

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 15, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Service Director Chad Scott and Law Director Dennis Faller were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Terry Campbell was absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Communications & Rules Committee meeting** – a meeting was held on 01-09-2018 and the following was discussed:

Approved the minutes of the Communications and Rules Committee of July 12, 2017 by votes of 2-0.

The two Committees extensively discussed items related to refuse/recycling fees and services. These items will be included in the February edition of the Informer News Letter. Also discussed, were the survey questions to accompany the newsletter.

Mr. Doll noted that the utility rate raises topic was not included in the Informer due to the refuse and recycling information taking up all the space on the newsletter.

Mr. Neumeier asked who is responsible for these mailings. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that they are outsourced, but that he would like to investigate bringing it back 'in house', by possibly having the new IT person complete it.

Mr. Metz added that the next Informer will have the rest of the income figures listed, as the fund is indeed a balanced fund.

**Guest Petitions –**

Mrs. Betsy Selover of 21499 State Route 720, addressed Council about 'The Rustic Barn Market' event, planned for May 11 & 12 at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. Mrs. Selover provided Council with a packet of materials detailing the event plans, and requested Council's support of a request of \$10,280.00 from the Lodging Tax Fund for said event.

Mr. Lee asked for specifics on how the event will give back to the community. Mrs. Selover stated that the event will bring many visitors to the city and will aid in local business sales.

Mr. Doll asked how the organizers will track the number of outside visitors that will attend the event. Mrs. Selover answered, through social media as well as sign-up sheets for drawings at the event.

Mr. Neumeier asked how much interest there has been on social media for the event. Mrs. Selover replied, 3000 followers. Mr. Neumeier asked whom will profit from the event itself. Mrs. Selover stated that the vendors pay a fee to set up their booth, and then collect their profits from items they sell. Mrs. Selover added that the event itself will profit from the vendor booth fees, but must first use this money to pay for entertainment, advertising, rentals, fencing, supplies, etc. Mr. Neumeier asked for the total budget amount for said event. Mrs. Selover stated that she will obtain these figures and supply them to the Tourism Commission.

Mr. Lee invited Mrs. Selover to present the request for funding at the next Tourism Commission meeting, planned for February 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Selover expressed concern about this, due to the event timeline. Mr. Lee then explained the process of applying for lodging tax dollars.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the event will occur with or without the Lodging Tax funding. Mrs. Selover replied, yes. Mr. Neumeier asked how many vendors are currently signed up. Mrs. Selover replied, 50.

Mr. Dunlap asked if any Wapakoneta business could be advertised within the event. Mrs. Selover replied, yes, by paying a sponsorship fee. Mr. Dunlap asked if the group will be requesting Lodging Tax dollars for the event every year. Mrs. Selover stated that the group hopes to become self-sustaining as vendor numbers increase. President Henderson advised Mrs. Selover to exchange contact information with the Tourism Commission in order to pursue an application for funding.

Mrs. Laura Schwartz of 808 Glynwood Road, requested Council's permission for road closures in order to hold a 'Women at Risk 5k' run on April 21, 2018. Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-48 for the third 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. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2017-48. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-49 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 1292.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING GARAGE SALES. Motion by Metz, second by Wurst to adopt Ord 2017-49. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-01 for the second 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 second 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 second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-04 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1286.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO TO SPECIFY A HEIGHT LIMIT ON BILLBOARD STRUCTURES AND A SIZE LIMIT ON BILLBOARDS ATTACHED TO THE STRUCTURE.

Mr. Neumeier asked if the measurements indicated are for the billboard and structure. Mr. Metz replied yes, that it is for both. Mrs. Wurst asked who determined these specifications. Mr. Doll stated that Dan Graf proposed them.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-05 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1046 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING ELECTRICITY RATES AND CHARGES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-06 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ONE 2018 BRAUN AMBULANCE CHIEF XL F-450 THRU PENN CARE, INC.

Mrs. Wurst asked if there is a bid process. Service Director Scott replied that there are state bids out there, but the City modified this. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that picking the lowest bid does not work well. Mr. Neumeier asked how the proposed ambulance compares price-wise with state bids. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he did not know. Mrs. Wurst asked if the proposed ambulance will fit inside the fire station. Mr. Scott replied, yes. Mrs. Wurst asked when it will arrive. Mr. Scott replied, around August. Mr. Neumeier asked for the dollar amount budgeted for this vehicle. Mr. Doll stated that this line fund has approximately \$240,000 in it. Mr. Scott reminded Council that a new cot for the ambulance, as well as a new police car will also come out of the 333 Fund.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Jan. 03 Participated in City Council Meeting

Jan. 04 Interviewed by Fox and WLIO for "What's happening in the City of Wapakoneta"

Jan. 05 Met with Dept. Heads concerning AIP storm water issues

Jan. 05 Met to discuss grant options available to use for Pratt Infrastructure projects

Jan. 09 Met with Dept. Heads and Reps from Pratt to talk about status of Improvements

Jan. 10 Met with a Rep. from Peters Woodworking to discuss new Formica in Office and Utilities Office

Jan. 10 Participated in monthly WAEDC Meeting

Jan. 11 Attended meeting with Tantalus Company to discuss options for Upgrading electric and water meters with new technology

Jan. 11 Had lunch with state Rep. Craig Reidel to discuss city issues and State issues

Mayor Stinebaugh stated the City purchased 25 tons of road salt from the City of St. Marys, as Wapakoneta is running very low on supply. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the salt will be mixed with grit in order to get through the winter.

Mr. Neumeier asked when the new IT person came on board. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, one week ago. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City would investigate the option of online bill paying for those citizens wishing to do so. Mayor Stinebaugh will investigate this.

Mr. Metz asked if the City is still getting a purchased amount of road salt from the County. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update regarding Buckland being paged prior to Wapakoneta for structure fires. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this a county-wide issue, and further explained the process of how 911 calls are transferred.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

#### 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.

Tourism Commission will meet on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm at City Hall.

#### **Miscellaneous business –**

Mr. Lee advised that the Tourism Commission received an application for lodging tax funding from the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum, requesting a grant of \$25,000.00 to assist them in a purchase for a life-size bronze statue of Neil Armstrong. Mr. Lee stated that the committee voted 3-0 to grant the application. Mr. Doll asked where the statue will be placed. Mr. Lee replied, outside of the museum. Mrs. Wurst asked what the statue will look like specifically. Mr. Lee stated that the Tourism Commission is requesting renderings be provided. Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Doll stated they wish to see the renderings prior to making a final decision.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:19pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council