

SERVICE COMMITTEE

June 1, 2026

The June 1, 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; Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Keith Niederkohr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Julia Lemire; John Walker; Aaron Korte; Jordan Treadway; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$68,269.21 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$68,269.21. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 18, 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 regarding a long form agreement for water usage. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, has reviewed and edited the agreement and the agreement was returned to LDC who have responded with revisions. Mayor McColly noted that the revisions proposed by LDC are on hold as Mr. Buckland is currently out of the office and he has not reviewed the proposed revisions. Mr. Waxlax stated that LDC is proposing three (3) separate agreements with the City for water usage including: a potable water agreement up to fifty (50) years in which LDC would pay the out-of-town rate for the first one-hundred seventy-four (174) gallons per minute of water and pay the in-town rate for any usage over 174 gallons; an infrastructure agreement for the expansion of the Water Treatment Plant; and an agreement for raw water tapped directly from the City's reservoir #1. Considerable discussion was held concerning charging the in-town rate as opposed to charging the out-of-town rate and in conjunction with the rate(s) charged who should finance the Water Treatment Plant expansion. Service Committee members requested a special meeting be held with Mr. Buckland next week to go over the details of the agreements.

Service Committee members discussed the hiring of a laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to hire Mrs. Natalie Mouser as a laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to begin work on Monday, June 22, 2026. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported that notice was received from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that the City has been awarded a grant of 50% or up to \$112,000.00 for a full-depth roadway restoration on Highland Parkway. Mayor McColly indicated that this project was not budgeted for 2026 so it will not take place this year.

Mr. Schoenberger reported on the following:

- Mr. Rob Shoaf and Mr. Marvin Gnagy will be at the Water Treatment Plant on Thursday, June 4, 2026 to provide input for a possible build out of the plant.
- A flow meter at the Water Treatment Plant went down recently and it will be repaired soon.

Mr. Brad Taylor reported on the following:

- The Street Department has started hot mixing streets and hot mix is now occasionally being purchased from a company in Fostoria, Ohio.
- Bill Sowers Tree Service has provided estimates to address tree work including a tree that came down during a recent storm.
- Sidewalks on Johnson Street are being looked at and will be worked on in the future.
- The Street Department addressed the removal of a tree that was damaged during a recent storm and was located near the intersection of South Eighth Street and South Street.
- The Parks Department will be taking over right-of-way mowing following a meeting, discussion, and agreement between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Todd Karg, Parks Manager.

Mr. Niederkohr reported on the following:

- A quote of \$2,900.00 from Gottfried Electric was obtained to repair a press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Flow issues were experienced recently on Shields Drive and it was discovered that OMNI Fiber ran a line thru a tile in this area.
- The ditch at Deer Run, located at the corner of Indian Mill Drive and Winding Hollow Lane, needs to be dug out. Morral Excavating will be addressing this issue.
- Mr. Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor, will soon be addressing sink holes found recently.
- Mr. Niederkohr is working with UIS on a flowmeter to address wastewater billing with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC).
- Construction under the Interceptor Sewer Project is progressing as Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. is currently working on Houpt Drive and headed west.
- Installation of the Tarhe Trail Lift Station is complete and the site is currently waiting on electric. Mayor McColly indicated that a grant of \$22,000.00 has been awarded for American Electric Power (AEP) to install electric to this site.

Mayor McColly reported that he will be meeting with representatives from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and Peterman Associates to discuss the project extensions of the Interceptor Sewer Project and the Tertiary Filter Building Improvements Project.

Mayor McColly also reported on a suggestion received from a concerned resident that was also presented to the Safety Committee earlier this evening to reduce the downtown lanes of traffic to single lanes in each direction due to hazards with long vehicles being parked in the angle parking spaces and partially obstructing the right hand lanes of traffic.

Mayor McColly further reported that the 2026 Streets Maintenance Program Project is currently being bid and the bid opening for this project is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairperson