Mrs. Deb Michener and Mrs. Heidi Moore spoke about needed roadway repairs on Indian Mill Drive and Houpt Drive as a result of the Interceptor Sewer Project currently under construction. Ms. Sharon Huffman inquired about the direction of the Interceptor Sewer Project, currently on Houpt Drive and headed west, and she expressed her concerns about the water situation with the Louis Dreyfus Company LLC. Mrs. Moore stressed that the resources needed to operate the Louis Dreyfus facility and a data center are not endless.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 75-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING COURT STREET IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", 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. 75-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 76-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE 2026 STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT, 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. 76-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 76-14 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. 76-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 76-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 76-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 77-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS, ACCESSORY POWER GENERATION FACILITIES INTENDED PRIMARILY TO SERVE DATA CENTERS, AND RELATED USES WITHIN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO ALLOW FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CITY'S ZONING REGULATIONS, 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. 77-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 77-14 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. 77-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 77-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 77-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 78-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LLC FOR TREATED WATER SERVICE.", 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. 78-14 for the first time by title only.

Discussion was held concerning the 2027 estimate of budget revenues, as reviewed in the Budget Hearing held prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the submission of the 2027 budget revenues to the Wyandot County Budget Commission. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported that he is nominating Mr. Brian Kummerer for appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ross Niederkohr thru December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Mr. Brian Kummerer to the Planning Commission. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, for his work on legislation to address a six (6) month moratorium on data centers and power generation facilities. Mrs. Niederkohr thanked Mr. Buckland for his work on the potable water agreement with the Louis Dreyfus Company.

City Council members also received the Income Tax Collections and Transient Guest Tax Collections reports as of June 30, 2026.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President