

SERVICE COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

The May 18, 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; Holly Conley; Randall Besecker, Louis Dreyfus Company; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$153,913.98 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$153,913.98. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Ms. Holly Conley addressed the Service Committee indicating that she purchased a vacant lot located at 454 North Sandusky Avenue and is currently in the process of building a home on this lot. It was noted that there was previously a home located on this property that was torn down several years ago. Ms. Conley indicated that she was initially informed that the tap fees for this property would be \$500.00 and she budgeted for that expense, and she is now being told that the tap fees will be \$10,000.00. Mr. Schneider stated that the home previously located on this property was connected to a combined sewer overflow that is now a storm sewer and still located in the adjacent alley to the south, and the adjacent sanitary sewer was capped. Mr. Honaker stated that the waterline material from the main waterline to the home is undetermined at this point but if it is a galvanized line it will leak at some point in time. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Schneider will look at the property tomorrow and discuss this matter further with Ms. Conley.

Mr. Robert Waxlax, head of Business Development with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed the Service Committee indicating that LDC has reached an agreement with Mayor McColly on costs for raw water and potable water for the LDC facility located in Salem Township, west of the City. For the raw water, LDC will be responsible for the five (5) mile pipeline infrastructure from their facility to the old reservoir along the CSX railroad tracks and pay 25% of the in-City industrial bulk water rate. For the potable (treated) water, as of November 1, 2026 the City will provide a minimum of 174 gallons of treated water per minute to the LDC facility at the out of town rate and any usage over the 174 gpm will be charged at the in-City rate and once LDC has recouped its investment in water treatment facility improvements the in-City rate will go to the out of town rate. Mayor McColly suggested to the Service Committee, in effort to keep this project moving, to make a recommendation to City Council and an emergency Ordinance be presented at the June 1, 2026 City Council meeting and it be adopted at the June 15, 2026 City Council meeting. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated her preference that Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, be consulted and asked to review the agreement prior to any action being taken; Mr. Rowe and Mr. Voorheis concurred.

Mr. Honaker inquired with the Service Committee about tap fees and if there is an existing tap on a property do we charge a \$500.00 tap fee for a new service, if requested or needed. Service Committee members indicated that they will inquire with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, regarding this situation.

Mr. Honaker reported that there was a 6" waterline leak recently in front of the Upper Sandusky Community Library, 301 North Sandusky Avenue, and this leak was repaired.

Mr. Schneider reported that the gear box on the skimmer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant went out recently and has been repaired, and an ultraviolet power supply at the plant was also replaced.

Mr. Schneider also reported that a catch basin will be installed soon at the entrance to Bicentennial Park.

Mayor McColly reported that Choice One has questions for Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, regarding the road resurfacing bidding.

Mayor McColly also reported that the City was awarded a final extension for the Interceptor Sewer Project of December 31, 2026.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairperson