

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 7, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Dennis Faller, Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 11 visitors present. Terry Campbell was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 12-31-2018.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Tourism Committee – a Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 01-07-2019, noting that two applications were received.

The 2019 Neil Armstrong Anniversary Committee submitted an application for marketing funds, as well as billboard expenses, totaling \$37,000. Mr. Neumeier noted that said committee recently denied requests for funding to install 'way-finding' signs in the City. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that the committee is seeking to scale back the billboard expenses by renting 5 of them for 6 months rather than 12 months.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve \$21,100 for the 2019 anniversary committee marketing campaign, and up-to \$16,000 for billboard rental for same. Mr. Neumeier asked if the Tourism Committee was unanimous in their proposal. Mr. Lee responded, yes. Mr. Doll asked for the approximate balance for the tourism funds. Mr. Lee responded, \$193,000. Mr. Doll noted that though this is a large funding request, the 2019 year is a once in a lifetime opportunity in Wapakoneta, and feels the request is appropriate. Vote - 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee advised that the Vietnam Veterans' Organization has requested funding for the materials needed to place veteran memorial banners throughout Wapakoneta. Mr. Dunlap asked for the timeframe that said banners will be hung up. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, unknown at this time. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that Council may reference same type of banners by driving through Minster or New Bremen. Motion by Lee, second by Metz to fund the 50 brackets needed to hang the banners, as well as the funding for an additional 50 brackets as needed, totaling \$2500. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Guest Petitions -

Ms. Carol Crisp of 1809 Cinnamon Drive, addressed Council to compliment the City of Wapakoneta and state that she will soon be moving out of town.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Doll reminded City Administration that legislation is still needed to enforce 'no parking' rules in certain areas of the City.

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

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2018-64. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-01 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 2019-02 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-03 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-04 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCIL CLERK.

Mr. Doll noted that he has reached out to surrounding communities to reference their salary numbers for similar positions.

Mayor's Report:

- Dec. 17 Participated in Department Head Meeting
- Dec. 17 Met with a prospective Engineer
- Dec. 17 Attended Public Hearing of City Council
- Dec. 17 Participated in City Council Meeting
- Dec. 18 Drove Streets to make a list for 2019 re-paving
- Dec. 19 Participated in Pratt Weekly Meeting
- Dec. 20 Attended hearing on Spallinger Ditch
- Dec. 21 Checked on sewer obstruction in Lincoln Park
- Dec. 23 Spent the night downtown at the Koneta Fire
- Dec. 27 Phone conference with Vorys concerning wastewater issues
- Dec. 28 Had discussion with the owner of the Kaneta Inn concerning safety Issues
- Jan. 02 Weekly phone conference with Pratt
- Jan. 04 Participated in phone conference with Vorys concerning wastewater Issues

Mayor Stinebaugh then read a Proclamation to recognize all those who assisted with the Koneta Inn fire situation on and after December 23, 2018.

Mr. Neumeier asked when the Christmas Tree pickup will occur. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that this effort is ongoing.

Mr. Neumeier asked why Dominion is digging on West Mechanic Street. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that said work is not through the City, but that they must have had contact with Mary Ruck in order to have the appropriate permits.

Mr. Neumeier brought up the alleyways that run alongside the library, noting that stop signs are needed at these intersections for safety. Law Director Faller advised that all intersections in alleyways must be treated as a four-way stop, whether there is signage or not.

Mr. Lee asked about leaf pickup. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that this week will likely be the last of it.

Service Director report:

No report.

Law Director report:

Mr. Faller met with Mary Ruck to make revisions to the 1024 Chapter, and advised Council to expect legislation on the matter.

Scheduling of Committee Meetings:

Tourism Commission: January 21, 2019 if there are applications.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 7:55pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council