

CITY COUNCIL

December 21, 2020

The December 21, 2020 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. via zoom 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 Kate Niederkohr, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, and Marc Mays.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Bob Hunn, Jr., Dukes Root Control, Inc.; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 94-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mr. Mays	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 94-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 94-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	Yes
Mr. Spiegel	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Abstain
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mr. Mays	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote and Ordinance No. 94-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 95-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 95-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mays, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 95-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 95-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Ordinance No. 96-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 67-13, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 96-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 96-13 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 96-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 96-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 96-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 97-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO TRANSIENT GUEST TAX, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 97-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Walker, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 97-13 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 97-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 97-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 97-13 was duly adopted.

Mr. Bob Hunn, Jr., Dukes Root Control, Inc., explained the process of the proposed sewer assessment including a video inspection with a 360° digital camera, ultrasonic wave detection which can detect water entering or backing up in the system, and the temporary installation of trackers. It was noted that this assessment will be done to the east of the Sandusky River.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Ordinance No. 98-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC. FOR THE 360 SEWER ASSESSMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 98-13 for the first time by title only.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 99-13 amending Section 5.04 (B.) Holidays, of the City's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. Mayor McColly indicated that he was approached by Municipal Court Judge Jim Ruhlen with a suggestion of allowing an additional holiday as the court observes President's Day as a holiday, in alignment with the county courts, and they work on Columbus Day, and the remainder of the city works on President's Day and observes Columbus Day as a holiday. Mr. Korte noted that a holiday for General Election Day (being the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November) was also added following a suggestion received which would allow City employees the opportunity to work the election polls, if they choose, since there is a shortage of poll workers and without having to utilize vacation time off.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to table Ordinance No. 99-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly provided an information technology (I.T.) update noting that there have been recent cyber security issues at the federal government level, and the City has a company who is monitoring City data to see if there are any issues.

Mayor McColly reported that notification was received from District 16 for Issue I funds that the City's application for new water meters was not selected for funding, even though the project was rated the highest within the county.

Mayor McColly reported that he will be appointing Mr. Aaron Korte to the Safety Committee to fill the existing vacancy on that committee. Mayor McColly indicated that he will also be reappointing Ms. Roxie Karg to the Tree Commission and appointing Mrs. Jennifer Banta to the Park Board. City Council members voiced no objections to these appointments.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, President