

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 7, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh was also present. There were 16 visitors present. Daniel E. Lee, Terry Campbell, Law Director Dennis Faller and Safety Service Director Chad Scott were absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 04-30-2018.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Guest Petitions -

Ms. Melissa Carlin of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce requested Council's permission to hold the annual Summer Moon Festival on July 19, 20 and 21, with several street closures in the downtown area. Ms. Carlin provided Council with a map outlining the event details and streets affected. Ms. Carlin noted that the car show portion will be moved to the area of Auglaize Street east of the railroad tracks. Ms. Carlin agreed to speak with area businesses or residents that may be affected by the street closures. Mr. Dunlap suggested an additional barricade at the Mechanic and Broadway Street intersection. Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to grant the request. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Beth Steiner of 16003 St. Rt. 198 requested Council's permission to hold a Firecracker 5K run on July 4th, with street closures. Ms. Steiner provided a map of the race route to Council for their review. Motion by Neumeier, second by Metz to grant the request. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Marlene Froning of 11979 Canning Factory Road, requested Council's permission to hold a Bicycle Safety Day on May 12th, with street closures. Ms. Froning provided a packet of information about the event to Council for their review. Motion by Metz, second by Doll to grant the request. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Tasha Shepline of 917 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council regarding flooding issues along the Auglaize River affecting the backyards of residents on the north side of Auglaize Street. Mrs. Shepline provided Council with photos of the damage, as well as signatures from area homeowners who also wish for Council to take action in remedying the problem. Mrs. Shepline stated that the flooding no longer recedes in the same manner as it did prior to the sanitary sewer line upgrade, with standing water lingering in backyards for up to 3 weeks. Mrs. Shepline stated that this standing water has become a breeding ground for mosquitos, has a very unpleasant odor, and has caused a red algae to develop. Mrs. Shepline added that once the backyards do dry out, there are sinkholes, dead grass, and spores of some type that create breathing problems when residents mow the grass. Mrs. Shepline also stated that many of the affected residents no longer use their backyards or allow children or pets in the area. Mrs. Shepline requested that the City investigate and resolve the issue. President Henderson put the matter into the Health & Safety Committee, as well as the Utilities Committee for review. Mr. Metz asked that Mrs. Shepline attend the upcoming Utilities Committee meeting, and provide all the addresses that are affected. Mr. Metz explained that during the sewer upgrade, field tiles were not permitted to be hooked back up, and the updated sewer system raised the elevation in said area. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that rather than meetings, an elevation study needs to be completed and a swale cut through for better water drainage. President Henderson noted that Service Director Chad Scott will also be made aware of the issue. Mrs. Shepline agreed to attend the committee meetings as needed to assist in resolving the matter.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-28 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 for an explanation of Strawser Construction's involvement, and asked why the City is granting them authority to purchase items for Wapakoneta. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that Strawser Construction completed crack and seal work for the City in the past, but agreed that the ordinance is vague and that he will find out additional details.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-29 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

April 16 Tourism Committee Meeting

April 16 Participated in Council Meeting

April 17 Spoke with Ed Kidston of Pioneer concerning water and wastewater issues

April 18 Met with EPA in Wapakoneta concerning water and wastewater

April 19 Met with Ed Kersey on incentive issues

April 19 Participated in Crisis Center Auction

April 20 Participated in OMEA Executive Committee Meeting

April 21 Presented Marlene Zwiebel with Proclamation for State of Ohio DAV

April 24 Spoke with Ed Kersey concerning water issues

April 26 Met with Ed Kidston concerning water issues

April 26 Participated in Armstrong Museum Board Meeting

April 27 Participated in Arber Day Ceremony at Breakfast Optimist Park

April 30 Participated in Planning Commission Meeting

May 01 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting

May 01 Met with CEO and President of Pratt Industries on water and wastewater

May 02 Participated in WAEDC Meeting

Mayor Stinebaugh requested that the Utilities Committee review past legislation regarding the City's responsibilities of sanitary sewers, stating that the laterals ought to be cared for at the resident's expense. Mayor Stinebaugh requested that a committee develop City legislation regarding regulating drones. President Henderson put the matter into the Health & Safety Committee.

Mr. Neumeier asked City Administration and Council to consider the email recently sent by Ms. Rachel Barber regarding weeds growing in streets, sidewalks, tree lawns and curbs. Mr. Metz stated that the difficulty lies in EPA regulations on chemical usage near waterways. Mayor Stinebaugh indicated that performing the crack and seal work will prevent weed growth considerably. Mr. Neumeier added that any weeds in the tree lawn are the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Neumeier asked for City Administration to remedy the issue. Mr. Doll added that the Streets & Alleys Committee will also review the matter and determine what other cities and municipalities are doing about weeds.

Mr. Metz stated that the Waste Minimization Committee is asking for a copy of the legislation that created their committee. Mr. Doll believes he has a copy of said legislation.

Mrs. Wurst asked for the cost involved the last time the City did a curbside pickup event, prior to the 'Drop & Swap', and requested that this number be provided before the next Utilities Committee meeting.

Mr. Neumeier noted the City organizational charts that were within Council's packet, and asked if Council must take action on it. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that it is an administrative issue, and that he will work the Auditor Wells to complete it.

Mr. Neumeier asked that the Safety Service Director provide further explanation on his memos within Council packets, rather than just reiterate the title of an ordinance. President Henderson added that he has requested that the Service Director memos include explanation of why any ordinance is listed as an emergency.

Miscellaneous Business -

Mrs. Wurst pointed out that the Informer did not list the rule about residents not placing garage sale signs on city signs, posts or trees. Mrs. Wurst asked that this be communicated with the public.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on May 21st at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will meet on May 16th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet May 14th at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:11pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council