

## CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 2020

The November 9, 2020 special City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; John Baldwin; Jennifer Banta; Jim Barney; Tom Karcher; Kate Niederkohr; Tom Martin; Callan Pugh, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to allow potential City Council candidates to introduce themselves.

Mr. Korte thanked those in attendance for expressing their interest in the vacant City Council seat. Mr. Korte noted that City Council members will be voting for candidate(s) at their meeting to be held on Monday, November 16, 2020. Mr. Korte requested Mr. Buckland to explain the vote result necessary for this appointment. Mr. Buckland explained that a majority vote is needed for City Council to fill the vacant City Council position and if a majority vote cannot be reached the Mayor will make the appointment to fill this position after thirty (30) days from this seat becoming vacant.

Mr. John Baldwin addressed City Council indicating that he has lived in Upper Sandusky most of his life, he works here, and his wife has a local business. Mr. Baldwin stated that he would like to be more involved with the community and he feels this is a good opportunity to step up.

Mrs. Jennifer Banta addressed City Council indicating that she has lived in this area all of her life and her husband is in law enforcement. Mrs. Banta stated that she organized the drive-thru Trunk-or-Treat that was held in Harrison Smith Park on Halloween, she is involved in school and church special needs programs, a Boy Scout leader, on the Parent Team at South School, and she is passionate about helping as much in the community as possible.

Dr. Jim Barney addressed City Council indicating that he is a retired school superintendent having served as superintendent with three school districts, he moved here two years ago, and he is married to an Upper Sandusky native. Dr. Barney stated that he likes to give back to the community and he has served as a volunteer at Fairhaven and Wyandot Memorial Hospital, and he is now working part-time at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Tom Karcher addressed City Council indicating that he is from Upper Sandusky, married to an Upper Sandusky native, and they have three children. Mr. Karcher stated that he works in management at Kasai, he is part of Wyandot Community Connections and Wyandot County Young Professionals, he has run for City Council in the last two elections, and he wants to expand his involvement in the community.

Mrs. Kate Niederkohr addressed City Council indicating that she works at Mohawk High School, her husband Mark works at Upper Sandusky High School, and they have three children. Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that she has extensive family and friends in the community, she is active in church and Sunday School, and she would like to expand her service in the community.

It was noted that interest in the vacant City Council seat was also expressed by Mr. Bill Thornton and Mr. Kevin Williams, who were not in attendance this evening.

Visitors were reminded of the City Council meeting to be held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers where a vote will be held to fill this vacancy.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Aaron Korte, Chairman