

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on March 18, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Also present were Law Director Dennis Faller, Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 6 visitors present. Chad Doll and Clerk Terry McDonald was absent.

A motion and a second was made to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Tourism Commission Meeting – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 03-18-2019.

Jim Kohler, a volunteer with the Roots and Shoots Garden Club requested \$1,000 for the Rudd Yocum corner near the five-way intersection where Defiance Street connects with Ohio 198 and 501. Council granted that request, less the amount of money in the Rudd Yocum account, so that the total appropriated for beautification of that corner did not exceed \$1,000.

Council also approved the second purchase of 100 banner brackets for the veteran's banner project now under way at a cost of approximately \$2,278. The sale of the banners has been positive, Lee reported, with some 170 sold. That number probably tops out the number of available street light poles on which they can be placed.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 03-11-2019 and the following was discussed:

Information sharing on Ordinance 2011-48R which establishes a city wide CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) and open discussion on new housing incentive ideas

The current CRA includes all incorporated portions of the city of Wapakoneta

The current CRA allows up to 100% tax abatement for 5 to 15 years on improvements depending on type, residential remodeling, residential new construction, commercial and industrial.

Only industrial applications have been applied for to date.

Discussed whether commercial, residential new construction and residential remodeling applications could help stimulate the current housing shortage.

Ordinance states that SSD is assigned to administer and implement said Ordinance. Mayor stated he had a concern with the potential amount of time for the SSD to administer.

City of St. Marys currently administer a CRA for residential applicants. Committee will be discussing detail of application process and time required with Mike Burkholder Tuesday March 19th at 4:00P

Terry will discuss Opportunity Zone and New Market Tax Credits with Greg Myers and report at next Lands and Buildings meeting.

Terry will also instruct Phil Downing to include possible incentives for downtown housing incentives in the proposal he will be sharing at the next Lands and Buildings meeting.

Guest Petitions –

President Henderson asked, on behalf of Mr. Jim Limbert, for permission to close a section of Park Street on May 19th from 1pm-5pm for the annual Eagles Family Picnic. Motion by Metz, second by Wurst to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Also on Monday, councilors gave their approval to a new 5K — A run for Hope, being held as a benefit for Hope Sensabaugh on May 11. The run will use the Monster Dash route. Amy Kentner, director for the Run to the Moon 10K and 5K runs associated with the Summer Moon Festival, updated council on the routes for this year's run. She's making plans to possibly change the 5K route if the participant numbers are up this year. Kentner said she capped that number at 2,000, which is a bit more than double the number of runners who typically participate, but believes the 50th anniversary may attract many more participants. Stinebaugh said he'd work with her to reroute the 5K if needed.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Dunlap mentioned that he received the report from Hospitality WiFi and that the quote was for \$64,284.98, which did not include the downtown due to logistical issues that make it next to impossible. Now that the City is aware of this, we are not currently going to pursue installing public WiFi at this time.

New Business -

A motion and a second was made to bring Res 2019-19 to the floor. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Councilperson Bonnie Wurst to read Ord 2019-14 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1044.06 ENTITLED “RATES AND CHARGES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

President Henderson asked Councilperson Bonnie Wurst to read Res 2019-16 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND PRATT PAPER LLC.

President Henderson asked Councilperson Bonnie Wurst to read Ord 2019-17 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARKING BANS AND RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND AMENDING SECTION 452.98 “SCHEDULES” AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SIGNS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME.

President Henderson asked Councilperson Bonnie Wurst to read Ord 2019-18 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 0.078 ACRES TO KENNETH E. KANTNER AND LINDA K. KANTNER. A motion and a second was made to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-18. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. A motion and a second was made to adopt Ord 2019-18, an ordinance that transfers 0.078 acres of city land at the south end of Pine Street to Kenneth and Linda Kantner. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Councilperson Bonnie Wurst to read Res 2019-19 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018 AUGLAIZE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

The Mayor gave the following report:

March 04 Participated in conference call & webinar concerning Phase 1 Hydro Project
March 04 Participated in Council Meeting
March 05 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting
March 05 Met with Chad Doll to finalize Wayfinding signs
March 06 Weekly teleconference call with Pratt
March 06 Met with A.RE. concerning Solar Project
March 06 Attended Economic Forecast sponsored by Minster State Bank
March 07 Met with John Knueve to discuss water issues and Solar Project
March 08 Attended annual "Lifted Up" Committee event
March 11 Met with County Commissioners concerning CDBG Block Grant Money
March 11 Participated in phone conference with Tate Anderson and Ed Kersey concerning Pratt
March 11 Participated in Lands & Buildings Meeting
March 13 Participated in weekly phone conference with Pratt
March 13 Participated in Monthly Board Meeting of WAEDC
March 14 Participated in 2019 Celebration Meeting for Security, Parking and Transportation
March 15 Met with Dave Dwyer concerning Solar Project
March 17 Helped at Armstrong Museum to prepare for next phase of Addition work

The Service Director gave the following report:
No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Finance & Utilities Joint Meeting – March 21st at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – March 25th at 7pm at City Hall.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:10p.m. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council