

CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 2021

The January 4, 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 Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, and Kate Niederkoehr.

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 December 21, 2020 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 21, 2020 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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 second 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 second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 98-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 98-13 was duly adopted.

Considerable discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 99-13 amending the City's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual to provide eligible non-bargaining unit employees with two additional paid holidays, being President's Day (the third Monday in February) and General Election Day (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November).

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 99-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Roberts	-	No
Mr. Spiegel	-	No
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	No
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mr. Mays	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkoehr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion defeated by a 4-3 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 100-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO, MUTUAL HEALTH SERVICES AND AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, TO PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021, 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. 100-13 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. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Ordinance No. 100-13 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. 100-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 100-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 100-13 was duly adopted.

Mayor McColly provided an update on the status of the City's information technology (I.T.) noting that a verbal report has been received and a written report will be coming that City Council can review.

City Council members also reviewed the credit card statements for December 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the December 2020 credit card statements, as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

The reappointment of Mr. Greg Moon to the Income Tax Board of Review for a two year term, as an appointment by City Council, was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Greg Moon to the Income Tax Board of Review for a two year term. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was agreed that due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 18, 2021, the regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Mr. Spiegel stated that the City has plenty of facilities where in-person meetings can be conducted and he would prefer to resume in-person meetings. Mr. Walker agreed with Mr. Spiegel, and the other members of City Council voiced their support of continuing with zoom meetings for the time being.

City Council members reviewed the annual report provided by Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director.

City Council members also reviewed the Income Tax Collections report as of December 31, 2020.

City Council members also reviewed the Transient Guest Tax Collections report as of December 31, 2020.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- In the past the City has had two Municipal Court Police Prosecutors. Mr. Richard Grafmiller is the current sole Municipal Court Police Prosecutor. Mayor McColly is close to finalizing a second person to assist with this position and he will report his findings in the near future.
- Mr. Dave Westbrook, Zoning Inspector, will be retiring at the end of February, 2021. Various options for filling this position are being explored including changing this position to part-time.
- Mayor McColly thanked Mrs. Jan Stoneburner for her newest booklet published at the end of 2020 about the City of Upper Sandusky.
- Any City Council members interested in a tour of the new Water Reclamation Facility can contact Mr. Doug Keller, Supervisor, to make arrangements.
- Flow from one plant to the other at the new Water Reclamation Facility will begin tomorrow and later this week the process of putting the new plant online will begin.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, President