

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on December 3, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, 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 6 visitors present. Bonnie Wurst arrived at 7:34pm.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 11-30-2018.

Mr. Neumeier noted that under 'Scheduling of Meetings' in the November 19th Council meeting minutes, the Finance Committee meeting scheduled should read: 'November 27th' rather than 'December 27th'. Clerk McDonald will correct this.

Mr. Neumeier also commented, under 'Unfinished Business' within same minutes, that there is no payment required for the new refuse truck for one year. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this is correct.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 Council Meeting as corrected. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald noted that a Public Hearing regarding Ord 2018-60 is scheduled for December 17th at 7:15pm at City Hall.

Guest Petitions-

Auditor Wilbur Wells addressed Council, asking if they had any questions for him about Ord 2018-61. Auditor Wells requested that Council pass said ordinance as an emergency, if possible.

Bonnie Wurst then arrived in Council Chambers.

Auditor Wells explained that there was an oversight on his part, with some revenue that was not initially shown in the budget.

Ms. Rachel Barber of 401 W. Auglaize Street provided Council with 'Save the Date' postcards for the 2019 First on the Moon anniversary, noting that the committee for same should have a calendar of events ready by January.

Ms. Barber also noted that she previously requested that a budget of \$2500 be allocated to the Waste Minimization Committee, but has not received a response yet. Ms. Barber added that the Waste Minimization Committee is looking to include a two-sided card within the January utility bills that educates citizens about curb-side recycling. Mr. Campbell suggested a magnet for this purpose. Ms. Barber noted that this idea would be more expensive. Mr. Doll stated that there should already be \$1000 under a line item in this year's budget for Waste Minimization Committee. Auditor Wells stated that these funds might have been moved and spent already.

Finance Committee – a meeting was held on 11-27-2018 and the following items were discussed:

Salaries for elected officials and Council Clerk

Clerk of Council now receives \$4800 per year. The proposal is to raise that to \$5200 in 2019. The position had received \$100/yr. raises 2012-15 to \$4000, then was increased to \$4800 in 2016.

Elected officials cannot change their salaries during their current term, so all proposals are for those who take office then in 2020.

The proposal is for President of Council and Council members' salaries to remain the same – Pres. - \$5700/yr., Council \$4500/yr.

Auditor and law director are at \$26,000/yr. in 2018; the proposal is to increase each of these to \$30,000/yr.

The treasurer is at \$9000 in 2018; proposed increase to \$9500/yr.

The Mayor's salary is \$12,000/yr. The job has changed including more economic development and other duties, so needs to be compensated more. The proposal is to increase the salary by \$3000/yr. for 4 years to reach \$24,000 by 2023.

Motion by Neumeier, 2nd by Doll to have legislation prepared for these salaries. Approved 3-0

Mr. Neumeier noted that the current salary for council members is \$5700, not \$4500. Mrs. Wurst will correct this in her minutes. Mr. Doll added that the current salary for Council President should read \$5800, not \$5700. Mrs. Wurst will correct this as well.

Mr. Dunlap then wanted further clarification on why it would take four years for the Mayor's position to reach top pay. Mrs. Wurst explained that the committee felt that an immediate large increase was not in the best interest of the budget for the City.

Mr. Neumeier then clarified that the Finance Committee is not asking for legislation to be prepared on the matter, rather, they are recommending that Council request legislation be prepared. Mrs. Wurst stated this will be done under 'New Business'. Mr. Neumeier added that committees ought to be making recommendations to Council in this fashion, rather than skipping this step and asking for legislation. Mrs. Wurst agreed to amend the Finance Committee minutes to reflect this. Mr. Neumeier agreed. Mr. Doll added that the goal of the committee is to have this matter voted on and in place prior to the next candidate petitions.

New Business –

Motion by Wurst, second by Doll to have legislation prepared to adopt the salaries as discussed here tonight. Mr. Metz commented that he does not feel that this is an appropriate time to consider these salaries due to all the things going on in the City at present. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Metz). Motion passed.

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

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-55. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.

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

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-57. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2018-58. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-61 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-61. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2018-61. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-62 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR THE CONSENT OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF A SR 198 A (DEFIANCE STREET) MILL AND FILL PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Stinebaugh explained that the City now has an opportunity to get this completed prior to the 2019 anniversary, but Council's approval must be returned as soon as possible to stay on schedule.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-62. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Law Director Faller advised the Clerk to omit the extra letter "A" within the title of Ord 2018-62.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-62. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-63 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND / OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Neumeier asked if this is just an extension of the same program. Service Director Gregg replied, yes.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-64 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1040.16 "INSTALLING AND CONNECTION BUILDING SEWERS; COST MAINTENANCE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mr. Campbell noted that the ordinance changes the word "City" with "Owner". Mr. Doll added that the matter used to be the owner's responsibility, the City then changed this, and now is changing it back.

Mayor's Report:

Nov. 19 Attended Department Head Meeting

Nov. 19 Met with Jackie, Executive Director of Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce

Nov. 19 Participated in a Press Conference in St. Mary's to discuss the Kilowatt Hr. Tax

Nov. 20 Met with Vinnie Gupta and Rick Johnson from In-Now to discuss a Pilot study at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Nov. 26 Attended the Rotary Luncheon at the Gardens

Nov. 26 Participated in the unveiling of the historic marker at the boyhood home of Neil Armstrong

Nov. 27 Met with Tate Anderson of Pratt

Nov. 27 Met with EPA to discuss issues with Pratt

Nov. 27 Had bid opening for Pratt Substation

Nov. 27 Attended Finance Committee Meeting

Nov. 28 Attended cost of service study results for new Water Plant with Umbaugh

Nov. 28 Attended the making of the Neil Armstrong statue at the Riverside Art Center

Nov. 29 Attended the Spallinger Ditch Project on Ramga Road

Nov. 29 Met with Chuck Back on Defiance St. to talk about solutions to flooding issues

Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the income tax receipts are right where they should be for the end of the year. Mr. Neumeier asked how long leaf pickup will continue. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, until leaf drop is complete. Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the removal of newly planted trees that was discussed at the last Council meeting. Mayor Stinebaugh advised the group planting the trees to remove any that were not wanted, and noted that Mrs. Wise was correct that a tree was planted on her property. Mr. Neumeier again asked how long the 'South Interceptor Sewer Charge' will be collected. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that the EPA is requiring that the City add another tank, unless the City wants to rebuild an entirely new facility. Mr. Neumeier asked for a breakdown of how many fees have been collected thus far. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to supply these figures.

Service Director report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked about the corroded utility pole at 914 Carnation. Mr. Gregg forwarded this matter on to Levi Cecil. Mr. Campbell noted that potholes are already occurring, especially on N. Water Street. Mr. Doll and Mrs. Wurst asked that street crews do maintenance on alleyways. Mr. Gregg stated that it has been too wet to complete proper grading. President Henderson asked for an update on the back yard flooding at 816 and 808 W. Auglaize Street. Mr. Campbell stated that additional elevation studies will be completed.

Law Director report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet December 11th at 3:30pm at City Hall.

The Tourism Commission's December 17th has been cancelled, new date to be determined.

Miscellaneous Business –

President Henderson advised that the changes to the 2019 Committee assignments are as follows: Mr. Doll will be the Chair of Finance Committee, Mrs. Wurst will be Chair of Streets & Alleys Committee, and Mr. Doll will take Mrs. Wurst's place on Communications Committee.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:06pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council