

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

January 12, 2026

The January 12, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Scott Moore, Acting Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Marc Mays, Scott Moore, Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway. Tom Karcher was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time Mayor McColly swore in Mr. Mays and Mr. Morral as reappointed members of the Downtown Committee.

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Downtown Committee members discussed an email received from mobile food vendor Mr. Tyler Scott, Special-T Sandwiches, who requested to set up in front of the courthouse on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. These dates are in conjunction with the lap nights that are held in the downtown area. Downtown Committee members voiced no objections to Mr. Scott setting up his mobile food truck on these requested dates and times.

Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant, is beginning to work on permitting for 2026. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that she will inquire with Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, to make sure she is coordinating with Mr. Korte. Mayor McColly indicated that he will also check with Mr. Korte on this matter.

Mr. Moore reported that a local pizza restaurant has been placing a homemade sign in front of their business to designate a parking space for their business only. It was noted that similar signs have previously been placed by other local businesses and those businesses were informed that this practice cannot continue. Mr. Moore indicated that he will discuss this issue with the business owner.

Mrs. Niederkohr inquired as to when the lines for parking spaces will be painted on North Sandusky Avenue at the former access point for the alley located between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue which has been closed. Mayor McColly indicated that he will discuss this matter with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor.

The elections of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were held as follows:

- Mr. Mays nominated Mr. Karcher to serve as Chairperson, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr.
- Mr. Treadway nominated Mr. Moore to serve as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Mays.
- Mrs. Niederkohr moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Mays. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.
- Upon Voice Vote, on the nomination of Mr. Karcher as Chairperson, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.
- Upon Voice Vote, on the nomination of Mr. Moore as Vice-Chairperson, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Treadway reported that Mr. Walker Gottfried and Mr. Kyle Treadway are considering organizing an October Fest event to be held in the downtown on a Saturday in October 2026.

Mr. Treadway indicated that his High School Government class puts up the green Christmas lights in the downtown and Mr. Dan Harris, Harris Electric, puts up the red Christmas lights in the downtown. Mr. Treadway indicated that some of the lights need to be replaced and additional volunteers are welcomed to assist with the project. Mrs. Niederkohr inquired as to how many current strands of lights are there and how many strands of lights are needed to replace these lights. Mr. Treadway will discuss this with Mr. Harris and report his findings at future Downtown Committee meeting.

The possibility of placing Christmas lights at the Wyandot County Courthouse was discussed. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that she discussed the idea with the Wyandot County Commissioners and they are not interested in doing the lights themselves. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that the lights could be considered a security issue. Mr. Mays indicated that a plan for lights on the Wyandot County Courthouse property would need to be presented to the Security Committee for their review and consideration.

An inquiry was made as to if a community Christmas tree could be placed in Amvets Park. It was noted that the City does not own this property it is privately owned.

Mayor McColly reported that he has received calls from some businesses who do not get Christmas lights hung on the street trees in front of their businesses. Mr. Treadway indicated that his Government class hangs lights in the downtown street trees wherever there are outlets.

Mayor McColly also reported that the unit for the downtown speakers is housed in the same building and above the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce office. It was noted that music was played one day in the downtown and it was not shut off and a complaint was raised and Mrs. Walton had to go in and shut the music off after midnight on that occasion, and Mayor McColly stated that Mrs. Walton has indicated that she does not want to be in charge of music playing in the downtown.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Scott Moore, Vice-Chairperson