

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 3, 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. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Service Director Chad Scott and Law Director Dennis Faller were also present. There were 7 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2017 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2017 Special Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Finance & Utilities joint Committee meeting** – a meeting was held on 12-19-2017 and the following was discussed:

1. Electric Rate Proposal – John Courtney explained the proposal for new electric rates.

Residential – MSC to increase \$4.00 each year for 3 years from \$2.50 to \$14.50 by 2020

Energy Charge to be \$.096 for all kWh's

General/Commercial – single phase MSC to increase \$5.00 each year for 3 years from \$10 to \$25

- double phase MSC to increase \$7.50 for 2 years, then \$5.00 for the third year from \$15 to \$35

- Demand Charge will increase to \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 by 2020

-Energy Charge will be \$.081 for all kWh's

Large users – MSC stays the same.

-Demand Charge increases to \$19 then \$20

-Reactive Charge kVar to be \$1.00

-Energy Charge to be \$.0390 per kWh

The city will need to borrow an estimated \$12-15 million to pay for a new 138 kV substation with AEP.

This will give redundancy in electric service to all users; we now are at capacity. New industries will pay a premium to help pay for this. The administration is investigating rebate and efficiency programs to help customers reduce costs. There are costs to the city for these programs.

The Utilities Committee, motion by Metz, 2nd by Wurst, voted 3-0 to have legislation prepared to reflect these proposals.

2. Refuse and Recycling

Metz explained to all the city rates. The monthly fee pays for the cost of vehicles, fuel, salaries and cost to transfer recyclables. The bag fee pays the landfill tipping fee and the county fee for the SWMD. The city does not profit from the sale of bags. In 2017 there is about \$20,000 surplus from the fees. However, there is a deficit as this will not replace the trucks and other equipment.

Same proposals include use of totes, single stream or dual stream with no glass recycling, and/or privatizing.

A new truck is about \$200,000 with a useful life of 5-7 yrs. We need 2. A dual stream truck is about \$250,000.

Other info – The income from bag fees in 2017 was \$300,000 but expenses were \$1.2 million.

- A 2% increase in fees to the transfer station is expected in 2018.

- The current trucks were purchased in 2007 and 2008 and need to be replaced. The commercial truck was purchased in 1994 and has also outlived its expected usage.

- Glass is problematic in the recycle stream as more mills want cleaner materials.

- In 2016 the city received \$32,000 for the recyclables which not even one employee's salary.

An informal tally of audience comments showed 8 speaking in favor of the city keeping the services, no totes, encouraging more recycling, and willingness to pay an increased monthly fee. One

person favored privatization with totes, not bags as bags are too expensive and don't hold enough, and recycling blows out of current bins.

Metz stated that an increase of \$4.00 or \$5.00 per month to pay for a new truck. Stinebaugh stated \$1.00 per month to do this. Both stated at this time there is no new truck in the 2018 budget.

Some questions – are the white bags biodegradable? (No was determined later.)

- Why didn't the city save for new trucks? (no answer)

- Can the commercial rate be increased?

Chad Doll, chair of the Communications Committee suggested that a survey be sent in a utility bill to get more residents responses.

It was noted that more groups are needed to work at the city recycling center even though the pay is not as good as in past years as the value of recyclables is less. City workers often have to cover the Saturday morning hours on overtime pay.

Mr. Neumeier noted that the fund does not generate enough income for the City to save for new recycling trucks.

Mr. Campbell asked why Council waited so long to increase the base electric rate. Mr. Metz replied that this question was posed to John Courtney, and it was determined that the matter was just not discussed.

Mr. Metz added that all other utility companies have been recently adjusting rates in the same direction. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the monthly service charge needs to be explained more thoroughly for the public. Mr. Doll agreed to put an explanation of same in the next Informer newsletter.

#### **Communications -**

With new councilmen Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap now on board, Clerk McDonald requested that City Council and Administration utilize full names in all referencing within minutes, as well as verbally, in order to avoid confusion. Clerk McDonald also gave a reminder that all Council meetings are audio-recorded.

Mr. Neumeier asked for clarification on the deadline for filing financial disclosure with the Ohio Ethics Commission. Clerk McDonald will check on this.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. Brandon Terrill of 906 Primrose Drive addressed Council about Ordinance 2017-46, and asked that Council fully support said update of Section 1248.05 regarding storm drainage systems. Mr. Terrill pointed out that passage of Ordinance 2017-46 will not aid the flooding problems within his neighborhood, but will help avoid future problems with flooding in any newly developed neighborhoods within the City. Mr. Terrill stated that he fears the Ordinance will be voted down, and noted that if the Ordinance did pass, developers such as Mr. David Schlenker will pass the increased costs to the home-buyer. Mr. Lee pointed out that a new home-buyer would ultimately get a better property due to the proposed storm drainage updates. Mr. Terrill replied that he feels the City should have taken care of the problems years ago. Mr. Terrill then asked how much the City has invested in storm drainage system studies for said Ordinance. Service Director Scott advised that Choice One Engineering was hired to examine the approximate 65 acres of watershed on the northeast portion of the 'Flower Streets' that flows to a retention pond. Mr. Scott stated that Choice One suggested four projects that will need to be done to correct this area, with an estimated cost of \$847,727. Mr. Scott added that \$10,000 has been spent for the new storm drainage study. Mr. Terrill stated that Council ought not make decisions on Ordinances such as this because of a developer's opinion. Mr. Terrill suggested that the developers pay for their own engineering study. Mr. Terrill then stated that he feels that developers have a lot of financial influence in a community such as Wapakoneta, and that he thinks that Council members are "getting their pockets lined" if they vote the Ordinance down. Mr. Lee, Mr. Neumeier and Mrs. Wurst expressed their offense to this statement, and noted that Council has not yet voted on the matter at hand. Mayor Stinebaugh pointed out that the flooding problems that have been occurring in Wapakoneta are in neighborhoods that were developed 50 years ago or more, when there were no storm drainage standards in place. Mr. Campbell added that the reason Ordinance 2017-46 is being proposed is to bring Wapakoneta up-to-date with state regulations as well as in line with surrounding communities.

Ms. Rita Daugherty of 3850 Legion Drive, St. Marys, addressed Council to ask for their permission to put up 'feather flags', an outdoor speaker, and other advertising items at the front of 124 W. Auglaize Street

for her business. Council and City Administration referred Ms. Daugherty to Mary Ruck at the Engineering Department. Ms. Daugherty stated that she already spoke to Mrs. Ruck, who referred her to City Council for permission. Mayor Stinebaugh offered to assist Ms. Daugherty with these questions.

**New Business -**

Motion by Doll, second by Wurst to appoint Russ Hunlock to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Matt Schmalenberger to the Board of Appeals, and Allison Venturella to the Waste Minimization Committee. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to nominate Terry McDonald as Clerk of Council for the current two-year term of Council. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to nominate Bonnie Wurst as President pro tempore for the current two-year term of Council. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Wurst). Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to nominate Bonnie Wurst to the CIC. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Wurst). Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Wurst to nominate Daniel E. Lee to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters Fund. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Lee). Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to nominate Daniel E. Lee to continue to serve on the Tourism Commission. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Lee). Motion passed.

Motion by Wurst, second by Campbell to nominate Chad Doll to the WAEDC Board. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Doll). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-46 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1248.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2017-46. Mrs. Wurst pointed out that the City does not have an engineer on staff to resolve any disputes regarding the set specifications or to provide interpretation of the details of said ordinance. Mayor Stinebaugh added that he feels there are details within said ordinance that will be detrimental to the development of the City of Wapakoneta in the future. Mr. Neumeier stated that he feels Ord 2017-46 should be tabled for Council to have more time to understand the details and ask questions of an independent source. Mr. Neumeier asked who wrote the language in Ord 2017-46. Service Director Scott replied, himself along with the help of Choice One Engineering. Mr. Campell, Mr. Neumeier and Mayor Stinebaugh agreed that a meeting with councilmembers, Choice One, members of the public, concerned developers and their own engineering firms ought to occur before a vote is made on said Ordinance. Mr. Metz and Mr. Lee then withdrew their motion and second to adopt Ord 2017-46. Motion by Neumeier, second by Metz to table Ordinance 2017-46. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Ordinance 2017-46 is now tabled.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-48 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS A. STINEBAUGH TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-49 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 1292.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING GARAGE SALES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-01 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY ENGINEER.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-02 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-03 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Mayor gave the following report:

- 12/18 Met with Pastor Dan Holbrook concerning ways his church may be able to assist the city.  
Participated in Planning Commission hearing on preliminary plat approval For "Rolling Acres Estates"  
Participated in Council meeting.
- 12/19 Participated in Dept. head meeting  
Participated in joint Utilities and Finance meeting concerning Refuse and Recycling
- 12/20 Met with a representative of WRI 12/27 Attended Public Meeting  
Participated in special Council meeting
- 12/29 Met with Tom Wehrhahn for newspaper article
- 01/02 Met with Greg Myers and Chad Scott concerning lawyers' bills

Mr. Neumeier asked why Buckland Fire Department is being called upon prior to Wapakoneta on structure fires within the City. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to discuss with the Fire Chief.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Scott asked for a Committee of the Whole meeting to be scheduled by Council.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Committee of the Whole will meet on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall regarding Ordinance 2017-46.

Utilities and Communications & Rules Committees will hold a joint meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous business –**

Mr. Neumeier asked if any of the private refuse haulers would be willing to do so with the bag system rather than totes. Mayor Stinebaugh and Service Director Scott answered, yes.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adjourn at 8:49pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council