

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 20, 2019 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. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Fallor and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 29 visitors present.

President Henderson gave a reminder that those wishing to address City Council must first submit a 'Privilege of the Floor' form to the Council Clerk prior to the meeting. Additionally, visitors may not speak from their seat, but rather must take their turn at the podium, stating their name and address for the public record.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Finance Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 05-08-2019 and the following was discussed:

By conference call, Marc Kamer of Dinsmore Legal Counsel, provided an explanation of three upcoming ordinances regarding bond issues, refinancing, and consolidation for the city.

There are three main points:

- 1998 Sewer Bonds have been paid off. The monies that were being used to make those payments will now be rolled into an increased payment for the 2006 sewer bonds (approximately \$340,000 additional toward 2006)
- An issuance of new bonds not to exceed \$760,000 for lift station and other upgrades related to increased industrial usage.
- An issuance of new bonds to pay off the already existing 2006 sewer bonds with the purpose being that the new bonds will be at a much lower interest rate. These are to include the \$760,000 dollars previously mentioned to make one, unified bond issue. The expected interest rate decrease is to go down from approximately 4% to 2 ½%. The expected savings to the city of the term of the bond is approximately \$300,000. (\$50,000 per year for 6-7 years.)

Three ordinances will come before council to accomplish these objectives. One will be for the previously described upgrades, one for the refinancing of the previous bonds, and one to fuse the two together for bank and accounting purposes. The ordinances will be written in parameters language meaning that guidelines and limits are created to allow administration to search for better deals and then execute a deal, if it fits within the parameters, with no additional council action needed. If nothing can be found within the parameters, the city will continue under the existing program and make no changes. All is contingent upon council approving the ordinances to begin the process.

The new bonds will be in the form of general obligation bonds, differing from the previous program that used revenue bonds. Reserve funds would no longer be required and fund 649 will eventually be zeroed out.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an explanation of the difference between a general obligation bond versus a revenue bond. Mr. Doll explained that in revenue bonds there is a specific funding source, but in general obligation bonds any type of funds may be used.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Harry Phillips of 111 Schrock Road, Columbus, and Director of Marketing for American Municipal Power, presented John Doll with the AMP Scholarship for 2019.

Ms. Kathy Place of 18407 St. Rt. 197, and representing the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership, asked for Council's approval for a 'First on the Moon' sidewalk stenciling project throughout the community. Ms. Place explained the costs involved and submitted a sketch of the stencil that would be used for those property owners wishing to participate. Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Brandon Terrill of 906 Primrose Drive addressed Council regarding flooding issues at his property. Mr. Terrill submitted photos of the damage to Council for their review. Mr. Terrill stated that he is willing to pursue litigation against the City if necessary. Mr. Terrill accused Mayor Stinebaugh of selecting preferred contractors with 'back-alley handshakes'. Mayor Stinebaugh left the room at this time. Mr. Terrill continued, asking City Council and Administration what will be done about the 'flower streets' flooding issues and what the timeline would be. Mr. Terrill reiterated his continued frustration with the City's inaction on the problem. Mr. Campbell replied that the City's Safety Service Director changed hands prior to the implementation of the study performed by Choice One Engineering regarding this flooding issue. Mr. Campbell noted that he himself only learned of Choice One Engineering's study last week. Mayor Stinebaugh then returned to Council Chambers. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that not one item mentioned by Mr. Terrill was factual. Mayor Stinebaugh and Mr. Terrill then argued about the timing of materials being delivered to the site. President Henderson interrupted, stating that the matter is an administrative one, rather than legislative. Mayor Stinebaugh added that it was up to Mr. Terrill to have done his due diligence to research the property before he purchased his home, in order to learn of past flooding issues. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the City is not financially responsible for Mr. Terrill purchasing a bad property. President Henderson again interrupted, stating that no one could have anticipated the four inches of rain the City received 2 weeks ago, as well as the 6+ inches of rain the City received last Friday. Mr. Terrill replied that the City allowed underdevelopment to occur with regards to drainage, and allowed their preferred contractor's engineers to sign off on the work, rather than have the City's own engineer approve projects in order to provide checks and balances on the work. Mr. Campbell then interrupted, stating that the City cannot afford to do what is necessary to protect everyone from a 50 year storm, however, the City can and should look at the study completed by Choice One Engineering and investigate the four options of resolution given by them. Mr. Campbell continued, saying that the current recommendation being followed is for less than a 2-year storm event in the subdivision. Mr. Campbell stated that he feels the study offered by Choice One Engineering ought to be aggressively followed. Mr. Terrill asked why the City would spend over \$10,000 on a study, and still choose another route of action with a preferred contractor that costs less than \$50,000. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, saying that everyone attending Council chambers has flooding issues, and there is not enough money to resolve them all completely. Mr. Terrill responded, saying the City ought to be more responsible about spending. President Henderson stated that Schaub Excavating will try to begin the work as soon as possible, and the machinery is on-site.

Mr. Chad Scott of 1101 Timber Trail addressed Council about flooding issues at his property. Mr. Scott submitted a map of the area for Council's review, and noted the calculations involved in determining the appropriate tile and catch basins needed in said area. Mr. Scott also obtained estimates for the work of a new tile and materials, noting that the project would be approximately \$5000. Mr. Scott added that he would like to have some concrete work done to his property, but he would like the City to agree to remedy the flooding issue first. Mr. Scott stated that he has documentation to show that he has notified the City numerous times over the years, but the City has taken no action. Mr. Scott further explained that the developer of said area ran 2.5 acres of surface water into a tile meant for sump pump water. Mr. Scott then asked Mayor Stinebaugh if his proposed project will get done. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that he is ok with fixing everything, but it is up to Council to determine how to get the funding to do it. President Henderson then asked who has been in charge of the final inspection of new developments within the City. Mr. Campbell replied that the City has not had an on-staff engineer for years. Mr. Scott stated that it has been the developer's engineer who approves the plans for new developments in the City of Wapakoneta, and that he feels a secondary, independent engineer ought to review the plans to avoid these types of issues and to double-check all of the calculations. President Henderson put the matter to Administration.

Mr. John Sheipline of 808 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council regarding the drainage issues in the backyard of his property.

Mr. Campbell then cited the May 6, 2019 Council Meeting minutes, under the 'guest petitions' section when Mrs. Sheipline spoke to Council. Mr. Campbell stated that some of the other residents are confused about who will be paying for the engineering study that will determine what is needed to drain the West Auglaize Street backyards. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he did recall what was cited in said minutes, but that it was not what he meant. Then Mr. Sheipline described how the current tile runs from his property.

Mr. Campbell stated that the next step is for the engineering department to shoot grading in the area. Mr. Shepline then thanked members of Council & Administration for accepting his invite to his home to survey the area for themselves. Mr. Shepline asked for a timeline on a project to fix the drainage issues. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that the City must obtain permission from other property owners first, as the City does not have easements in some of the areas. Mr. Campbell stated that the project will happen this year. Mr. Doll asked Mayor Stinebaugh if action is needed from Council to proceed. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that the smaller projects could be paid for out of the storm sewer expansion fund.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the City was able to borrow the lidar equipment from the County. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no, not yet. Mr. Doll asked what the next step will be. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that this will be an in-house job with a backhoe.

Mr. Roy Gillespie of 816 W. Auglaize Street addressed Council regarding drainage issues in his backyard. Mr. Gillespie stated that his backyard has gotten lower over the past three years, and he is requesting fill dirt from the City to fix this. Mr. Dunlap visited the property, and verified that the water is standing and stagnant. Mr. Campbell reiterated that he wants to see the lidar report to ensure this has occurred or not.

New Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to bring Ord 2019-26, 2019-27 and 2019-28 to the floor. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-21 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1042.03 ENTITLED “SEWER SERVICE CHARGES” AND SECTION 1042.05 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE OF CHARGES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE MUNICIPAL WASTE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-22 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A CURB REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONTRACT USING TAX LEVY MONIES IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-24 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION, AND DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 001-0596350-305 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-24. Mr. Lee asked why the matter is an emergency. Service Director Gregg advised that the truck is being held on a lot, and the ordinance is needed now to proceed. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-24. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-25 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR AN ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT USING TAX LEVY MONIES IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-26 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN AN AGGRAGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600,000 TO REFUND PRIOR SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THOSE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-26. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2019-26. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-27 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN AN AGGRAGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$760,000 FOR UPGRADES TO AN EXISTING LIFT STATION INCLUDING NEW PUMPS, NEW CONTROLS, A NEW GENERATOR AND SITE RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THOSE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-27. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2019-27. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-28 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING TWO BOND ISSUES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-28. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2019-28. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

The Mayor's report:

May 06 Met Amy Kentner to review "Run to the Moon" Route

May 06 Met at Engineering to discuss Kantner Fueling Station

May 06 Participated in a "Behind the Meter" Electric Generation

May 06 Participated in a City Council Meeting

May 07 Participated in a Tree Commission Meeting & received 2018 Tree City Award from Stephanie Miller

May 07 Attended Transportation and Security Meeting for the 2019 Celebration

May 08 Participated in weekly conference call with Pratt

May 08 Met at Pratt Box Plant to discuss rail service for Pratt

May 08 Participated in Housing meeting to discuss possibility of bringing out- of-town builder in

May 08 Attended a going away party for Brittany Venturella at Armstrong Museum

May 11 Attended Bicycle Safety Day downtown

May 13 Met with possible Solar Provider

May 13 Met with landowner concerning Solar Project

May 14 Met with Andrew Longbarry from the State Treasures Office to discuss programs

May 14 Met with another Solar Provider

May 14 Attended Sister Cities meeting concerning 25th Anniversary and trip to Germany

May 15 Participated in weekly conference call with Pratt

May 15 Participated in 2019 Celebration meeting

May 16 Participated in OMEA Board Meeting

May 16 Attended 2019 Celebration fundraiser

May 17 Spent the day checking out Flooding issues.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the City has a plan in place for weed control. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes.

Mr. Neumeier asked if there is any update on the Hotel Koneta situation. Mayor Stinebaugh stated the process is ongoing.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:45pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council