

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 5, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Dennis Faller, Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 11 visitors present. Jim Neumeier was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 10-31-2018.

Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 10-24-2018 and the following was discussed:

Approved the minutes of August 22 by a vote of 3-0.

Ruck updated the committee on the grind and pave projects. Progress is good. Since bids came in low, Ruck & Stinebaugh asked that a portion of 25A on the south side of town also be resurfaced this year with remaining funds. Committee had no objections. It is projected there will be approximately \$100,000 of carryover to apply to next year's projects. Committee encouraged administration to inform the public that this is the work made possible by the recent tax levy of ½% for streets.

Administration had no new updates on parking issues on Pine Street, Erie Street, or the intersection of Bellefontaine and Water Streets.

Doll informed the committee that the state has denied the request for the creation of the Armstrong Scenic byway claiming the only eligible routes in our area are now US33 and I-75. Doll and Tom Wehrhahn would like to see a local effort continue since the route is in place and much work has already been done on a brochure. It would still be a valuable tourist asset for the community. Doll will follow-up.

Committee requested specific information regarding a plan for weed control and funding be provided at or before the finance budget planning meeting.

Doll updated the committee on a recent resident sidewalk concern. Ruck also informed the committee that ODOT continues to work on fixing the sidewalk issues on Carnation Drive.

Ruck brought a request to the committee regarding street opening permits and fees. Current city laws allows contractors to make cuts with a simple permit fee of \$320. Ruck wants to better preserve our new streets and encourage contractors to think about alternatives before cutting. She brought a suggested schedule of fees based on area of the cut and age of the street. The committee endorsed the idea. On a motion by Metz, 2nd by Neumeier, and a vote of 3-0, the committee requested that administration prepare legislation reflecting the information shared by Ruck.

Doll asked if the committee had any objection to investigating a resident request about possible bicycle routes. There was no objection.

Neumeier motioned and Metz seconded a proposal to seek lodging tax funds for a system of wayfinding signs for the city. Motion passed 3-0. Doll will submit the final draft of the application to include signage and necessary installation costs.

The committee then moved to 311 Jackson Street to hear from resident Cara Prince regarding her request for an handicap parking space in front of her home. With no objections, the committee approved the request by a vote of 3-0 (Doll motion, Metz 2nd).

Mr. Campbell asked, regarding South Pine Street, if there had been discussion to enforce no parking on the east side of the street, from Camelot to the end. Mr. Doll answered that there is no follow-up at this time. Mr. Campbell asked for further information on the Carnation Drive sidewalks. Mr. Doll advised that ODOT is in need of easements for right-of-way to fix this area.

Guest Petitions –

Ms. Rachel Barber of the Waste Minimization Committee addressed Council to advise that the October 27th special collection day was a success. Ms. Barber pointed out that the Waste Minimization Committee has not been granted a budget for their expenses, and requested that Council consider this for the future of the committee.

Mr. Roy & Julie Gilliespie of 816 W. Auglaize Street, addressed Council regarding a recent sewer backup in their basement that they believe to be caused by the work being done on Auglaize Street. Mr. Gilliespie also noted a problem with drainage in his backyard at this property. Mrs. Julie Gilliespie noted that she feels the elevations of the back yard areas on West Auglaize Street have drastically changed since the installation of the south interceptor sewer. President Henderson asked if Mayor Stinebaugh had studied the elevations to note any changes. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that based on his inspection, no significant changes of elevation occurred. Mr. Metz agreed, but noted that he was unsure how certain areas were graded. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the problem area is nearer residents' homes, not near the south interceptor area. Mrs. Gilliespie asked if any tiles were cut off in this area. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, not to his knowledge. Mr. Metz added that to his knowledge, no tiles were cut off, unless they were field tiles. Mr. Metz added that he feels the amount of leaks within the old interceptor sewer aided the drainage in this area during that time. Mr. Metz also stated that he is unsure why any sinkage would have occurred in the backyards of said houses. Mr. Campbell suggested involving Choice One Engineering to resolve the issue. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that doing so would cost many thousands of dollars, adding that rerouting water to other properties is illegal. Mayor Stinebaugh noted, with regards to the sewage problem within the Gilliespie's basement, the Street Department did locate and remove a very large bundle of tree roots within the main sewer pipes.

Mrs. Doris Shepline of 808 W. Auglaize Street then asked to address Council. Mrs. Shepline explained that for three months, her property's sewer line was unhooked during the South Interceptor Sewer project. Mrs. Shepline stated that during this time, 3 feet of sewage flooded her finished basement, resulting in an insurance claim as well as \$11,000 cost to herself and her husband for repairs. Mrs. Shepline stated that cameras and eel work have been completed through her property's pipes on three separate occasions, and Mr. Metz and Mrs. Mary Ruck have inspected the basement of the property. Mrs. Shepline stated that due to a recent 3 inches of rain, her family has had to go without any water source or flushing of any toilet for more than 4 days. Mrs. Shepline explained that once Superintendent William Thomas had crews "blast out" obstructions from the pipes over the weekend, the sewer appears to be running fine.

Mrs. Julie Gilliespie then noted that none of the affected residents have been communicated with properly.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the City complete regular preventative maintenance in said area by running cameras through the pipes. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes, it could be done if Council would agree to hiring additional employees for the Street Department. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the Street Department cannot currently keep up with demand for work projects within the City. President Henderson then noted that Council Committees & City Administration must take measures to correct these residents' concerns. Mr. Metz added that an engineers' estimate must be obtained to correct the backyard drainage issues, and that lining the section in question may alleviate the problems as well. Mr. Campbell then stated, upon his understanding, the old sanitary sewer line was full of holes, and residents had tied into this line for various reasons, resulting in dry backyards. Mr. Campbell further added, that now that the line is fixed, there is nowhere for this excess water to go. Mr. Metz then agreed to investigate the old topographical maps versus the new ones, in order to discover the differences of elevation.

Mr. John Shepline of 808 W. Auglaize Street distributed photos to Council of the flood damage in the area, noting that there is now a 5 to 7 foot difference at the rear of his property. President Henderson then put the matter into the Lands & Buildings as well as Utilities Committees for review. Mr. Shepline added that Mr. William Thomas is a great City employee, and communicated well with residents. Mrs. Gilliespie asked for the timelines on getting solutions to both the basement flooding and backyard flooding problems. President Henderson and Mayor Stinebaugh replied that committee meetings will be set to work on determining same. Mrs. Shepline stated that 3 inches of rain should not cause backyard flooding. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that essentially, the new interceptor sewer project has created an artificial dam that prevents more water from getting into the backyards. Mrs. Shepline replied that the water used to come in from the east, but now comes in from the west. Mrs. Shepline invited Council and City Administration to come and tour her property.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Campbell stated that the South Pine Street survey has been completed and submitted to the Law Director.

New Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Ord 2018-59 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-52 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE TIME RESTRICTION OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY.

Motion by Metz, second by Wurst to adopt Ord 2018-52. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-55 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING GARBAGE AND REFUSE RATES AND CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked if the highlighted items were changes. Service Director Gregg replied, yes. Mr. Lee advised that he would not be voting to suspend the rules on said ordinance.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-56 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO SIGN A FACILITY ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH CSX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked if this is a typical fee. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes. Mrs. Wurst asked what fund the money will come from. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, from the Electric Fund.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-56. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2018-56. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-57 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 7.055 ACRES IN PUSHETA TOWNSHIP OWNED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ANNEXED TO THE CITY.

Mr. Campbell asked what the property will be used for. Service Director Gregg answered, electrical substations for Pratt Ind. and the rest of the City.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-58 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 1.550 ACRES IN PUSHETA TOWNSHIP OWNED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ANNEXED TO THE CITY.

Mrs. Wurst asked what the property will be used for. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, for the Pratt Ind. substation.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-59 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE NEW LEACH 20 YARD ALPHA MOUNTED ON A NEW HINO 338 CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked for the terms of the agreement. Mr. Gregg answered, 5 years. Mr. Doll asked if the truck is a refuse truck. Mr. Gregg answered, yes. Mr. Doll asked if the truck has an “arm” for refuse pickup. Mr. Gregg replied, yes.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-59. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2018-59. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Oct 15 Participated in Department Head Meeting

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Oct 16 Participated in Planning Commission Work Session

Oct 17 Met with Reps from Pratt to discuss water and wastewater

Oct 19 Performed 3rd Marriage since becoming Mayor

Oct 22 Participated in Membership Meeting for Armstrong Museum

Oct 24 Received cost of services study from Umbaugh for wastewater

Oct 24 Participated in 2019 Celebration Meeting

Oct 24 Participated in Streets & Alleys Meeting
Oct 26 Participated in OMEA full Board Meeting
Oct 29 Participated in Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 30 Participated in Auglaize County Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Oct 30 Attended full 2019 Celebration Committee Meeting
Oct 31 Participated in WAEDC Annual Luncheon
Nov 02 Participated in Annual Budget Meetings with all Department Heads
Nov 04 Attended YMCA Community Groundbreaking Event

Mayor Stinebaugh congratulated the Wapakoneta Redskins Football Team and Girls' Soccer Team on their recent accomplishments and wins.

Mr. Campbell noted that Choice One Engineering did a topography survey of the Easttown Property.

Mr. Campbell noted that the services of Mr. James Marok of Auglaize County is being utilized rather than Ms. Stephanie Miller for the City's forestry needs.

Service Director report:

No report.

Law Director report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on November 19th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee & Lands & Buildings Committee joint meeting at 808 W. Auglaize Street on November 12th at 11:00am.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:25pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council