

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 4, 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 and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 7 visitors present. Law Director Dennis Faller was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 01-31-2019.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Mr. Neumeier asked for clarification in the paragraph under Ord 2019-03, in which Mr. Doll revised his motion. Mr. Neumeier noted that said statement within the revised motion was "For Law Director (Section Four): Change proposed salary from \$30,000 to \$40,000", and that those figures do not match the Ordinance wording itself. Mr. Doll and Clerk McDonald noted the verbiage within said revised motion was "proposed" and not "existing" salary. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Communications -

Auditor Wilbur Wells addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2019-09, stating that said ordinance is required due to his balancing to the bank. Mr. Neumeier asked if the refinancing to the sewer debt is involved. Mr. Wells advised that said refinancing is still in the works, and should be finalized by April or May 2019.

Clerk McDonald noted a Public Hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2019 at 7:15pm at City Hall regarding Ord 2019-08, John Street vacation.

Clerk McDonald advised that all elected officials must file their financial disclosures with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2019.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Anthony Brookhart of 301 Willipie Street provided Council with a presentation about Alzheimer's Disease, and requested their permission to utilize the downtown Parkway, parking area behind town, and partial closure of Auglaize Street to hold the annual "Longest Day" event on June 21, 2019. Motion by Metz, second by Neumeier to approve the request. Mrs. Wurst asked for proof of insurance to be supplied. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ms. Laura Schwartz of 808 Glynwood Road, requested Council's permission for partial road closures to hold the annual Acacia of Hope WAR 5k on April 27, 2019. Ms. Schwartz provided Council with a race route map. Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the alley signage near the library. Service Director Gregg advised that a mirror will be placed here for safety. Mrs. Wurst asked if the lean-to in this area is encroaching on property lines. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he would rather not force removal of this building. President Henderson asked for an update on the 15 minute parking signs in front of the Post Office. Mr. Gregg answered that he is working on this matter.

New Business -

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Ord 2019-11 to the floor. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Mr. Neumeier asked that Council be provided with proposed legislation sooner than the start of a Council meeting. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that City Administration only learned of the matter at 4pm that day, but can allow time in the meeting for councilpersons to review the language.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-01 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY 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.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-01. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-02. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2019-03R. Vote – 3 yeas, 4 nays (Wurst, Neumeier, Metz & Campbell). Motion did not pass.

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

Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2019-04R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-05 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1024, ENTITLED “EXCAVATIONS”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-08 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE UNIMPROVED PORTION OF JOHN STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-09 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-09. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2019-09. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-10 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA CREDIT CARD POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-10. Mrs. Wurst and Mr. Neumeier asked why the ordinance is an emergency. Service Director Gregg answered that the State Legislature is requiring that this be done by February 1, 2019, and the City is late in doing so. Mrs. Wurst asked if purchase orders have been enforced. Mr. Gregg replied, yes. Mr. Gregg added that the credit card purchases are paid before any interest is due. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-10. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-11 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDING AND ORDERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Res 2019-11. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City will be able to handle the charges per incident. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that he won't know until the new water treatment plant is on-line. Service Director Gregg stated that the EPA will work with Wapakoneta on the matter. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that there will be limits placed on industries and they will have to contribute to any fines. Mr. Neumeier asked if the greenhouse's water issues are being considered here. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that those water issues are a separate matter altogether, as the greenhouse owners overlooked data about the sodium levels within Wapakoneta's water supply. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2019-11. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Jan. 21 Participated in Lodging Tax Meeting
Jan. 21 Participated in City Council Meeting
Jan. 22 Met with County Commissioners on Sherwood Forest sewer project
Jan. 22 Met with Commissioners to discuss Economic Development
Jan. 23 Participated in weekly discussion with Pratt concerning wastewater issues
Jan. 24 Participated in Armstrong Museum Board Meeting
Jan. 24 Participated in conference call with Kristin Watt from Vorys concerning Pratt issues
Jan. 25 Met with John Bergman to discuss assessments to the city on storm tile replacement
Jan. 25 Participated in a photo op with Denver Davis for Sertoma Chili Day
Jan. 25 Participated in phone conference with Kristin Watt to prepare for phone conference with EPA
Jan. 25 Participated in phone conference with EPA to discuss wastewater issues
Jan. 27 Met with John Doll at City Hall to allow him to take AMP scholarship test
Jan. 29 Met with Wes Famo & Courtney Logan from Blue Line Solutions to answer questions
Jan. 29 Participated in conference call with Pratt
Jan. 29 Attended Alzheimer's event at City Hall
Jan. 30 Participated in weekly conference call with Pratt
Feb. 01 Participated in Armstrong Museum Membership Committee Meeting
Feb. 01 Met with Terry Campbell to discuss city issues
Feb. 01 Participated in telephone call with Tate Anderson from Pratt on wastewater issues
Feb. 01 Participated in conference call with Tate Anderson and Ed Kearsy concerning water and Wastewater issues

Mayor Stinebaugh requested that a Streets & Alleys Committee meeting be scheduled. Mayor Stinebaugh gave an update on the possibility of re-naming of a portion of Bellefontaine Street as "First on the Moon Way". Mayor Stinebaugh will get legislation prepared on this matter.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the Hotel Koneta fire progress. Mayor Stinebaugh advised that the building owner has not settled with his insurance company yet.

Mr. Doll noted a citizen complaint regarding a semi-truck parking along the street side in their neighborhood, and asked that a warning be issued to said semi-truck owner.

Mr. Campbell stated that he would like a copy of the FEMA map showing the floodplain. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to obtain a copy.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the S. Pine Street property transfer. Service Director Gregg advised that the paperwork is with Law Director Faller.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on February 18th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on February 13th at 4pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will meet on February 12th at 4pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Neumeier asked for a list of the roadwork that was completed in 2018 using the ½ % income tax. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to get this information.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:10pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council

