

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 16, 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. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Faller and Service Director Chad Scott were also present. There were 16 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Wurst to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Tourism Committee** – a meeting was held on 10-16-2017 and the following was discussed: One application was recently received and is being reviewed by the committee.

Ms. Barber asked for an update on Council's request to receive copies of the applications. Mr. Lee agreed to supply these as needed.

**Utilities Committee** – a meeting was held on 10-12-2017 and the following was discussed:

The meeting was requested by City Administration to review the request from County Engineer, Doug Reinhart, to provide city sewer to Sherwood Forest. There are 25 to 30 homes in the development. The county has a time line to fix the sewer problems per EPA.

Mr. Reinhart advised administration that the wet well should be increased in size along with the force main to accommodate future development in the area. This upsizing cost will be the responsibility of the city.

The tie in connection to the city's sewer system will be Stoneybrook lift station.

The city's current legislations (2015-41) require the area to be annexed. Our concerns are the benefits to the city if the area would be annexed or allowed to tie in without annexation. The committee needs the following questions answered by administration.

1. City cost to increase the size of lift station and force main.
2. Sewer rate and how the rate would be set as there are no city water meters or city water in the subdivision.
3. The amount of infiltration into the sewer system as the system is quite old.
4. Size of Stoneybrook lift station needs to be reviewed as we cannot allow flooding to take place in the Stoneybrook area.
5. Cost of annexation. The area is not contiguous to the city. There would need to be additional property annexed.

Council must decide if we will modify our ordinance 2015-41 to exempt this area only for annexation. Council may be able to put restrictions in the exemption such as no expansion of property and no new homes. We may want to consider timeline before annexation would be required.

Other items to consider are added expenses in annexation and additional work to various city departments such as Public Works, Police and Fire.

Our last item of discussion was infiltration into our waste water collection system. This includes foundation water being pumped into the system, cross connections between storm water and sanitary sewer.

The size of our waste water treatment plant is the concern as we treat a large amount of rain water. This may require the plant to be expanded at a very large cost. The easy and inexpensive solution is to eliminate storm water treatment.

Ms. Barber noted that a request for annexation ought to come from the property owners. Mr. Metz answered that Doug Reinhart is only inquiring if the City would be willing to do this. Mayor Stinebaugh added that Sherwood Forest is not interested in being annexed, but Mr. Reinhart has to find a solution for the septic system. Mr. Neumeier asked for a timeline on this issue. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he believes it is 3 years out. Mr. Neumeier asked whom would be responsible for the costs involved. Mayor Stinebaugh stated, in this instance, the City would pay for a larger well but the County would be responsible for the rest of the costs. Mayor Stinebaugh added that Mr. Reinhart would also need to obtain easement agreements in this scenario. Mr. Neumeier asked what effect the south interceptor has had on

storm retention. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that these answers are not yet known. Mr. Graf asked what type of wells the Sherwood properties are utilizing. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, individual wells.

#### **Communications -**

President Henderson noted that due to the New Year's Day holiday, the first Council meeting in 2018 will be Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm at City Hall.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. Mike Sunderland of 15211 Ramga Road, asked Council if Ramga Road was part of the Thoroughfare Plan that was discussed many years ago. President Henderson stated that he does not believe the plan is viable. Mr. Sunderland expressed that Ramga Road is already too narrow, and he hopes the road will remain a dead-end road.

Ms. Lindsay Zielonka of 1100 Defiance Street requested Council's permission for road closures to hold the Monster Dash 5K on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Zielonka provided Council with a map of the race route. Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Linda Knerr of 312 E. Mechanic Street addressed Council about the medical marijuana moratorium, and asked if Councilmembers would give their opinions about the matter as well as explain the current application that was submitted by Alta Luna. Mr. Lee stated that the Health & Safety Committee only received a copy of Duchouquet Township's legislation thus far, and said township expressed their concern about crime rates possibly increasing. Mayor Stinebaugh clarified that if the State approves Alta Luna's application to grow medical marijuana, it will not be grown in the current greenhouse nor on the greenhouse property. Mayor Stinebaugh also pointed out that at the time of construction of the current greenhouse, medical marijuana had not been approved by the State. Mayor Stinebaugh further explained that it is unknown at this time if Alta Luna's application will be approved by the State or not, but that it would be housed in an entirely different facility. Mr. Metz, Mrs. Wurst and Mr. Doll expressed that they do not oppose the drug being used for medical purposes, but added that there are still many unknown factors regarding this new law.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-30 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 10.623 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND OF 9.673 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN MOULTON TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2017-30. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-31 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 10.623 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO, AND FOR 9.673 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN MOULTON TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO, AS ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Metz, second by Wurst to adopt Ord 2017-31. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-32 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS / APPROACHES IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AS PART OF THE 2015 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-33 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SELL ONE 2013 FORD EXPLORER (VIN 5773) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-35 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the City hiring a full-time IT employee. Service Director Scott advised that he is still receiving applications.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-36 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Auditor Wells explained that this Ordinance moves money out of 401 and into the General Fund, and then from there into 301. Mr. Wells added that it is not permissible to move it directly, therefore it must be moved this way. Mr. Wells stated that these are funds that have not been used for years, and that the monies originally came from the General Fund. Mr. Graf asked if only one piece of legislation is required to do this. Mr. Wells answered, yes. Mr. Doll pointed out an error on the legislation paperwork, noting that the Street and Sewer fund should read "301" instead of "4301". Mr. Wells agreed to fix this error.

The Mayor gave the following report:

October 2, 2017	Attended Council Meeting
October 3, 2017	Attended Tree Commission meeting
October 4, 2017	Attended WAEDC meeting at the Chamber Building
October 5, 2017	Attended luncheon with General Abrahamson to kick off fundraiser for Neil Armstrong Museum
October 12, 2017	Met with tree commission to discuss trees for Buchanan St
October 12, 2017	Met with Doug Reinhart to discuss annexation issues
October 12, 2017	Met with reps of CEC to discuss landfill
October 12, 2017	Attended Utilities committee meeting

Mayor Stinebaugh provided Council with a schedule of cost sharing for HB49 legislation, and recommended that the City participate in this lawsuit. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that House Bill 49 is regarding the state taking a 1% fee from municipalities' income tax. Mrs. Wurst asked what group is asking the City of Wapakoneta to join this cost sharing. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, Ohio Municipal League. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that legislation regarding this matter is being prepared for Council's review. Ms. Barber asked Mayor Stinebaugh to explain the first sentence written on the cost sharing schedule. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this sentence means that the same formula used for House Bill 331 is being used for House Bill 49 cost sharing.

Ms. Barber asked for an update regarding the warranty expiring on the West Auglaize Street trees. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that there are several opposing views on the matter, but there is one tree that will need to be replaced, as it is mostly dead. Ms. Barber suggested that the City invite the State Forester to look at the trees. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that she will be coming to Wapakoneta in January.

The Service Director gave the following report:

One neighbor to the 404 W. Auglaize Street property has signed the lease paperwork for half of said property, but no response yet from the other neighbor. Choice One is doing survey work in the Flower Streets area to determine the cause of flooding issues. The two retired City vehicles are posted for sale.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Mr. Doll is working with the library to set up an evening to assist citizens with gas utility sign-ups. Finance Committee will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous business –**

President Henderson asked Councilmembers to check that their contact information is correct on the City's website.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:19pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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