

President Pro Tem Bonnie Wurst called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on April 3, 2017 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll and Rodney Metz. Service Director Chad Scott, Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 14 visitors present. Dan Graf, Rachel Barber and President Steve Henderson were absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 03-31-2017.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lands & Buildings Committee – a meeting was held on 03-30-2017. Mr. Doll indicated that the only topic discussed was the downtown preservation district, and that Ms. Barber will provide a formal report at the next council meeting.

Utilities Committee – a meeting was held on 03-27-2017 and the following was discussed:

The committee came together on March 27th, at 4:25 pm to discuss the city policy of refuse collection within the city.

Upon the behest of Mr. Spencer the committee gathered to discuss the current state of our refuse department and the pros and cons of contracting the services with an outside company. Mr. Aaron Wright, of Wright Refuse, discussed with us what is possible for his company to provide to the city and how it may benefit the city of Wapakoneta.

Mr. Wright indicated they would be able to provide each citizen with two totes. One tote would be a 96 gallon container with a lid and used for refuse. The other would be a 65 gallon totes and used for recycling. They would run on the same time frame as currently being used if that is what the city wants.

Mr. Wright was given numbers supplied by the city to see if there would be cost savings in going into contract with Wright Refuse. When Mr. Wright reviewed the numbers he indicated that there could be a large savings for the city. He also indicated that if the city would put this out for bid there would be more than one company that would want our contract. This would make the bid very competitive.

This committee is currently one member short with the resignation of Mr. Randy Fisher. This committee is holding its opinion until an appointment is made and a new member has been informed of our findings. We also will rely heavily on the educated opinion of the city administration.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald read an annual notice from the Division of Liquor Control, stating that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the political subdivision will expire on June 1, 2017.

Clerk McDonald read a notice from the Division of Liquor Control regarding a change of LLC Membership to Bhavik LLC, 803 Apollo Drive, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald read the Certification by Party Central Committee to fill a vacancy in county or city office, stating that due to the resignation of Randy Fisher, the Democratic Party has appointed Rodney C. Metz to hold the office and perform the duties thereof.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. David Tilton & Ms. Gabrielle Cziraky of 7 N. Water Street requested Council's permission to have temporary outdoor seating in front of Coffe Amor at same address. Ms. Cziraky provided a diagram with dimensions of the proposed seating area.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the items will be put inside the business at night. Ms. Cziraky replied, yes, adding that the request is only for the spring and summer months. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that City Administration supports the request. Law Director Faller advised Mr. Tilton and Ms. Cziraky to ensure that their liability insurance will cover any accidents that could occur in this seating area. Mrs. Wurst expressed concern about whether zoning requirements would be an issue. Mr. Faller and Service Director Scott indicated it would not be a zoning issue because the seating is temporary.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to allow Coffe Amor to have temporary, seasonal outdoor seating at 7 N. Water Street, pending their proof of insurance for same. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Erin Bowersock of 705 North Street requested Council's permission to close a portion of North Street temporarily on June 10th and July 11th for the purpose of a poker run and bike night. Mr. Doll asked if the events have insurance. Ms. Bowersock replied, yes. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the request. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Laura Clementz of 07241 Kossuth – Amanda Road, Spencerville, and representing Wapak Antique and Specialty Shops, requested Council's permission to use unlicensed golf carts on the first Friday of each month to shuttle customers in the downtown area. After discussion and suggestions, Council recommended that Ms. Clementz inquire about liability insurance and return to Council with more information.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-10 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH WAPAKONETA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

Service Director Scott advised that a copy of the agreement between the City of Wapakoneta and the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council, Inc. was recently located and provided at Council seats, and suggested that Council take time to review the agreement before passing Ord 2017-10. Motion by Doll, second by Lee to table Ord 2017-10. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-11 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2008-13A CONCERNING WAPAKONETA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ASSISTING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to table Ord 2017-11. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-12 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-13 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING DESIGN REVIEW REGULATIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION DISTRICT AND ADJOINING DOWNTOWN AREAS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mrs. Wurst expressed her concern with the term 'adjoining' within said ordinance. Service Director Scott advised that this was an example of wording used by another city. Law Director Faller added that the language contained within the ordinance description is what is ultimately considered. Mr. Neumeier stated his concern is with the stated penalties in section 9 of said ordinance. Mrs. Wurst asked if the river wall is included within the boundary of the project. Mr. Scott advised that the river wall is not being changed in this project. Mr. Doll stated that the park was added into the boundary at the suggestion of Poggemeyer. Mr. Neumeier and Mrs. Wurst asked if the Riverscape Project would then have to go before the design review board. Mr. Doll replied, no. Mrs. Wurst also pointed out that the boundary line shown does not go all the way to Harrison Street. Mr. Neumeier stated that there could still be property owners within the boundary shown that will not want to participate or follow the design review board specifications. Mrs. Wurst asked how the design guidelines packet provided to Council was generated. Mr. Doll advised that it was a model borrowed from the City of Celina and edited for the City of Wapakoneta. Mr. Scott asked what Council would like to see changed on Ord 2017-13. Mrs. Wurst again stated that she would like the word "adjoining" removed and the boundary lines be more specific.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-14 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$18,000.00 AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE WAPAKONETA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

The Mayor gave the following report:

March 20, 2017 Participated in the County Health Dept. Annual Meeting

March 20, 2017 Participated in the monthly Tourism Committee Meeting

March 20, 2017 Participated in the City Council Meeting

March 22, 2017 Participated in a phone conference for the OMEA Board with U. S. Senator Sherrod Brown

March 23, 2017 Participated in the monthly Armstrong Museum Board Meeting

March 27, 2017 Participated in the Utilities Committee Meeting

March 27, 2017 Attended the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

March 27, 2017 Presented Proclamation to the WHS Show Choir

March 29, 2017 Met with Alan Elsass concerning a "Cruise In" on June 28th, 2017 during the "Great Race" to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Association

Mayor Stinebaugh thanked Phil Valentine and several other volunteers for completing 23 weeks of volunteer tree trimming for the City. Mayor Stinebaugh also provided Council with a draft copy of a "Paving the Streets" pamphlet, and asked for their input on any changes that need to be made prior to printing and distribution. Mayor Stinebaugh also asked for contributions for the campaign.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the income tax fund. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he does not have reason as to why the numbers are the same as last month, and still expects to see an increase soon.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Brett Clum of the audit team sent an email on March 22nd that all of Council and Administration must respond to.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet at City Hall on April 17th at 6:15pm.

Miscellaneous Business –

Please provide items for the upcoming newsletter to Mr. Doll within the next week.

Mr. Neumeier asked if speakers would be available for presentations to area groups regarding the "Paving the Way" campaign. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adjourn at 8:33pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council