

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 20, 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. Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg, Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 11 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Tourism Commission** – a meeting was held on 08-20-2018 and the following was discussed:

The 2019 Committee planning the “First to the Moon” anniversary is requesting \$3000 for rental of a tent, tables and chairs to be used for the October 11<sup>th</sup> debut of the ‘First to the moon’ movie. Any possible monies leftover from said \$3000 may be used for supplies. Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve said request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee noted that the lodging tax has brought in approximately \$238,000, and has spent approximately \$71,000 to date.

#### **Communications –**

Clerk McDonald read a letter from Auglaize County Auditor Janet Schuler, stating that due to the transfer of ownership of the Golden Fresh Farm’s greenhouse, the City must decide upon a new Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and notify her of the decision.

Mayor Stinebaugh added that City Administration is working on a new, but similar, CRA agreement, and the school board has signed off on the tax abatement. Mr. Neumeier asked if any new items are being requested. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, no, not to his knowledge. Law Director Faller added that the new owners are developing a ‘global resolution’ to present to the City, and a new ordinance will need to be presented to Council.

#### **Guest Petitions -**

Ms. Janna Ross, representing Wapak YMCA, requested road closures for a Monster Dash 5k race to be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ross provided a race route map for Council’s review.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Deb Zwez of 613 E. Pearl Street and representative of the 2019 Committee, requested permission to close a portion of Willipie Street on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the debut of the “First to the Moon” movie. Mrs. Zwez added that the tent set up in this area will be used for a dinner prior to the movie. Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the request. Mrs. Wurst asked for the group to provide proof of insurance to the City. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Judy DuBois of 24258 Middle Pike and representative of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce, requested permission for road closures for the October 18<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parade and costume contest. Motion by Metz, second by Doll to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Greg Myers of 30 E. Auglaize Street, provided handouts to Council as well as a summary of the status of the Pratt Industries project, noting that they are ahead of schedule to reach their November 2019 goal of completion. Mr. Campbell & Mr. Neumeier asked for further details about the recycling division of said operation. Mr. Myers stated that the materials will be brought in by semi-tractor trailers and sorted, keeping the cardboard and paper. Mr. Myers added that 30 to 40 employees are working at Pratt Industries now. Mr. Lee asked if the railroad will eventually be used to transport materials. Mr. Myers replied, possibly in the future.

Mr. Myers then noted that FlexArm, Inc. has construction plans in place for a new plant at 705 Commerce Drive, with plans for groundbreaking in September.

Mr. Myers stated that Wapakoneta is being considered as a possible site for Project Neptune, which is a European Food Processing company.

Mr. Myers added that Wapakoneta is also being considered for 'Project Raptor.'

Mr. Myers noted that WAEDC was invited to be a speaker at the annual Foreign Direct Investment event held in Washington D.C. Mr. Myers was able to conduct individual meetings with companies from several other countries who are considering investment within the United States, and provided Council with a booklet of information from the conference.

Mr. Myers then gave a presentation to Council regarding the need for local housing. Some companies are losing good candidates for local jobs due to their inability to secure adequate housing for their families. In particular, there is significant need for apartments that are not income or age restrictive. Mr. Myers stated that WAEDC Board Members are suggesting that the City talk with area developers about how to bridge this gap. Mr. Myers also suggested the City discuss possibilities for the property it owns at Middle Street and Easttown Drive. Mr. Lee suggested that WAEDC and the City also discuss the possibility of remodeling upstairs apartments in the downtown buildings. Mr. Myers agreed, stating that there are approximately 70 upstairs apartments in downtown Wapakoneta, and there are some developers who could be interested, especially upon completion of the Riverscape Project. Mr. Campbell stated that upscale type apartments are needed by people who are starting out a new job position in Wapakoneta, and ultimately they may decide to purchase a home later. Mr. Doll added that the housing shortage is currently a common problem in communities across the United States. President Henderson put the matter into the Lands & Buildings Committee for review.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-37 for the third 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.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2018-37. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-38 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2018-38. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-39 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, IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT 25A RECONSTRUCTION.

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

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-43 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Neumeier pointed out that the monies for the Recreation Fund is about \$10,000 more than expected, and that Auditor Wells must ensure that these funds make it into said Recreation Fund.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-44 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ENGINEERING TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION 2018 ISSUE 1 GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.

Mr. Campbell asked if the money will be used for 2019 street repair. Mayor Stinebaugh advised, yes, for Perry Street.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-45 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A GARAGE ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Neumeier asked why Res 2018-45 is an emergency, especially since the garage has been in place for quite some time. Law Director Faller answered that this is the standard form used, but does not necessarily need to be passed immediately.

Mr. Neumeier then asked why Res 2018-46 is listed as an emergency. Mr. Faller stated that the sign has not yet been constructed. Mr. Campbell asked why the matter isn't put before the Board of Zoning Appeals. President Henderson asked that the Clerk first read the resolution prior to more discussion.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-46 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A BUSINESS SIGN ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Wurst asked why the matter has not been put before the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals prior to Council, noting that other businesses have had to do so. Mr. Faller stated that said persons for this resolution have applied for a permit, but it hasn't been approved yet. Mrs. Wurst pointed out that there is a difference between an existing garage and a proposed sign. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he'd like to see this procedure simplified to eliminate unnecessary steps. President Henderson put the matter into Lands & Buildings Committee for review.

**Mayor's report:**

Aug 06 Participated in Council Meeting  
Aug 07 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting  
Aug 08 Participated in WAEDC Strategic Planning Session  
Aug 09 Attend AMP Transmission Meeting in New Albany with Floyd Gregg, Jr. and Levi Cecil  
Aug 10 Met with Terry Campbell on city issues  
Aug 14 Participated in Sister Cities Meeting  
Aug 16 Met with a Rep from WDN concerning a book about Wapakoneta  
Aug 16 Met with Mike Watt from the City Schools concerning city projects  
Aug 17 Participated in the 2019 Committee Meeting at the Armstrong Museum

Also met with new dispatchers' union.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the Lincolnview flooding issue. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the grading will be cut, and that Kevin Snell has been brought in to look at flow issues. Mr. Campbell asked if anyone has been assigned to complete survey work in this area recently. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no.

Mr. Neumeier asked when the grind and pave work will begin. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, beginning to mid-September. Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the Defiance Street work. Mayor Stinebaugh stated it is ahead of schedule for completion. Mr. Campbell stated that the seams on Woodlawn and Bellefontaine Street are opening up and need attention. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that chip and seal work will need done in these areas. Mr. Campbell asked for an update about the South Pine Street property. Mayor Stinebaugh referred the matter to Mr. Faller. Mr. Campbell stated the trees on Hamilton Street have bark damage. Mayor Stinebaugh will have the Tree Commission check on this. Mr. Dunlap noted an email from Judy Walter regarding street sweeping and weeds. Mayor Stinebaugh advised Council that the City just doesn't have available manpower for this work, especially due to sending additional workers to the Refuse & Recycling Department because of broken down trucks. Mayor Stinebaugh added that these areas mentioned need crack-sealed, but the City must have the available manpower and equipment to do so.

**Service Director report:**

No report.

**Law Director's report:**

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

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

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Tourism Commission will meet on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Clerk McDonald gave a reminder that the next Council Meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at City Hall, due to the holiday.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adjourn at 8:39pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council