

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 5, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Chad Scott. There were 9 visitors present. Law Director Dennis Faller was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 01-31-2018.

Auditor Wilbur Wells addressed Council about Ordinance 2018-09. Mr. Wells explained that he made 3 changes to the budget, two in the general fund and one in the electric fund. Mr. Wells added that said changes were for attorney fees and tree trimming, as well as adjusting for carryovers.

Regarding the January 15th Council meeting, Mr. Campbell asked for the final cost of the new ambulance. Service Director Scott answered, \$201,685.90. Mr. Campbell asked why the city was not accepting the lowest bid. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that the quality and performance of the ambulance is the main factor, adding that the last ambulance the city purchased at a lower bid is the one having the most problems.

Mr. Campbell then asked why the city did not get additional road salt from the county rather than from the City of St. Marys. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the county also ran out of salt.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 01-22-2018 and the following was discussed:

On a motion by Metz & second by Doll, approved minutes of November 9, 2017 by a 2-0 vote.

Ron Becker made an inquiry regarding the possibility of having the city vacate the area south of Jefferson Street where Logan Street is plotted. The original plot call for a 66 foot wide easement and 16 feet has already been vacated to property owner to the west. Mr. Becker is looking for additional access to property he owns that is behind others on the south side of Jefferson. The committee had no objections and informed Mr. Becker he would need to go through proper channels to make a formal request.

William and Charlotte Williams brought concerns about the east - west alley that runs between their tax service building on Blackhoof and their neighbors to the south, La Grande. Mr. Williams stated that tractor - trailers attempting to enter the alley to deliver to merchants frequently come dangerously close to their building and have actually hit the building on three instances. After some discussion, it was decided administration and engineering will investigate the possibility of placing a barrier to protect the building. It was noted that this may not be possible as the building sits near, if not on, the property line.

Rod Metz agreed to sit in for Chad Doll at Tree Commission meetings due to Mr. Doll's scheduling conflicts.

Mary Ruck presented her plans for street and sidewalk work for 2018. Following discussion, the committee approved the plan by a 2-0 vote. Ruck also shared an updated version of Engineering's Five Year Plan, now in year two. Plans are included with this report.

Mr. Scott brought forth the need for an official policy regarding snow plowing and damaged mailboxes. Past practice seems to have been replacing items hit by the plow but not just by snow. Administration will investigate other communities and bring a proposal for a policy.

Mr. Scott advised the committee that the street to be built in the JRS site in conjunction with the development of Pratt Industries will be 30 feet in width. This matches the standards in city ordinances and is wider than several streets already in existence in the JRS site. Pratt has requested the street be named Leona Pratt Drive. Committee had no objections. It will need Planning Commission approval.

Other discussion included the possibility of allowing a right turn on red from westbound Harrison Street onto northbound Defiance Street as well as the possibility of increasing the speed limit on portions of Bellefontaine and Water Streets from 25 mph to 35 mph. Administration will investigate with police and Engineering will consult with ODOT.

On a motion by Mr. Metz, 2nd by Mr. Doll and with a unanimous vote, the Committee adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Clerk McDonald noted that she received the petition for vacation from Mr. Becker, and requested an official recommendation from the Streets & Alleys Committee regarding same. Mr. Doll advised the committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the city can restrict semis from using the alley next to LaGrande's. Mayor Stinebaugh pointed out that this action could cause semis to park on and block Auglaize Street. Mayor Stinebaugh added that placing a barricade to protect the building could result in liability to the city. Mr. Doll stated this matter does not yet have a resolution.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald requested that Council review the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes and submit corrections to her.

Clerk McDonald reminded Council that all elected officials must file their financial disclosure with Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2018.

Clerk McDonald summarized a letter received from Sunset Development & Investment, LLC and Stock Development Company, LLC, regarding their plans to submit an application to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for funding to develop family housing at the NW corner of Redskin Trail and Lincoln Avenue. Clerk McDonald added that Council may object in writing if they chose to do so.

Mr. Doll then added an amendment to the Streets & Alley Committee meeting minutes, stating that Mary Ruck of the Engineering Department provided a list of the streets to be resurfaced with street levy money.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Jim Limbert of 817 Aster Drive requested permission to block off the 3 parking spots in front of Eagles on April 14th for their zone conference shuttle drop off. Motion by Metz, second by Neumeier to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Limbert also asked for permission to close a section of Park Street on May 20th from 1pm-5pm for the annual Eagles Family Picnic. Motion by Metz, second by Neumeier to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Rachel Barber of 401 W. Auglaize Street noted to Council that the Waste Minimization Committee met and plans to create an updated flier to inform residents about recycling, reinstate the "Dawn Patrol" which checks residents' bins to ensure they are filled and sorted correctly, and create a Facebook page to communicate with residents. Ms. Barber added that the committee would like to speak with the city's recycling employees as well as the county recycling coordinator to get additional feedback. Ms. Barber stated the next Waste Minimization Committee meeting is scheduled for March 5th at 6:00pm at City Hall and all are welcome. Council thanked Ms. Barber for her efforts to reinstate this committee.

Unfinished Business –

President Henderson asked for an update on Ms. Betsy Selover's request for lodging tax funding for 'The Rustic Barn' event. Mr. Lee advised that the Tourism Commission is not moving forward with this request.

Mrs. Wurst asked for an update on the Neil Armstrong statue rendering. Mr. Lee stated it is not available at this time.

Mr. Campbell asked for further input on Ms. Selover's request. Mr. Lee reiterated that the committee reviewed the application but do not find merit in it to proceed with funding.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-01 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY ENGINEER.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Res 2018-01. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-02 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA. Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-02. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-03 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE. Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2018-03. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-04 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1286.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO TO SPECIFY A HEIGHT LIMIT ON BILLBOARD STRUCTURES AND A SIZE LIMIT ON BILLBOARDS ATTACHED TO THE STRUCTURE. Mr. Neumeier asked how large the billboard is that generated this ordinance. Mayor Stinebaugh stated, 60 feet. Council then discussed the difference in verbiage between signs, billboards and murals. Mrs. Wurst suggested finding the legal definition of 'billboard'.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-05 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1046 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING ELECTRICITY RATES AND CHARGES. Mr. Neumeier asked if there were any errors made in regards to the electric bill complaints recently posted on Facebook. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no, that citizens must pay for what they use. Mayor Stinebaugh added that one of the complainants had a constant running toilet that increased their bill significantly.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-06 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE 2018 BRAUN AMBULANCE CHIEF XL F-450 THRU PENN CARE, INC.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-07 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-08 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE WAPAKONETA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH PRATT PAPER (OH), LLC; AND DECLARING EMERGENCY. Motion by Doll, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-08. Mr. Neumeier asked for further explanation. Mr. Doll advised that this recently annexed land needs to be included in the CRA. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2018-08. Mrs. Wurst asked if Mrs. Freymuth is affected by this ordinance. Mr. Scott replied, no. Mrs. Wurst asked if the north side of Short Road is affected by this ordinance. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that everything on the north side of Short Road is already included. Mrs. Wurst read the last paragraph in Section 2, and asked why new housing or housing repairs are discouraged. Mayor Stinebaugh indicated that this verbiage is included to keep residential housing out of said industrial area if possible. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-09 for the first time re: AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Wurst, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-09. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Motion by Doll, second by Wurst to adopt Ord 2018-09. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Jan. 15 Participated in Lodging Tax Committee meeting
Jan. 15 Participated in City Council meeting
Jan. 18 Participated in Committee as a Whole meeting
Jan. 22 Met with Mary Ruck concerning projects
Jan. 22 Participated in Streets & Alleys Committee meeting
Jan. 23 Participated in Dept. Head meeting
Jan. 23 Met with Greg Myers concerning GFF & Pratt
Jan. 24 Attended meeting to discuss Pratt issues.
Jan. 25 Participated in conference call with AMP about new electric substation
Jan. 25 Attended Armstrong Board meeting
Jan. 29 Attended BOZA meeting
Jan. 30 Met with engineers concerning Chuck Kantner property
Jan. 31 Attended Sertoma luncheon and provided city update
Jan. 31 Attended DDC Annual Meeting in Dayton
Feb. 1 Met with Rick Johnson from In Now Corp. concerning Pratt.

Mayor Stinebaugh noted that he also received a letter from Sunset Development Company, LLC, and plans to express to them that the City of Wapakoneta is in need of regular apartments rather than more low-income housing. President Henderson agreed.

Mayor Stinebaugh also received a letter from CTL Engineering, notifying the city that the 199 foot-tall monopole originally proposed for north of Wapak Machine Shop is now being proposed for north of the railroad tracks, across from the dump.

Mr. Neumeier asked about the income tax collection. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that January's tax is not turned in until February.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Ordinance 2017-46 is being revised and will be presented at the next Council meeting.
Jay Sweede was appointed to the City of Wapakoneta Rec Board at the last Board of Education meeting.
A mailbox replacement policy was found in old records and will be supplied to Council for review.
Mr. Campbell suggested that Choice One supply a 'red-line' copy of the changes to Ord 2017-46 to Council.
Mayor Stinebaugh added that the city is working on an opt-out option for paper utility bills.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on February 19th at 6:15pm at City Hall.
Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on February 12th at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adjourn at 8:25pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council