

CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2021

The January 19, 2021 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 Don Spiegel, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, Kate Niederkohr, and Rick Roberts.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 101-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REVOLVING LOAN ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, 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. 101-13 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 Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 101-13 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. 101-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 101-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 101-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Ordinance No. 102-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MACK CHASSIS AND LEACH GARBAGE PACKER BODY PLUS ACCESSORIES AND WARRANTIES THROUGH THE FEDERAL PURCHASING PROGRAM.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 102-13 was duly adopted.

Mayor McColly reported that Municipal Court Judge Jim Ruhlen spoke with him again regarding the possibility of reconsidering the addition of President's Day as an additional paid holiday for eligible City employees. A majority of City Council members voted at the January 4, 2021 City Council meeting not to proceed with Ordinance No. 99-13 which would have provided two additional paid holidays being President's Day and General Election Day. City Council members agreed to consider and proceed with legislation to approve President's Day only as an additional paid holiday for eligible City employees. Mayor McColly noted that the legislation would need to be approved as an emergency measure as February 15, 2021 is President's Day.

Mr. Mays reported that there will be a meeting of a committee formed to review regulations for food trucks on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

Mayor McColly reported that the City's committee recently formed to look at ideas and concerns relating to traffic for the Winter Fantasy of Lights will hold their first meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Roberts indicated that he will not be able to attend every meeting if they are held at that time so he will step down if any another City Council member is interested in serving on this committee. Mayor McColly noted that future meetings of this committee have not been set and the committee can establish the times of future meetings.

Mayor McColly announced the appointment of Mr. Ben Buckland to serve as a second Municipal Court Police Prosecutor in addition to his role as the City's Law Director.

Mayor McColly again noted that Mr. Dave Westbrook, Zoning Inspector, will be retiring at the end of February, 2021 and a contract has been drawn up with the Wyandot County Regional Planning Commission for Mr. Greg Moon, Executive Director, to serve in this role. Mayor McColly noted that he will be meeting with the Wyandot County Commissioners to discuss this matter further. Mr. Buckland noted that this is a one year contract and both sides have the option of issuing a thirty (30) day termination notice.

It was noted that the members of City Council received the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court Annual Report for 2020. Any questions regarding this report should be directed to Mrs. Jane Frey, Municipal Court Clerk.

Mayor McColly reported on a project that began with former Mayor Scott Washburn to install an electric vehicle charging station under a program which has been extended and would provide for 100% reimbursement on setting this station up. Mr. Walker indicated that Reineke Motors located on East Wyandot Avenue have two charging stations on their property, one inside and one outside.

Mayor McColly further reported that engineering preliminary reports for solutions to traffic issues on State Route 199 North, north of Love's Travel Center, at the intersection and on and off ramps of US 23. Phase I of the solutions would include signage and Phase II would include widening the roadway and installing turn lanes. It was noted that more finalized plans will be received in the coming weeks and the Ohio Department of Transportation has other work scheduled for years to come so work in this area will likely take place four plus (4+) years in the future.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, President