

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 16, 2017 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Randy Fisher, Rachel Barber and Dan Graf. Law Director Dennis Faller, Service Director Chad Scott and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 9 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Tourism Commission – Mr. Lee summarized the meeting held on 01-16-2017, stating that the commission re-examined the application for funding of new chairs at the swimming pool, per the request of City Council. Mr. Lee stated that there is no other available funding from the City for said chairs, and without granting the request through the Tourism Commission the chairs cannot be ordered. Mr. Lee added that the Tourism Commission feels that the lodging tax monies should not be used for maintenance of the swimming pool or other City parks, and that the City ought to budget for items such as this. Mr. Neumeier stated that pool maintenance projects are budgeted and paid for by the City, and that the new chairs are not a maintenance item.

Motion by Lee, second by Neumeier to grant in full the request by the swimming pool for new chairs. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee then stated that the commission feels that Council members ought to attend the Tourism Commission meetings if they want to see the applications for lodging tax funding. Mr. Fisher clarified that Council need not see all applications, but should be provided a copy of those that they are being asked to vote on. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the purpose of the Tourism Commission is to review said documents and present their findings to Council for approval. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that if Council desires to review all documents, the commission should be eliminated and the matters put back into the hands of Council. President Henderson and Law Director Faller suggested that Mr. Lee provide a summary of the Tourism Commission meetings and supportive documents to Clerk Terry McDonald for inclusion within Council packets for review.

Guest Petitions -

Ms. Laura Schwartz of 808 Glynwood Rd. requested Council's permission to hold a Women at Risk 5k run on April 29, 2017 at 9:00am. Ms. Schwartz provided Council with a copy of the race route, which will start and finish at Harvest Baptist Church.

Motion by Fisher, second by Lee to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-01 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1046.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING THE ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Neumeier asked for further information about Ord 2017-01. Service Director Scott advised that John Courtney had been doing a rate study for the City. Mr. Scott added that the residential rate fluctuates based on resources, and the Golden Fresh Farms rate should not fluctuate. Ms. Barber asked why the ordinance needed emergency language. Mr. Scott answered that this matter must be addressed before the first bill arrives to Golden Fresh Farms. Mr. Doll asked why a change was made to paragraph B, removing the phrase "as furnished by AEP and AMP." Mr. Scott replied that he is aware of the change and is fine with it.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-02 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 2017-03 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.

Mr. Graf pointed out that during the exit conference with the State Auditor, it was suggested that the Council should authorize the Mayor to negotiate contracts and submit them to Council for final approval. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that he has no issue with doing it this way. Law Director Faller added that the City is not bound until Council approves.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Jan. 03, 2017 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting
Jan. 03, 2017 Attended City Council Meeting
Jan. 04, 2017 Participated in Riverscape Project Planning Meeting
Jan. 04, 2017 Participated in WAEDC Monthly Meeting
Jan. 05, 2017 Did a guest spot on WLIO Television
Jan. 06, 2017 Attended the Jobs Ohio Site Certification Meeting
Jan. 12, 2017 Attended the bid opening for Buchanan Street
Jan. 12, 2017 Participated in a "Code Enforcement" Meeting

Mayor Stinebaugh added that the Great Race event organizers would like to make the City of Wapakoneta one of their lunch stops on June 28th. Mayor Stinebaugh requested Council's permission to close Auglaize Street between the railroad tracks and Blackhoof Street on June 28th for said event. Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Barber asked about the January 12th "Code Enforcement" meeting. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this was a preliminary meeting to discuss redefining the position. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the lodging tax totals currently stand at \$86,097. Mr. Neumeier asked about the Buchanan Street bids. Service Director Scott advised that Mary Ruck is investigating a possible bid that was submitted at \$119,000 below estimate.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Scott asked Council for a final decision on Ordinance 2017-02 and Ordinance 2017-03. Mr. Doll pointed out that the items of discussion are already part of the approved budget. Mr. Fisher added that if administration goes over-budget, Council will then need to approve a supplemental ordinance. Ms. Barber asked if Dominion Gas will be assisting with shade structures. Mr. Scott stated that this question will be posed to Dominion Gas.

The Law Director gave the following report:
No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet at City Hall on February 20th at 6:15pm.
Lands & Buildings Committee will meet at City Hall on January 31st at 3:30pm.
Streets & Alleys Committee will meet at City Hall on February 7th at 3:30pm.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Lee stated that citizens residing in his ward have not expressed opposition to the additional ½ percent income tax. Ms. Barber asked how a committee will be formed. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that City Administration will handle this.

Mr. Graf suggested that upon hearing a citizen state that Council does not follow through with their stated objectives, Council ought to ask for specifics to understand what matters are being referred to by the citizen.

Motion by Fisher, second by Doll to adjourn at 8:18pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council

