

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on March 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 12 visitors present.

Clerk McDonald noted a correction to the March 5th Council meeting minutes: under 'Scheduling of Committee Meetings', dates should read March 19th and March 12th.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting as corrected. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Tourism Commission – Daniel E. Lee summarized the meeting held on 03-19-2018 and the following was discussed:

Two applications for funding were received by the committee. Riverside Art Center is co-hosting a non-profit artwork event with Airstream for May 16th through June 2nd at the Airstream facility, and they are requesting \$1200 of advertising funding for said event.

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

The Auglaize County Agricultural Society submitted a request for \$5000 to fund a Monster Truck event at the upcoming county fair. Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve \$2500 of funding for said request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the status of the tourism funds. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, approximately \$150,000. Mr. Neumeier suggested possibly investing these funds to generate further income.

Joint Utilities and Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 03-06-2018 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of the meeting was to address the refuse and recycling department funding and review the survey spreadsheet.

1. Discussed briefly the single and dual stream recycling collection system. Curb side sorting is not the common practice as it has been in the past.
2. Rumpke and Miami County do single stream and automated sorting. Safety Service
3. Director, Scott will set up a tour through one of their facilities. The date to be established.
4. We reviewed the survey results with 747 total surveys turned in. 261 in favor of rolling totes and 325 in favor of the current system-no rolling totes. There were 5,000 total surveys sent out. 4,400 of them have city refuse service. The committee will continue to study the surveys and another meeting will be scheduled.
5. The city received from the county \$30,000 in recycle materials. This does not include the money that was paid to the groups that worked on Saturday. The city's overtime expense last year was \$15,000 in the department.
6. We have 25 cardboard only pickups. Administration is questioning how profitable these stops are. Safety Service Director, Scott feels that it would be better to turn over to the County. The committee reviewed Chapter 1060, which establishes refuse and recycling rate structure. We discovered that the city is not charging \$25.00 per stop for cardboard pickup. Safety Service Scott will have information from utility department as to why these fees are not being collected and that they are all in town collections. These fees will make the department more stable in the future.
7. Committee requested Safety Service Director, Scott and the Mayor to do a complete review of Chapter 1060 and see where our rate structure and rental fees would need to be changed and that we are in compliance with the current rate structure. The rate structure for the bags is to cover the cost of the bag and the tipping fees (disposal) associated with the volume deposited at the land fill. Currently, we are covering our costs for this portion of the refuse. There is, however, an increase scheduled from Waste Management. We need to cover our cost of operating this department both personnel and equipment.

8. Safety Service Director, Scott said that the county could do the Saturday recycle center operations. This would eliminate our overtime with groups not showing up in doing so we need to confirm that the same materials will be collected. The groups would still be working (maybe St. Marys) but it would be done for the county. Safety Service Director, Scott needs to confirm this with the county. Mr. Cisco will be invited to our next meeting. He is the County Recycling Coordinator.
9. Safety Service Director, Scott is to obtain prices for different types of bags such as draw strings or flaps. The survey reported twist ties to draw string request was 185 and twist ties to flaps 122. He will also get prices for recycle bins with lids as the survey shows 156.
10. Mayor Stinebaugh requested the committees look at establishing an ordinance that would establish rules for the property owners to clean their property's that are found to be not in compliance with the ordinance and establishing a fee and fine a schedule to bring these properties into compliance. Property owner would receive notice of noncompliance and have a set time to comply if they do not then the city will clean it up and the property owner would be billed.
11. Rod Metz received questions concerning the clean-up of the house that had a fire on Mechanic Street. Mayor informed the committees that it is currently scheduled to either be repaired or raised.

Service Director Scott advised that the company that supplies the City's trash bags does not have a flap or drawstring bag available. Mr. Scott also advised that the required \$25.00 fee stated in Chapter 1060 for cardboard only pickup has not been collected in several years. Mrs. Wurst asked if the matter of fees have been communicated to business-owners with cardboard only pickup. Mr. Scott replied that he has not done so, due to the fact that the city may soon decide to do-away with providing this service. Mayor Stinebaugh added that County Recycling Coordinator Scott Cisco is willing to provide the city with a 24 hour / 7 day a week recycle drop off site with dumpsters for each type of item. The county would then service the containers, eliminating the need for the city's Saturday recycle drop-off center where paid employees are utilized. Mayor Stinebaugh and Mr. Scott added that volunteer groups have not been signing up to help with the Saturday drop-off at the recycle center, and that some do not show up at all, causing City employees to collect overtime pay during these shifts. Mr. Neumeier then stated that he felt the recent survey about refuse and recycling was one-sided, and that the original question at hand was to decide if said services should stay within the City or be outsourced to a private company. Mr. Neumeier stated that the survey made it seem pre-determined that these services would continue to be provided by the City. Mr. Doll and Mr. Campbell indicated that the question of whether the City should continue to provide refuse and recycling services versus a private company doing so is still to be decided, as cost analysis is needed to determine this. Mayor Stinebaugh pointed out that the survey provided did not indicate whom the citizens would prefer to have do this service, instead it only asked about trash bags versus rolling tote cans. Mr. Neumeier again asked if the decision has already been made to keep the service "in-house", no matter the costs needed to do so. Mr. Metz answered that no decisions have been made regarding keeping the service within the City or contracting the service out. Mrs. Wurst stated that citizens had expressed much more concern about the required trash bags rather than whom provided the services, which is the reason the survey addressed the trash bag issue specifically. Service Director Scott asked Mr. Neumeier if an additional survey is needed. Mr. Neumeier replied, no, but that he is being asked by citizens if the services will indeed remain 'in-house' or if they will be contracted out. Mr. Metz again stated that no decision has been made regarding this, and that Council needs to learn the costs for both options. Mr. Neumeier noted that the City has made no effort to obtain formal quotes from outside contractors in order to learn the costs in outsourcing the services. Mr. Metz pointed out that it is difficult to obtain a quote without first making a decision about staying with the trash bag system versus the rolling totes. Mr. Neumeier added that a very low percentage of the surveys sent out were actually returned. Mr. Doll responded by saying that the percentage of surveys returned is similar to the percentage of voter turn-out. Service Director Scott stated that several contractors are willing to provide quotes for these services, but that City Administration has not yet received direction from Council to proceed with obtaining quotes. Mr. Campbell added that financially speaking, the City needs to explore all available options for recycling and refuse services and provide the information of said costs to the citizens. Mayor Stinebaugh and Service Director Scott estimated that the costs for an average household will likely be between

\$16.00 and \$22.00. Mr. Neumeier replied that this information is just a guess without an official quote. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he can provide Council with a good estimate of what the costs will be should the services stay in-house, noting that all options will be more expensive. Service Director Scott pointed out that three of the refuse and recycling trucks would need to be replaced, as they are 1995, 2008, and 2009 models. Mr. Neumeier asked if the citizens did prefer the rolling totes over the trash bags, would the cost of the truck needed be more expensive. Mr. Metz replied, not necessarily. Mr. Metz stated that he is concerned about the services provided to area businesses. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that if the City contracts the services out to a private company, the company will handle all commercial, industrial and residential customers. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that City Administration is willing to put the matter out to bid to determine the costs of utilizing an outside contractor for refuse and recycling services. Motion by Lee, second by Campbell for City Administration to seek out non-binding bids for recycling and refuses services for the City of Wapakoneta. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Wurst). Motion passed.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Division of Liquor Control, noting that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages within the political subdivision will expire on June 1, 2018. Should Council object to any permit renewals, they must make a request for a hearing in writing.

Guest Petitions -

Ms. Melissa Carlin of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce requested Council's permission to hold the 'Party in the Parkway' summer concert series in the downtown again this year. Motion by Metz, second by Lee to approve the request. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City owns the parkway area downtown. Service Director Scott answered, yes. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Attorney Alan Smith of Cory, Meredith, Witter & Smith L.P.A. addressed Council regarding the opioid litigation now pending in the Northern District of Ohio Federal Court. Mr. Smith explained that the pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesalers and suppliers of opioids have been sued by several governmental entities, counties, cities and states, alleging that said suppliers and manufacturers originally and fraudulently indicated to medical professionals that these drugs were safe to prescribe and were not addictive. Mr. Smith and his firm offered to represent the City of Wapakoneta in the pending national opioid litigation.

Mr. Metz asked what the City's liability would be should they choose to participate. Mr. Smith replied, none. Mr. Smith added that the contingent fee will be 25% of whatever amount the City recovers at the outcome of the case. Mr. Smith encouraged City Council and Administration to research the City's specific losses related to opioid addiction and strongly consider filing a claim. Mr. Lee asked that a proposal from Mr. Smith's law firm be sent to Law Director Faller for his review.

Mr. Tom Wehrhahn of 1805 Winston Drive, St. Marys, addressed Council regarding an idea for a state scenic byway in Wapakoneta, with Neil Armstrong as a focus. Mr. Wehrhahn provided Council with a list of steps needed to participate in the Ohio Scenic Byway Program. President Henderson put the matter in the hands of the Streets & Alleys Committee for review, and Mr. Doll invited Mr. Wehrhahn to their next committee meeting to propose his idea.

Ms. Elaine Herrick of the Ohio Secretary of State's office presented a commendation to the City of Wapakoneta in recognition of Site Selection Magazine's naming of Wapakoneta as #41 in the top micropolitans in the nation for 2017.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Doll asked for an update on tabled Ordinance 2017-46. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he will have this updated by the next council meeting.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-14 for the third 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 to adopt Ord 2018-14. Motion by Wurst, second by Lee to table Ord 2018-14. Mr. Metz then withdrew his motion. Vote to table Ordinance 2018-14 – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Point of procedure: Mr. Neumeier asked if Ord 2018-14 has indeed been read three times. Clerk McDonald replied, yes. Mr. Neumeier asked that once Ord 2018-14 is untabled, if it must be read again. Clerk McDonald stated no, that Council will first need to untable it, and then make a motion to vote on the adoption.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-16 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-17 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GLYNWOOD ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-18 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR DEFIANCE STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-19 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE SECTION OF LOGAN STREET THAT IS SOUTH OF JEFFERSON STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Clerk McDonald reminded Council that there is a public hearing scheduled for April 16th at 7:00pm at City Hall regarding this ordinance. Mr. Neumeier asked if the attached map is an updated one since the last vacation in said area. Service Director Scott answered, yes.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-20 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND/OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE, STATE OF OHIO, REQUIRING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSTRUCT AND/OR REPAIR THE SAME.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-21 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A GRIND AND PAVE CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Mr. Doll asked if this ordinance reflects projects from the tax levy. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes. Mr. Neumeier asked if the bids come in low, would additional projects be added. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes.

Ms. Linda Knerr of 312 E. Mechanic Street then asked which streets the city is planning to complete this year. Mr. Neumeier read Section One of said Ordinance: ‘...improvements to West Auglaize Street (Pearl Street to Corporation Limits), South Blackhoof Street (Pearl Street to Corporation Limits), Phillips (all), Park Drive (Wood Street to Phillips Drive), Logan Street (Pearl Street to Vine Street), Court Street (Benton Street to South Street) and Eastown (all).’

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-22 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR UTILITIES EXTENSION, NEW ROADWAY AND SOUTHBOUND TURN LANE WITHIN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the city did commit to the waterline, sewer line, and electric extensions. Mr. Neumeier asked if the turn lane and roadway are covered by the grants. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-23 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO APPOINT THE ENGINEERING

SUPERINTENDENT TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 13 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE; APPOINTING CRAIG MOELLER, CITY OF ST. MARYS, OHIO, TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked for an explanation of this resolution. Service Director Scott advised that County Engineer Doug Rinehart needs this completed by the end of March.

Mr. Neumeier asked why the representative needs changed. Mr. Scott replied that the current representative will soon be retiring.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Res 2018-23. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adopt Res 2018-23. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-24 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY ENGINEER.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Mar. 06 Participated in Policy Committee Meeting for Auglaize County Solid Waste

Mar. 07 Held follow up meeting to our meeting with EPA

Mar. 07 Participated in WAEDC monthly meeting

Mar. 08 Met with Choice One to review preliminary plans for 25A Leon Pratt Dr. Etc.

Mar. 09 Attended State Rep. Craig Reidele local meeting

Mar. 12 Assisted tree trimming crew with clean up

Mar. 13 Met with the Commissioners concerning Solid Waste Fees

Mar. 14 Met with Wintzers concerning electric rates

Mar. 14 Met with AEP to update the city on 138-69 expansion plans

Mar. 15 Was a guest bartender at J Marie's for the Riverside Arts Center

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Scott advised that the houses at 112 N. Water Street and 5 Harrison Street will soon be demolished.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on April 16th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on March 21st at 7:30pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee, along with members of the Waste Minimization Committee, will be departing City Hall on April 5th at 7:30am to tour the Rumpke facility in Cincinnati.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Dunlap asked that any information to be included within the next 'Informer' newsletter be turned in to him soon.

Mr. Dunlap noted that he is investigating the possibility of filming Council meetings.

Mrs. Wurst asked if the city will be having a 'hazardous waste disposal' day. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:49pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council

