SERVICE COMMITTEE

October 19, 2026

The October 19, 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; Keith Niederkohr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Payton Gibson, Waterworth (via zoom); Jake MacKenzie, Waterworth (via zoom); John Walker; Amanda Watson; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling $1,756,263.21 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the payment of bills totaling $1,756,263.21. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

Mayor McColly explained revisions to the Infrastructure Improvement Agreement between the City and Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) noting that in the original agreement the City was responsible for the design and associated costs, and under this revised agreement there will be a Tripartite Engineering Agreement between the City, LDC, and a professional engineer where the engineer will design the project and LDC will pay the costs.

At this time Mr. Payton Gibson and Mr. Jake MacKenzie, Waterworth (via zoom), presented a baseline model of the City's Wastewater Fund showing expense projections of operating expenses, current debt service, proposed debt service, capital improvements; and revenue projections from sale of services, other operating revenue, developer contributions, grants, and borrowed funds. Mr. Gibson stated that they are proposing a 12% increase in consumer's sewer rates in 2027 and 2028 and a 3% increase each year thereafter, or an 8% increase in 2027, 2028, and 2029 and a 3% increase each year thereafter. Discussion was held regarding projects to be addressed to eliminate the combined sewer overflows (CSOs) including the Shannon Hollow Lift Station. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the Shannon Hollow Lift Station Project needs to be at the front of the project list for the elimination of CSOs.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to recommend to City Council a 10% increase in consumers' sewer rates beginning January 1, 2027. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. It was noted that Service Committee will readdress future sewer rate increases later in 2027, after the sewage income from LDC is known.

Service Committee members discussed an Ohio Easement Termination by Mutual Consent agreement, as previously presented at the October 5, 2026 Service Committee meeting by Mayor McColly. Under the original 1993 agreement, the City was granted operation of a certain permanent and temporary construction easement for sanitary sewer improvements that were reserved by Dennis and Agnes Pfeifer. Under the termination agreement, a ten (10) foot wide strip of permanent easement for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a sanitary sewer will be released from the lien for the sum of $1.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to recommend to City Council to approve the Ohio Easement Termination by Mutual Consent granted to the City by Dennis and Agnes Pfeifer. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an amendment to Sections 933.05 Commercial Unit Charges and 933.06 Industrial Unit Charges to add 6" and 8" meter unit charges to these sections. Under the current sections the largest meter addressed is a 4" meter. It was noted that LDC will be utilizing an 8" meter at their new facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to recommend to City Council to amend Sections 933.05 and 933.06 of the Codified Ordinances to add a unit charge for a 6" meter in 2026 to be $750.00 per month with a $30 increase in this charge each year beginning in 2027, and add a unit charge for an 8" meter in 2026 to be $1,000.00 per month with a $40.00 increase in this charge each year beginning in 2027. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Honaker reported on the following:

- Water Department employees finished flushing fire hydrants last week.
- Water Department employees will be pumping water levels in some fire hydrants down this week so the hydrants don't freeze.
- A water leak on North Warpole Street near the intersection of Gamber Drive was repaired last week.
- R.A. Bores has scheduled the decommission of the booster station on East Wyandot Avenue to take place soon.
- Curtis Eldridge began work today at the Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Niederkohr reported on the following:

- As part of the Tertiary Filter Project, a new door has been installed and a software upgrade will be addressed.
- The Huber bar screens will be serviced soon and this work is covered under a five (5) year service agreement with Huber through 2029.
- AECOM will be installing new software at the Wastewater Treatment Plant soon.
- Mr. Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor, has been working to fill sinkholes.
- Mr. Schneider will be working next week to lift manholes on Industrial Drive.
- A meeting was held today with representatives from Helms & Sons regarding the Interceptor Sewer Project. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that Helms & Sons intend to pave and line the streets over the next two weeks.

Mayor McColly reported the following on behalf of Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor:

- The Street Department has currently working on grinding and patching roadways.
- The leaf machine has been out picking up leaves already this year.

Mayor McColly reported that AARP has announced a ribbon cutting to take place on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. for the ADA Curb Ramps Project, with the exact location of the ribbon cutting to be determined.

Mayor McColly also reported that the South Warpole Street railroad crossing improvements have been extended to November 15, 2026.

Mayor McColly further reported that a funding request was submitted to the West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO) for curbs and gutters on South Eighth Street, and $300,000.00 has been awarded to this project with the work to take place in 2029.

Mayor McColly noted that a County vs. City Community Challenge Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wyandot County Engineer's Conference Room, 320 North Warpole Street.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk Dale Rowe, Chairperson