

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 19, 2017 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Rachel Barber and Dan Graf. Service Director Chad Scott and Law Director Dennis Faller and were also present. There were 7 visitors present. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh was absent.

Clerk McDonald noted, regarding the June 5th minutes, that she will make the addition of "motion did not pass" to the third vote under 'New Business' for clarification purposes. Motion by Metz, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Council Meeting as amended. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets and Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 06-13-2017 and the following was discussed:

1. Approved minutes of May 17, 2017 meeting. Neumeier/Metz, passed 3-0
2. The committee discussed the previously proposed cul-de-sac to close Cole Drive's access to Defiance St. The committee heard comments from five Cole Dr. Residents. One was in favor and four opposed the cul-de-sac proposal. The Committee reviewed accident reports over the past six months in the area of 501,198, Cole, Stinebaugh, Harrison streets intersection. There was one DUI, one due to intersection confusion, six rear-end collisions, and one collision with a car pulling out of a private drive. It was the unanimous conclusion of the committee that Cole Drive/Defiance St intersection was not an issue with any of these of these accidents and the proposed cul-de-sac for Cole Dr was not warranted. There were a number of suggestions given to the Administration to help reduce the confusion at the 501-198 split.
3. Temporary repairs of Perry Street are underway to eliminate potholes and should be complete in the next couple weeks. The condition of Perry Street was a major concern of residents who attended Council's Open Forum meeting the previous week. Perry Street is designated for complete reconstruction including separation of storm/sewer lines and removal of lead water lines. The committee asked the administration to review financing to enable the reconstruction to be completed ASAP.
4. The committee reviewed the 5-yr of street projects proposed by Engineering Department. The committee requested that Perry Street reconstruction be completed prior to West Benton Street proposed reconstruction.
5. The committee agreed that the city should pay for the cost of installing sidewalk at three lots on Dearbaugh St where sidewalk did not previously exist.
6. Engineering reported that work on the N/S alleyway behind the properties on the east side of Murray Street should begin in the next 30 days. This was approved last year.
7. Chad Scott reported that Public Works is planning to address the storm sewer drainage problems on Dogwood using a water jet to clear the roots.

Mr. Doll asked if the accident reports were the only items considered regarding Cole Drive. Mr. Graf replied that the idea was to improve traffic flow in this area.

Communications & Rules Committee – a meeting was held on 06-06-2017 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to allow for public input on topics of the choosing of any in attendance. In addition to the city officials present, there were six others in attendance.

Five of the residents came from residences on Perry Street. They expressed serious concerns regarding the condition of the street. They described significant pothole issues and related problems.

There was explanation of why the CDBG process was used on Gibbs Street and not Perry due to qualification issues. Similar descriptions were made for other street projects that had to qualify for specific grants.

One resident asked about an alleyway in the 500 block of Perry that he says used to run from Perry and would then bend around to connect to Vine Street. It has since been blocked off and is no longer being serviced by the city. City officials speculated it may be abandoned.

Mr. Graf suggested that with communication with engineering, the Streets & Alleys Committee may be able to get a more definitive timeline regarding when Perry reconstruction might occur. Mr. Graf will look into the alleyway question.

Mr. Doll stated he would relay the Perry Street concerns to administration and keep the residents posted on developments.

The meeting adjourned and those in attendance then went to Perry Street to view the conditions.

Mr. Neumeier asked if there has been feedback from Perry Street residents since the repairs have been made. Mr. Doll replied, no.

Communications-

Clerk McDonald gave a reminder that due to the holiday, the next scheduled Council Meeting will be July 10th at 7:30pm. Clerk McDonald will be absent.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Dave Craft of 15503 Ramga Road addressed Council on his concerns regarding the proposed Schlenker annexation near his property. Mr. Craft stated that his main concerns are traffic safety, road width and water flow.

Ms. Connie Brincefield of 1201 Glynwood Road also addressed Council about the annexation, stating her concern about the possibility of losing a significant portion of her property should the roadway need to be widened for the annexation.

Mr. Andy Haag of 15399 Ramga Road also addressed Council about the annexation, stating that his concerns are also traffic safety and loss of property for those already living in the area. Mr. Haag stated that he only wishes for an annexation to be done correctly, adding that he spoke with Moulton Township, County Commissioners, and others, but did not get definitive information about the matter.

Service Director Scott added, that if City specifications are adhered to, additional right-of-way will need to be acquired. President Henderson advised that City Council has not yet been provided a detailed map of the proposed annexation, and that many more steps must be taken in the annexation process before action is taken by Council. President Henderson and Council members expressed that City Council will obtain more information on the matter and will take all voiced concerns into consideration.

Unfinished Business -

Ms. Barber provided Council and Administration a draft of a letter expressing opposition to the proposed monopole communications tower that could be placed on North Water Street. Mr. Graf suggested adding to said letter the proximity of the electrical feeder line as well as the railroad track to the tower site. Mr. Graf also suggested that AEP, Verizon Wireless and CSX receive a copy of this letter. Ms. Barber agreed to make these additions, provide the finished draft to Clerk McDonald, and ask those who wish to sign it to do so at the City Building.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-18 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2017-18. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-19 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1610.04(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING ENFORCEMENT; RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-20 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1610.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING SETTING FIRES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-22 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON INCOME AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT IN ADDITION TO THE ONE PERCENT CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED AND COLLECTED REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS AND FURNISHING OF INFORMATION; IMPOSING ON EMPLOYERS THE DUTIES OF COLLECTING THE TAX AT THE SOURCE AND PAYING THE SAME TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAID TAX; DECLARING VIOLATION THEREOF TO BE A MISDEMEANOR AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREFORE.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-23 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

Mr. Neumeier asked why this is being introduced now instead of the beginning of the year. Mr. Scott advised that this legislation will save the City from having to bid out again. Mr. Graf asked if the City had any projects in mind already. Mr. Scott advised that Mary Ruck is investigating this.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-24 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1286.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO BY ADDING A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH (h) TO PROHIBIT POLITICAL SIGNS BEING PLACED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OR ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Neumeier requested that Council be informed when they receive first class mail at the City building.

Mr. Neumeier asked for further information regarding the new sidewalks installed on Blackhoof Street. Service Director Scott advised that the sidewalks were already marked once before, and were remarked again recently. Mr. Scott added that this project was supposed to be completed last fall, and that certified letters were sent to affected residents. Mr. Metz and Mr. Neumeier stated that residents claim more sidewalk was torn out than what they previously thought.

Mr. Metz asked if there are any updates on the refuse and recycling issue. Mr. Scott replied, no.

Mr. Neumeier noted that the sign on 501 has a website that is still up, and that he called and left messages with the listed number, but did not get a reply.

The Law Director gave the following report:

None.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on July 17th at 6:15pm.

Lands and Buildings Committee will meet on June 28th at 3:30am at City Hall.

Communications & Rules Committee will host an open house meeting on July 12th at 1:00pm at City Hall.

Finance and Utilities Committees will have a joint meeting on June 22nd at 8:00pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business -

President Henderson placed a parking concern matter from Mr. Sam Maclean into the Streets and Alleys Committee for review.

Ms. Barber provided Council with a Servants Day flier, dated for September 16th.

Ms. Barber stated that the Planning Commission will be meeting on June 26th at 7:00pm regarding a proposed billboard on Willipie Street.

Ms. Barber noted that building assessments are being done for the CDBG application.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:28pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council