

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on April 15, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Terry Campbell. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Faller and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 2 visitors present. Chad Dunlap and Daniel E. Lee were absent.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 04-02-2019 and the following was discussed:

Phil and Chad Downing began explaining the background of services they can provide as to the current shortage of housing and the need to have incentive programs in place. Such programs could allow current residents who would like to move up in the housing market the means to get financial help to make their current home marketable.

We discussed opening up the current CRA to residential remodeling and commercial new construction projects which would include apartments of three units or more.

Phil Downing was unable to make contact with Erica Preston, Auglaize County Administrator concerning three competitive funding programs they administer and whether the city was applying for any of these funds before the April 26th deadline. This is a follow up item with Mary Ruck before the deadline.

Committee also expressed additional information to include downtown incentives and potential help for the Koneta Hotel situation.

A follow up meeting will be scheduled 4/15 with the expectation for a contract proposal from Downing Community Advisors for the committee to bring to Council May 6th for consideration.

Tourism Commission – Mayor Stinebaugh summarized a meeting held on 04-15-2019.

The committee received a request from Riverside Art Center for funding of \$1495 to create astronaut-themed cutouts for display at area businesses. This request was approved by the committee.

The committee did not approve a request for funding of a landscaping project in the City's right-of-way that is maintained by a local business.

A request from the 2019 Committee for dumpster rental and trash bags to support the 'Clean Your Crater' program was approved in the amount of \$4250 plus \$78 for trash bags.

The committee tabled a request for sponsoring a portion of the stage at the Neil Armstrong Museum for a NASA telecast, due to a possibility of private funding for same.

Mr. Neumeier asked for the dollar amount of the request. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, 7 sponsors at \$5000 apiece.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to approve the request by Riverside Art Center. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the request by 2019 Committee for dumpsters and trashbags. Vote – 4 yeas, 1 abstain (Doll), 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-17 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARKING BANS AND RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND AMENDING SECTION 452.98 "SCHEDULES" AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SIGNS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-17. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-19 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018 AUGLAIZE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Res 2019-19. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-20 for the second 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.

The Mayor's report:

April 02 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting
April 02 Met with Dave Schweiterman to discuss water issues at Pratt Substation
April 02 Met with Peggy Ehora to discuss natural gas supplies to Wapak
April 02 Met with Auglaize County Commissioners to discuss Economic Development
April 03 Weekly conference call with Pratt
April 03 Participated in WAEDC Board Meeting
April 03 Participated in 2019 Celebration Meeting
April 04 Interviewed candidate for Engineer Job
April 04 Met with AEP to discuss substations
April 05 Met with John Bergman to discuss field tile issue behind Auglaize Acres
April 05 Met with prospective buyer of the Koneta Hotel and other interested parties
April 05 Phone conference with Solar Company and John Courtney to discuss questions
April 08 Met with Engineering and Denny Faller to discuss South St. options
April 09 Met with AMP to interview for article for the Amplifier
April 10 Weekly Pratt conference call
April 10 Attended Lincoln Day Dinner at Shelby Oaks Golf Course
April 11 Attended Auglaize-Mercer Visitors Bureau Annual Luncheon
April 11 Met with Electric Dept. employees
April 12 Met with Scott Cisco to discuss Recycling issues
April 12 Participated in phone conference with John Courtney concerning Solar Project
April 12 Met with Fritz Zwiebel to view water concerns on Short Road

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the solar field project. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that John Courtney is studying this.

Mr. Campbell stated that regarding South Street, there may be an incentive option available.

Mrs. Wurst asked for further information about 'recycling issues'. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he communicated with Scott Cisco about the upcoming new dual-stream recycling truck, noting that the City of Wapakoneta Recycling Department will no longer be accepting glass once the new truck is purchased. Mayor Stinebaugh added that a notice to the public about this change will be printed in the Informer newsletter, and that further teaching will be needed during this transition. A dumpster for glass recycling will be made available to the public at the Street Department. Mayor Stinebaugh further stated that refuse and recycling employees cannot put glass recycles into the new dual-stream truck. Therefore employees will 'take a quick glance' at recycling bins, and if glass containers are left within, they are to leave the bin and contents at the curb. Mayor Stinebaugh added that once the dual-stream truck is in place, there will be no more sorting done by employees at the curb. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that this change will take place in a few months, leaving time to educate residents. Mayor Stinebaugh added that this change must be done to keep the recycling service 'in-house', and many other communities are doing away with recycling services altogether, as there is no money to be made in it and is a drain on the finances of the City.

Mr. Neumeier asked what the residents should do with their glass recycles. Mayor Stinebaugh stated they should sort glass separately and then drop it off at a glass-recycling dumpster at the Street Department.

Mr. Neumeier asked where the recycled glass will go. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that a company from Toledo will pick it up from Wapakoneta, as there is no value in the glass but there is a market for it. Mr. Neumeier noted that residents may decide to throw the glass into their trashcans instead. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he is aware of this possible outcome. Mr. Neumeier asked for the percentage of glass taken by Scott Cisco from Wapakoneta. Mayor Stinebaugh did not have these numbers available, but stated that he could obtain these figures.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mrs. Wurst voiced concern about signs being placed within the tree lawn. Service Director Gregg agreed to speak with Code Enforcement Officer Eisert about this issue.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on April 18th at 1pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 7:51pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council