

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 19, 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. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Faller and Safety Service Director Chad Scott. There were 20 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from January 18, 2018 as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Tourism Commission – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 02-19-2018, stating that two applications for funding were considered, with no action taken.

Lands & Buildings Committee – a meeting was held on 02-12-2018 and the following was discussed: Mrs. Ruck explained the scope of the Riverscape Project to the committee. She explained the proposed project start date of August 2019 may add to the construction cost due to the limited time available before winter. Bids for this project must go out by February of 2019 per state requirements. Mrs. Ruck stated that any additional cost due to the project extending into 2020 would be incurred by the city. Mrs. Ruck suggested the city entertain allowing construction to begin earlier than the current August timeframe. Ms. Barber and Carlin both expressed concerns with an early start date due to potential disruption to this year's Moon City Festival and the 50th Anniversary of Neil Armstrong moon landing. The committee agreed to retain the original start date of August 2019, which would occur after the festivities have completed.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald provided Council with a letter from Mr. Stanley Arnold of 510 Murray Street requesting permission to name the alley between Blackhoof Street and Murray Street as 'Dlonra Street'.

Clerk McDonald provided Council with a letter from Stroh Village Apartments stating their plan to submit an application to Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the creation of a 46 unit housing community. Mr. Neumeier asked if said application was in competition with the Sunset Development letter read at last council meeting. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes, adding that there is a limited amount of money awarded within the OHFA program.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Bill Jacobs of 1419 Gettysburg Drive addressed Council regarding his concerns about a potential low-income housing development near the Lincoln Park Community. Mr. Jacobs supplied Council with a handout of materials regarding same, including opposition letters from residents Mr. Bob & Kathy Gearing, Mr. Tony Hefner, Mr. Matthew Ricker and Mr. Gary Holthaus. Mr. Jacobs stated many concerns, most importantly for the drainage and flooding issues that may result from further development.

Mr. Matt Ricker of 1414 Gettysburg Drive also addressed Council regarding his concerns about constructing low-income housing near the Lincoln Park Community. Mr. Ricker stated that his family used to live near a similar type of low-income housing in Cridersville and made a decision to move to Wapakoneta to get away from the problems it caused. Mr. Ricker warned Council that allowing the housing to be developed will guarantee law-enforcement issues in said area.

Mayor Stinebaugh advised that there may not be any legal recourse for the City to stop the development. Mayor Stinebaugh and President Henderson advised Council to write a letter expressing their support or opposition to the development proposal. Mr. Campbell explained to the citizens in attendance that Council must first understand what legally can be done about the matter, and cannot just decide or act based on opinion alone.

Mr. Wally Grimm of Springfield Avenue also expressed his opposition to the low-income housing proposal. Mr. Grimm explained that he used to be a landlord of several properties in Van Wert, but low-income housing eventually surrounded his properties, which resulted in his selling of same and his relocation to Wapakoneta. Mr. Grimm also guaranteed law-enforcement issues for Wapakoneta if they allow the low-income housing to be built.

President Henderson noted that the original plan for the area in question was for it to be park land. Mr. Neumeier asked for the zoning designation for said property. Service Director Scott answered, B-2. Mr. Neumeier asked if housing developments are acceptable within a B-2. Mr. Scott answered, yes. President Henderson then asked for a letter of opposition to the housing development to be drawn up for councilpersons to sign if they choose.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-04 for the third 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.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-04. Mr. Neumeier then noted the recent request made to the Zoning Appeals for a billboard on the side of a building. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this may be defined as a 'sign'. Mr. Doll stated that the law does define the difference between a 'sign' and a 'billboard'. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2018-05. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-06 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2018-06. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-07 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-10 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Neumeier then asked for an explanation of why this and the following 3 ordinances are emergencies. Service Director Scott stated that all four ordinances will be reimbursements for the cost of the roadway, per Mary Ruck of the engineering department. Mr. Scott stated that the City would need to purchase the 5 acre property, however. Mrs. Wurst stated her concern regarding the term "agreement" within the title of the ordinance. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that the City has already applied for the grants and now must fill out the paperwork to finalize them. Mrs. Wurst stated that the figures given seem to imply that the City must come up with \$600,000 for the road project. Mayor Stinebaugh and Mr. Scott clarified that the subsequent ordinances will ensure payment for this and that all four of said ordinances are reimbursements. Mrs. Wurst asked if Pratt needs said roadway in order to build. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-10. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-10. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-11 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-11. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2018-11. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-12 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH JOBS OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-12. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2018-12. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-13 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-13. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-13. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-14 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to bring Ordinance 2018-15 to the floor. Mr. Lee asked Law Director Faller for further explanation of said ordinance. Mr. Faller explained that due to litigation and stated deadlines to act, this ordinance is necessary at the moment, but will likely get amended later. Mrs. Wurst asked if Ord 2018-15 will affect tax filings for 2017. Mr. Faller answered, yes, it potentially could. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-15 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY INCOME TAX CODE TO ENACT SECTIONS 891.22 THROUGH 891.37 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES SO AS TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2018-15. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2018-15. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Feb. 05 Met with Dept. Heads and Cheryl Green from Hull & Associates concerning wastewater

Feb. 05 Attended pt Waste Minimization Meeting Feb. 05 Participated in Council Meeting

Feb. 05 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting

Feb. 06 Met with Chief Schneider and Dispatcher Sawmiller concerning Dispatch concerns

Feb. 07 Met with NW Ohio EPA concerning Water and Wastewater issues

Feb. 12 Participated in Lands & Buildings Meeting

Feb. 12 Met with WAEDC to discuss and review CRA agreement for "Midwest Specialties"

Feb. 13 Participated in meeting to discuss Wastewater and Water issues

Feb. 13 Attended the DWP annual dinner and awards

Feb. 15 Met with City Employees concerning maintenance work

Feb. 16 Met with a Representative from Sen. Rob Portman's office concerning area concerns

Feb. 16 Met Mary Taylor and Nathan Estruth to discuss state issues and Opioid addiction, also toured an AIP warehouse

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Scott provided Council with a copy of the City's snow removal guideline and asked for their review of same.

The Law Director gave the following report:

'Billboards' are defined with the zoning ordinance under Section 1250.10, and further stated that the Planning Commission must make a decision on the variance requests.

Mr. Doll asked City Administration to explain the general project of Choice One Engineering listed as Item #1 on the provided Planning Commission notice. Mayor Stinebaugh and Service Director Scott stated that they did not have this information yet.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to enter into executive session at 8:50pm to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, and inviting City Administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to come out of executive session at 9:11pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked the Communications & Rules Committee to draft the letter of response regarding the low-income housing proposal, and each councilperson can decide whether to sign it or not.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on March 19th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on February 28th at 4:00pm at City Hall.

Communications & Rules Committee will meet on February 22nd at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Joint Utilities and Lands & Buildings meeting will meet on March 6th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 9:23pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council