

President Pro Tem Bonnie Wurst called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 6, 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 Floyd Gregg, Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 8 visitors present. President Steve Henderson and Daniel E. Lee were absent.

Received income tax summary report for month ending 07-31-2018.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 07-18-2018 and the following was discussed:

The committee reviewed a draft of an application for creating a scenic byway presented by Wehrhahn and Doll. The byway would include the Armstrong Museum, Armstrong Boyhood Home, and site of the former Koneta Airfield. No major concerns were noted. A meeting for possible stakeholders will be held on August 1st as the next step in the application process.

Doll informed the committee that the Wayfinding sign project has been delayed. The original individual interested in doing the project has withdrawn. A new potential vendor has been identified and Doll will follow-up with him.

Committee discussed parking issues on South Pine Street. Concerns have been expressed about safety issues such as children among parked cars and safety vehicle access on the narrow street. The committee noted that there is already no parking on the west side of the street along Breakfast Optimist Park. Neumeier made a motion, seconded by Metz, and approved 3-0, to recommend that administration make the entire west side of South Pine Street a no parking zone, This would extend from Benton Street to the south terminus of Pine Street.

Committee reviewed the standards currently in place for sidewalk replacement. The committee had concerns with the criterion labeled “F” in the list of factors. This had also been a source of frustration for some residents as it is not quantifiable and requires replacement for “having a disintegrated or deteriorated surface area.” Doll will follow-up with the Engineering Department in the hopes of creating a more objective standard or possibly eliminating this criterion.

Mayor Stinebaugh informed the committee that Ohio State Representative Craig Riedel is seeking funding in the next state budget cycle for several projects related to Neil Armstrong and the 2019 moon landing anniversary including enhancement of the I-75 exit 111 and its overpass. Stinebaugh suggested changing the name of Bellefontaine Street between the exit ramps to something Armstrong related and having the overpass bridge labeled as such. The committee had no objections. Stinebaugh will continue to follow-up with the Riedel. Naming options will be discussed at a later time.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Doll asked City Administration to contact and inform the residents of the trailer park about parking rules.

Utilities Committee – a meeting was held on 07-23-2018 and the following was discussed:

1. Sewer laterals in the city was the responsibility of the homeowners until 2 and ½ years ago when the city passed legislation that changed the sewer lateral within the cities’ right of way to the cities’ responsibility. This change was prompted by a sewer lateral on Carnation that was in excess of 15 feet deep. The city has been burdened with a great deal of time spent on sewer laterals and receiving bills from plumbers hired by the homeowners to fix plugged a drainage problem. Permits are needed prior to any street opening. The city will provide oversight to the street repair. The city will take requests for special circumstances such as the sewer lateral on Carnation that was in excess of 15 feet deep. Motion made by Terry Campbell, seconded by Rod Metz to have legislation prepared at the Mayor’s request. Motion passed.

2. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh stated that special events are creating a problem of interdepartmental billing. The departments are charging employees' time to various projects. When the department has a project such as Summer Moon Festival. There are multiple departments providing services such as Police Department security, public works, street barricade, signage and electric department providing multiple electric services to the festival. The Mayor is requesting that a line item be established within each department so that their time and services can be tracked through this fund. Mayor Stinebaugh at this time said there will be no charges to any of these events. There are several events that we provide services to:

Summer Moon Fest., multiple 5K runs, St. Joe Fourth of July festival, Hometown Holidays event, Holiday Open House and soccer events. Motion was made by Rodney Metz, seconded by Terry Campbell to have such line items created.

3. We discussed briefly refuse tipping fees at Waste Management versus Wright Refuse. Waste Management's fee is \$74.35 per ton. Wright Refuse tipping fee is \$66.00 per ton. Mayor Stinebaugh will be changing the location of our waste stream. This will amount to a considerable savings per year.

4. Mayor Stinebaugh informed the committee that he will be attending an industrial Drive luncheon hosted by Pratt Industries. Mayor Stinebaugh will learn exactly what Pratt intends to do with the former Gateway Packaging property. Rodney Metz requested Mayor Stinebaugh discuss with Pratt Industries possibly helping with the purchase of recycling trucks in exchange for materials to Pratt.

5. The committee requested the maintenance schedule and cost of the refuse recycling trucks.

6. The committee requested an update on utility upgrades, timing and cost.

Referencing item #2, Mrs. Wurst asked if Auditor Wells will be creating line items. Mr. Metz replied that said line items will be more about data rather than dollar amounts. Mr. Neumeier asked where the information is currently being recorded. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that these expenses are all currently being taken out of operating funds, and that he will speak with Auditor Wells about clarifying this.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald requested Council's wishes on the scheduling of the first Council Meeting in September, due to the holiday. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to reschedule the first Council meeting in September as September 10th at 7:30pm at City Hall. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Josh Little of 1200 Indian Hill requested road closures on November 30th and December 1st and parking spots in front of the Wapak Chamber of Commerce to be closed for the Children's Hometown Holiday event.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Campbell advised City Administration that the Wapakoneta School Board will soon be addressing the matter of excessive goose droppings in the sport practice field, citing a possible health concern.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-37 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT MICROSURFACE STATE ROUTE 198.

Mr. Neumeier asked when the project will start. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, September.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-38 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH G.A. WINTZER & SONS, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-39 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT 25A RECONSTRUCTION.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-40 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO ACCEPT THE PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF A CERTAIN OPTION FROM THE WAPAKONETA AREA JOB-READY SITES COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-40. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-40. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City is paying the 'option price'. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes, \$25,000 per acre. Mr. Neumeier asked where the money will be coming from. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, short-term financing with almost immediate reimbursement. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Res 2018-41 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RIGHT-OF-WAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT AND DESIGNATING HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND UNDERGROUNDING AREAS.

Mr. Neumeier asked for elaboration on said Resolution. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that said Resolution protects the City against 'small pole attachments', and gives the City authority to manage its poles. Mr. Metz added that this will also provide more safety to utility workers. Law Director Faller added that said Resolution will need an attachment for the City's codification.

President Pro Tem Wurst asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-42 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO ACCEPT THE PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF A CERTAIN OPTION FROM THE WAPAKONETA AREA JOB-READY SITES COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's report:

July 16 Participated in Department Head Meeting

July 16 Swore in Aux. Police Officer Paul Robbins

July 16 Enjoyed lunch with the German kids visiting through Sister Cities

July 16 Participated in Lodging Tax Committee Meeting

July 16 Participated in City Council Meeting

July 17 Participated in the AMP golf outing

July 18 Participated in WAEDC Board Meeting

July 18 Participated in Streets & Alley Committee Meeting

July 19 Attended AEP Open House at the Middle School

July 19 Attended Chamber of Commerce Summer Moon Festival

July 20 Attended Chamber of Commerce Summer Moon Festival

July 20 Participated in the ground breaking ceremony at the Neil Armstrong Museum

July 21 Attended Chamber of Commerce Summer Moon Festival

July 22 Helped staff the Visitors tent at the Museum

July 23 Participated in CIC Meeting to assign options on two parcels of ground for substations

July 24 Attended luncheon with Pratt and neighbors on Industrial Dr. to talk about Recycling Center

July 25 Attended Dinner hosted by State Rep. Craig Riedel

July 26 Participated in phone conference with Tantalus

July 29 Participated in Opening of Auglaize County Fair

July 30 Attended Fund Raiser for Craig Riedel

July 30 Participated in Planning Commission

July 31 Meeting Met with Rep from Clemans - Nelson

July 31 Met with Vinnie Guyta & Associates to discuss water issues

Aug 01 Met with Vinnie Guyta & Associates at City Hall to discuss water issues

Mayor Stinebaugh introduced Floyd Gregg as the interim Safety Service Director.

Mayor Stinebaugh introduced Aaron Wright of Wright Refuse. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that if the City keeps recycling and refuse services 'in-house', it will need to purchase single-axel trucks at \$160,000 a piece. The City would also need to purchase a dual-stream recycling truck at \$242,000. Mayor Stinebaugh added that should the City keep said services 'in-house', on average, each household will spend \$20 a month for service fees and bags for the first year or so, and \$23 per month by the year 2020. Should the City decide to accept the Wright Refuse bid, each household will spend \$14 a month for two years, and \$14.50 per month for the following five years.

Mr. Wright clarified, stating that the residents will save \$9 per month with his services, equating to \$36,000 savings per month, or \$432,000 per year savings, and 2.15 million dollars savings after five years.

Mayor Stinebaugh stated, that with respect to the City's Refuse & Recycling employees, they will likely be placed where help is needed, specifically the Street Department.

Mr. Wright added that it is more cost-effective for his company to recycle than to put those same items in a landfill, therefore, financially & environmentally it would make zero sense for Wright Refuse to not recycle these products.

Mrs. Wurst stated that a primary concern is the types of plastics accepted by Wright Refuse. Mr. Wright replied, all household plastics. Mrs. Wurst asked if caps must be removed. Mr. Wright replied that ultimately, caps off is preferred, but not required. Mrs. Wurst asked if plastic bags would be accepted by Wright Refuse. Mr. Wright replied, yes.

Mr. Wright then asked Council, if residents are most concerned about allowable materials, or about costs for services. Mrs. Wurst replied, both. Mr. Wright stated that on average, a household will spend over \$600 more per year unless they decide to go with an outside service provider. Mayor Stinebaugh added that based on the survey of residents, a majority do not want the 'totes', but also do not want rates to increase, and they cannot have it both ways. Mr. Campbell stated he feels residents will still recycle just as much with the 'totes', even if lacking the incentive of requiring a 'white Wapak trash bag'. Mr. Wright stated that in many communities who decide to out-source services, the recycling rates went up. Mr. Wright added that communities are trying to be cost-effective and more efficient, stating that a truck with a robotic arm used by Wright Refuse can complete 1000 stops a day versus a bag system physically picked up by a City employee that can only complete 350-400 stops a day. Mr. Wright added that liability is also a concern for the City should they keep services 'in-house', citing cuts, infection, and muscle pulls by City employees. Mr. Wright mentioned that the City of Kenton is facing a similar decision. Mayor Stinebaugh asked Mr. Wright to describe the City of Lima data as an example for Council. Mr. Wright said that in 2003, the price for Lima residents was \$10.50, with increases to \$14.50 thru \$14.85 over the years since then. Mr. Metz then asked if Wright Refuse would be interested in the City's commercial accounts as well, adding that a couple local businesses have a very special or convenient current service with City, insomuch as they receive trash pickup six-days per week. Mr. Wright stated that this is not entirely unusual, adding that several small-company haulers may work within Wapakoneta each week, as it is free enterprise. Mr. Wright added that based on the City's rates for commercial services, Wright Refuse can provide competitive rates. Mr. Wright stated that if the City decides to out-source the services, he can promise it will be the best decision they could've made. Mr. Wright added, however, that with the recycling situation in China, as well as tariffs, he cannot predict how this will effect things in the long-term.

Mrs. Wurst asked Mayor Stinebaugh to identify 'Tantalus' on his report. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that this is the company that handles new meter-reading, which will eventually make in-person meter reading obsolete.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the water drainage issues along the backyards of West Auglaize Street residents' homes. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that much time has been spent studying this area, noting that the homeowners want water drainage and fill dirt. Mayor Stinebaugh added that it is illegal to push drainage water from one property to a neighboring property, and that re-grading the entire back-half of West Auglaize Street homes would be incredibly costly. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that his goal is to re-route standing water during floods. Mr. Campbell and Mayor Stinebaugh agreed that property 'sinkage' is unlikely, as the entire area is riverbed and has flooded and receded many times over the years. Mr. Doll and Mrs. Wurst noted that said problem with these properties is likely because the South Interceptor Sewer is finally doing its job properly.

Service Director report:

No report.

Mrs. Wurst asked that the State of Ohio flag at the City Building needs replaced.

Law Director's report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the South Pine Street property sale. Mr. Faller answered that the law states that the City must follow due-process in said sale.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Committee of the Whole will meet on August 21st at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Tourism Commission will meet on August 20th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Dunlap stated that the City has all the gear necessary to begin filming Council meetings. Service Director Gregg added that a live-stream could be done, but that these films would need to be archived, as they are public records.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:39pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council