

SERVICE COMMITTEE

June 10, 2026

The June 10, 2026 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Andy Voorheis, Acting Chairperson. Service Committee members present were Kate Niederkohr and Andy Voorheis. Dale Rowe was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Julia Lemire; Danny Schwartz, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

It was noted that this meeting is being held in place of the Monday, June 15, 2026 Service Committee meeting due to some members having scheduling conflicts.

The summary of bills totaling \$92,724.63 was presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$92,724.63. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Julia Lemire addressed the Service Committee regarding the water usage agreement(s) with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), and she stated that the City needs to proceed with measures that are in the best interest and fair to the citizens of Upper Sandusky. Mr. Voorheis stated his opinions regarding the water usage agreement(s) with LDC noting that the proposed timeframe of a twenty (20) year agreement for potable water is not acceptable, and that only the out-of-town rate be charged for all potable water consumed by LDC. Mr. Buckland indicated that more negotiations need to take place before an agreement can be presented to City Council.

Discussion was held regarding the mowing of right-of-way areas. Mrs. Niederkohr stated that the Parks Department does not want to take on mowing the right-of-way areas as it is not feasible with the amount of work they already have to do, and the Park Board does not support the Parks Department taking on this work. Mrs. Niederkohr suggested that if additional help is needed another summer help employee be hired for the Street Department.

Service Committee members reviewed a petition from the Wyandot County Commissioners and a map for the vacation of Court Street, an east/west street located along the south side of the Wyandot County Courthouse, from South Fifth Street to South Sandusky Avenue. It was noted that contained in the petition it says, "The City of Upper Sandusky shall retain the right to install and maintain all utility easements, including rights of ingress and egress."

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to recommend to City Council to proceed with the vacation of Court Street, from South Fifth Street to South Sandusky Avenue, as petitioned by the Wyandot County Commissioners. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Acting Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Honaker reported on the following:

- Yard work repairs needed as a result of waterline leaks and repairs have been completed.
- A large tree at the reservoir went down this morning and Bill Sowers Tree Service will be addressing this matter.
- The waterline installation to LDC is progressing with the tie-ins along the way in process.
- The annual leak survey was started on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Mrs. Niederkohr inquired about the potential location of the Interceptor Sewer Project on Houpt Drive in relation to the annual fireworks display to be held at the high school on Friday, July 3, 2026. Mayor McColly indicated that Helms & Sons Excavating have been informed of the fireworks to take place.

Mayor McColly reported that the Interceptor Sewer Project is progressing at approximately 100’ per day. Mayor McColly indicated that he has been contacted by residents regarding the state of the roadway following the Interceptor Sewer Project. Mayor McColly explained that after at least thirty (30) days following the completion of the Interceptor Sewer Project the sewer line installed will be tested and then the roadway repairs will be addressed following the results of those tests. It was noted that at some point sooner than that temporary roadway repairs will need to be addressed due to the poor condition of the roadways.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Andy Voorheis, Acting Chairperson