

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on November 19, 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. Law Director Dennis Faller, Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 12 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Tourism Committee – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 11-19-2018. Mr. Lee advised that the committee received and reviewed an application for funding way-finding signage in Wapakoneta, but said application did not pass the required rubric. Mr. Lee also stated that the committee reviewed possible funding to copyright the phrase “First on the Moon”, but this also did not pass the required criteria.

Mr. Neumeier asked why the application for way-finding signs did not pass. Mr. Lee explained that due to the use of cell phones, the committee felt that the signage would not be utilized enough to score it high on the rubric. Mr. Neumeier asked how much funding was requested for the signage. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, approximately \$15,000.

Motion by Doll, second by Neumeier to approve the request for funding way-finding signage in Wapakoneta, as well as funding for the copyright of “First on the Moon”. Mayor Stinebaugh suggested that Council vote on said funding projects as separate motions. Mr. Doll clarified that the funding for trademark applications would cost approximately \$5000. Mr. Doll then amended his initial motion, to approve the request for funding the way-finding signage. Mr. Neumeier seconded this amended motion.

Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Lee). Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to approve the request for funding trademark application to copyright “First on the Moon”. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Lee). Motion passed.

Utilities and Lands & Buildings joint meeting at 808 W. Auglaize Street – a meeting was held on 11-12-2018:

The meeting was called to order by Campbell at 11:00 AM

Items for discussion: West Auglaize Sewer blockage & backyard water drainage issues

Sewer blockage:

Joe Wireman from the street dept. answered questions regarding the current process to inspect city sewers. The blockage that caused the basement sewage backups was located in the 8” sewer main in front of 818 West Auglaize. The blockage was a root ball. The city uses an outside contractor to proactively chemically remove roots from the sewer when discovered thru inspection.

Mr. Wireman explained that sewer inspections and potential blockage removal is an ongoing process. Lack of manpower to maintain this process is a constant problem. The criteria for choosing areas of the city for inspection are unclear.

Committee will look at the possibility of additional funds and or manpower after reviewing the historical inspection process.

Backyard water drainage:

All interested parties proceeded to walk the backyard area to review the surface water drainage situation. It appears that the new sewer interceptor acts as a dam to prevent flood and rain water from draining into the Auglaize River. The previous sewer interceptor was full of holes and allowed the water from the back yards to drain into the sewer. This was never clearly understood until the sewer interceptor was replaced. It is illegal for surface water to enter a sewer, (Ord. 1040.27)

City Engineering has been looking at a potential swale cut at the west end of the affected area. Lands and Buildings will request additional elevation point to be taken to see if a drainage tile installed to the affected properties could have the necessary slope to drain the areas where water ponds.

There were also comments from residents about some areas that appear to be “sinking”. Lands and Building will also request additional elevation points at these specific spots to be recorded. These will be compared to a 2006 Lidar map from the county to see if we can determine the elevation differences.

Follow-up items to be investigated by Lands and Buildings:

1. Review current sewer pipe inspection process with SSD and Bill Thomas
2. Discuss with Engineering additional elevation points to confirm potential drainage tile slope

3. Discuss with Engineering additional elevation points to confirm “sinking” areas

Mr. Campbell explained that the City's Engineering Department has already done several elevation checks in this area, but that a satellite study or Choice One Engineering can provide better data on any changes that have occurred. Mayor Stinebaugh clarified that the City removed the roots and then an outside contractor treated the area for prevention. Mr. Neumeier asked why the Sheipline's sanitary sewer was not initially hooked in. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he does not know how that matter got resolved.

Guest Petitions –

Mrs. Betsey Wise of 1107 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council about a new tree that the City recently planted that she feels is on her property, stating that she was never asked or notified prior to the planting. Mrs. Wise also voiced complaints about constant litter in her yard, vehicles parking in her yard and speeding problems on Auglaize Street. Mrs. Wise stated that when she phoned the Wapakoneta Police Department, the dispatcher advised that her property was not within the City limits. President Henderson asked City Administration if homeowners are notified prior to tree plantings. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no, because the plantings are supposed to occur on City property. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the City can remove the new planting if it was mistakenly planted on private property. President Henderson suggested the City place a 'no-parking' sign in this area, and put the matter into the Streets & Alleys Committee. Mrs. Wurst added that City Administration needs to examine exactly where the City's property ends and Mrs. Wise's property begins, as well as any right-of-way. Mrs. Wise then added that she personally puts up 'no-parking' signs and rope along the front edge of her yard five different times per year. Mr. Campbell suggested putting the 'speed-trailer' at this location for a while to get traffic to slow down. Service Director Gregg noted that the 'speed-trailer' is not working currently. Mrs. Wise stated she would like to see the area patrolled more frequently during the daytime. President Henderson asked that City Administration have the property lines in this area flagged. Mr. Neumeier then stated that another tree was planted within the tree lawn at 811 W. Auglaize Street that was not wanted by that property owner, and could City Administration see that it is removed. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes it can, but that a Council Committee needs to have discussion and decisions about tree lawns. Mr. Doll agreed to do so within the Streets & Alleys Committee.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Neumeier asked if the City has purchased the refuse truck. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes. Mr. Neumeier asked how the City is paying for the truck. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that the lease option is one year with no payment. Mr. Neumeier voiced his concerns that the ordinance that needs to pass in order to pay for the truck has not yet been voted on by Council, yet the truck was already purchased anyway. Mr. Neumeier asked, if this truck purchase is within the budget for next year, where is it listed? Mr. Neumeier asked for explanation of the section listed as “Other” under the 'Refuse' line. Mr. Neumeier stated that there is not enough detail listed on the budget ordinance. Mr. Neumeier reiterated that he doesn't feel it is right to make a purchase prior to passing the legislation required to generate the funds needed for said purchase.

New Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to have legislation prepared to allow Mary Ruck to revise fees regarding street opening for various utility work. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to renew the City's commitment of \$15,000 per year, for the next five years and starting in 2019, with similar restrictions as in the past, to be utilized for the Façade Improvement Program. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that many of the requests submitted were for the cost of repairing or replacing roofing, which he feels has nothing to do with façade. Mr. Neumeier asked for a shorter term than five years. Mr. Doll then amended his motion to three years, rather than five. Mr. Lee seconded this amendment. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-55 for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-57 for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-58 for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-60 for the first time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Clerk McDonald noted that a Public Hearing regarding this ordinance is scheduled for December 17th at 7:15pm at City Hall.

Mr. Neumeier asked, regarding 'Storm sewer replacement fund #642', for explanation of \$46,000 under 'Capital' and \$371,000 under "Other". Mr. Doll answered that the Auditor needs to be asked for this information. Mr. Neumeier then asked when the \$20 per month charge for the South Interceptor Sewer Project will be stopped. Mayor Stinebaugh will obtain this information.

Mayor's Report:

Nov. 05 Attended YMCA Groundbreaking Event
Nov. 07 Participated in 2019 Celebration Committee Meeting
Nov. 12 Combination Lands & Utilities Meeting at 808 W. Auglaize St.
Nov. 12 Participated in a Webinar with OMEA Board concerning Kilowatt Hour Tax
Nov. 12 Attended Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
Nov. 13 Participated in Sister Cities Meeting
Nov. 15 Met with James Hundley & John Stock on Townhouses on Stroh Property on Middle Pike
Nov. 15 Attended meet & greet at Armstrong Museum with potential new Director
Nov. 16 Participated in OMEA Board Conference call

Service Director report:

No report.

Law Director report:

Mr. Faller stated that he is reviewing the language of the proposed legislation regarding street opening fees.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Finance Committee will meet December 27th at 6pm at City Hall.

Tourism Commission will meet December 17th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Council then took photos with a scout troop who were earning a merit badge.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to enter into executive session at 8:24pm for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to exit executive session at 9:02pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adjourn at 9:02pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council

