

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 18, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Chad Scott was also present. There were 9 visitors present. Daniel E. Lee, Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were absent.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – a meeting was held on 06-06-2018 and the following was discussed:

Item for discussion: refuge and recycling options

In these minutes, bags and bin refer to the current system. Totes refers to the rolling totes required by outsource companies. More detailed minutes, with names, are available from Bonnie Wurst.

Metz opened the meeting by giving an overview of the current situation and the bids received from privatize collectors. The bids received were only for residential collection with the city handling the billing. The lowest bid was from Wrights of Lima. (See attached bid documents.) The bid was \$14.00 per month for two years and \$14.50 for the next five. This is for weekly refuge pick-up with a 95 gallon rolling tote and bi-weekly recycling pick-up of a 65 gallon rolling tote. There were 2 higher bids.

19-20 citizens spoke to the Committee.

Residents' comments were mostly about whether they preferred bags or totes. Few commented about problems of outsourcing.

Bag/tote preference seems to depend on the property configuration of the speaker and the need to have control over the ability to control own costs. There was concern about trash blowing from recycle bins. There was no consensus of preference.

With outsourcing there was some concern about current employees, chance of fee increases, details of service and recycling, and loss of city control. Again, no consensus of preference.

The following are some important facts that emerged: there will need to be a \$2-3.00 administration fee for the city to collect for an outside hauler; there will need to be at least a \$3.00 city fee increase to save for a new truck purchase if the service stays 'in-house'; Pratt is planning a MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) that will save the city transportation and tipping, landfill, costs.

Mr. Neumeier asked for a timeline on the matter. Mr. Metz advised that he will set another Utilities Meeting date in July. Service Director Scott reminded Council that June 22nd marks the 30 day deadline to make a decision on the bids. Mr. Scott added that any of the companies may decide to extend their bid deadline, but that time is of the essence in ordering totes, trucks or other necessary equipment. Mr. Scott stated that should the services be outsourced, it is in the City's best interest to start on January 1, 2019. Mr. Metz stated that he received a phone call from Solid Waste of North America that pointed out problems with the City's current refuse and recycling system, notably the risk of potential workers compensation claims in lifting the bags and hand-sorting the recycle items. Mr. Metz added that the reason most surrounding communities have stopped curbside sorting of recycles is due to the imbalance of operating costs versus generated revenue, as well as workers compensation claims. Mr. Metz also stated that China has imposed more stringent standards on the percentage of contamination allowed in their purchase of recycling materials from other countries. Mr. Metz warned City Administration to ensure that the outside bids do not contain any hidden fees, such as bailing, sorting or selling costs. Mr. Metz advised that the representative from Solid Waste of North America encouraged the City of Wapakoneta to work closely with Pratt Industries with regards to recyclables.

Mr. Aaron Wright from Wright Refuse then addressed Council, stating there are no hidden costs within their bid. Mr. Wright showed Council an example of a 35 gallon rolling tote, noting that most communities end up asking for the 65 gallon tote. Mr. Neumeier asked if Mr. Wright has experienced residents recycling less once they have the ability to throw everything in the trash bin. Mr. Wright stated that the opposite has been the case, with customers recycling more. Service Director Scott added that many city residents have been utilizing the 24 hour recycle drop-off facility. Mr. Doll and Mrs. Wurst asked Mr. Wright if Wright Refuse will accept all 7 numbers of recycled plastics, as well as tin, glass and aluminum.

Mr. Wright replied, yes. Mr. Metz asked if Wright Refuse prefers that customers remove lids from plastic containers. Mr. Wright replied, lids off is preferable in order to allow containers to dry out.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Matt Schmalenberger of 601 S. Rauthland Avenue, addressed Council regarding its sidewalk replacement evaluation guidelines. Mr. Schmalenberger provided Council with a packet of photos regarding his property's sidewalk, as well as other examples throughout the City. Mr. Schmalenberger stated that he communicated with the engineering department on several occasions, and was told that though his sidewalks were not a safety concern, aesthetically they were in need of replacement. Mr. Schmalenberger stated that he feels he should not have been forced to pay for replacement slabs. Mr. Schmalenberger added that the City did not replace the sidewalk torn out with a comparable sidewalk, as they did not reinstall the curb-sidewalk combo that prevents the slabs from moving. Mr. Schmalenberger requested that Council work to remove the ambiguity within the sidewalk evaluation guidelines, referencing 'criteria (f)' which states: "having a disintegrated or deteriorated surface area". Mr. Schmalenberger stated that this portion of the criteria cannot be measured and will always be a matter of opinion. Mr. Doll agreed to look into this matter within the Streets and Alleys Committee.

Mrs. Erin Bowersock of 508 Gibbs Avenue, requested Council's permission for road closures on portions of North Street for bike night events on the second Tuesday of each month through September, from 6pm to 10pm. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the request with the appropriate documentation. Vote – 6 years, 0 nays. Motion passed.

New Business -

Mr. Doll requested, on behalf of a resident, that the alley across from Fairview Drive be closed to traffic for the July 3rd and 4th festival, as well as for the duration of the Auglaize County Fair week.

Mr. Doll reminded Council that Mayor Stinebaugh requested an appointment be made to the Downtown Review Board. Mr. Metz volunteered to be the appointment. Motion by Doll, second by Neumeier to appoint Rodney Metz to the Downtown Review Board. Vote – 6 years, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Doll gave a reminder of the problem of overpopulation of geese in the downtown Riverscape area, asking that the City Administration take any measures to remedy this.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-31 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SELL UNNEEDED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS THRU GOVDEALS.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-32 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) 2019 FREIGHTLINER TEREX DIGGER DERRICK COMMANDER 5050 SERIES TRUCK.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-33 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SELL ONE (1) 1994 GMC DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-34 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN EAST / WEST ALLEY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEARBAUGH AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND PLUM STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-35 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1248.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2017-46R.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-36 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-36. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2018-36. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's report provided to Council:

- June 04 Participated in the Grind and Pave Bid Openings
- June 04 Participated in the City Council Meeting
- June 05 Participated in the Tree Commission Meeting
- June 06 Met to discuss Pratt Electric issues
- June 06 Participated in Council as a Whole Meeting
- June 07 Met with Gary & Mike Ruhe to sign contract on land purchase for Pratt Electrical Substation
- June 11 Participated in CIC Meeting
- June 12 Attended the closing on the property the City is purchasing from VITA Holdings
- June 13 Participated in the 2019 Committee Meeting

Service Director report:

City of Wapakoneta was awarded 1.7 million dollars in a small cities grant program that will be used for the 25A project in the year 2022.

Waiting on clarification from Law Director Faller regarding collecting fines due to grass clipping violations.

Mr. Ron Roth, homeowner within Wapakoneta, stated that he sees citizens violating this rule every day, and he wants to see them fined. Mr. Scott advised that the Code Enforcement Officer is aware and has been giving warnings to residents. Mr. Campbell explained that enforcing fines through the court system is very time consuming. Mr. Scott agreed that the City needs to continue educating the residents and area mowing contractors about this rule.

Mr. Scott requested that the Utilities Committee discuss House Bill 478 in their next meeting.

Mr. Scott stated that regarding the flooding issues happening in a section of Lincoln Park, he supplied a couple of these property owners with different options to resolve the flooding. Mr. Scott stated, however, the property owners were not in favor of the options because it would involve tearing up their yards. Mr. Scott stated that more tile is needed to get the excess water to the retention pond. Mr. Campbell agreed to speak to the County Extension Office about the matter.

The outlet pipe in the Laurel Drive retention pond will be lowered in order to aid the flooding issues in this area.

Mr. Metz asked if Mayor Stinebaugh surveyed the properties on West Auglaize Street that have been experiencing drainage issues. Mr. Scott replied that he does not know.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:28pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council