

SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 17, 2026

The August 17, 2026 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairperson. Service Committee members present were Kate Niederkohr, Dale Rowe, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Nickie Coppler; Julia Lemire; John Walker; Stephanie Hessey; Kevin Lok; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$94,643.06 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$94,643.06. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 3, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Robert Waxlax, head of Business Development with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed the Service Committee again regarding a proposed infrastructure improvement agreement. Service Committee members indicated that they are waiting on feedback from Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, regarding this agreement. Mayor McColly inquired with Service Committee members if there is any desire to support the recouping language to address the dollars spent by LDC for the build-out of the Water Treatment Plant. Mrs. Niederkohr inquired as to if the build-out would be necessary without LDC's need for water, and Mr. Honaker responded that the build-out would be necessary eventually but the timeline for the build-out without LDC's need for water is unknown. Mr. Voorheis voiced his concern with additional expenses adding a third shift employee and the Water Treatment Plant becoming a twenty-four (24) hour per day/seven (7) days per week operation. Mayor McColly noted that there is a question as to who would get selected as the contractor for the project. Mayor McColly stated that the proposed infrastructure improvement agreement will be presented to City Council at their meeting to be held later this evening.

Mayor McColly revisited the modeling information presented by Waterworth at the August 3, 2026 Service Committee meeting regarding increases in sewage rates. It was noted that a ten percent (10%) increase would be an additional \$1.45 on a minimum monthly bill. Mayor McColly indicated that an increase in sewage rates will need to be addressed in October in order to take effect in January 2027.

Mr. Honaker inquired about auctioning hydrostop(s) at the Water Plant that are no longer used, as insert valves are now used instead. The estimated value of the hydrostop(s) would need to be determined to figure out if an ordinance is required to proceed with the auction of the items.

Mayor McColly reported that Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. would like to proceed with bidding the ADA ramp on Fourth Street at the intersection of East Wyandot Avenue which will be paid for by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and AARP funding; and proceed with the Highland Parkway roadway resurfacing to be paid for in part by grant funding. The projected bid opening for these projects is Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to authorize Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. to proceed with bidding of the ADA ramp and Highland Parkway roadway resurfacing projects. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Service Committee members agreed that due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday, the next Service Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Mr. Honaker reported on the following:

- Some waterlines within the City were replaced recently.
- Some fire hydrants have been identified for replacement.
- The east side water loop has been successful in taking the nearby booster station offline.
- Cast iron waterlines from Fourth Street to Sandusky Avenue and in the Hazel Street area have been identified and will be marked for future replacement.
- Water Treatment Plant employees addressed a waterline project on Sandusky Avenue recently.
- Water Treatment Plant employees will work with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on roadway repaving for upcoming projects.
- Curbs and gutters on South Eighth Street have been identified as a future project to possibly be funded by West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO). Water Treatment Plant employees will be working in conjunction with ODOT to apply for those funds.

Mr. Schneider reported on the following:

- He has been working recently to address sink holes.
- The Interceptor Sewer Project is currently on North Warpole Street near the intersection of West Church Street.
- The State Route 199 lift station will be connected tomorrow.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, has reported to Mayor McColly that the Street Department has been working on repaving alleys and conducting tree work.
- Next Wednesday, August 26, 2026 there will be an informational meeting in the conference room at the Wyandot County EMS building from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the newly proposed swimming pool.
- On Tuesday, August 25, 2026 there will be a meeting in Crawford beginning at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Crawford water line and funding for this project.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairperson