

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 16, 2018 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 11 visitors present. Safety Service Director and Bonnie Wurst were absent.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Tourism Commission –

Mr. Lee summarized a request for \$2200 in order for the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce to pay for a local radio package to promote the City of Wapakoneta and its businesses.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to sponsor \$2200 to be given to the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce for purchase of said radio package. Mr. Neumeier asked who made the request and what will be advertised. Mr. Lee noted that Melissa Carlin of the Chamber made the request, and that Wapakoneta area businesses will be advertised. Mr. Neumeier asked if the advertising data promised by the Chamber last year was now available for review. Mr. Lee replied, no. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the money will be used to advertise local businesses as well as City of Wapakoneta events. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lands & Buildings Committee -

Items for discussion: Potential Sale of City Property South of 812 S. Pine St.

Randy LaMarr addressed the committee and stated he is in the process of purchasing the property at 812 S. Pine Street from Ken & Linda Kantner. A recent survey by Jim Kent found the Northwest boundary to be about 10.5 feet north of the original boundary pin set by Doug Reinhart in 1983. The current location puts the Southwest corner of the house outside the property line. LaMarr is proposing to purchase the triangular shaped property (approx. 0.078 acre), south of 812 S. Pine from the city. This will eliminate the disputed northwest pin location but more importantly allow LaMarr to install a concrete drive to the garage giving the current resident, Don Tithoff, access to the garage thereby eliminating the curbside handicap parking space currently being used in front of this property.

Congestion has been a concern on South Pine street (ie back entrance to Veteran's Memorial Park), and the elimination of the handicap parking space will improve visibility to vehicles exiting the park. Further ideas to reduce congestion will be discussed during the next Streets and Alleys Cmte. meeting TBD.

Dan Lee made a motion to "recommend selling the city owned property in question to Randy LaMarr pending legal council's recommendations and procedures"

No property value was discussed at this time.

Discussed with Mr. Faller July 7th. Mr. Faller stated he would review past procedure for sale of city property and advise cmte.

Further action will also require a licensed survey of the city property in question.

Mr. Neumeier asked why the City would want to sell the piece of property, and suggested vacating it. Law Director Faller noted that only streets or alleys can be vacated, and in the selling of property certain procedures are required. Mr. Campbell also noted that a valuation of said property has yet to be determined.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald noted that a more detailed set of meeting minutes from the June 6th Committee of the Whole meeting was provided within council packets, per request. Said minutes are as follows:

Item for discussion: refuse and recycling options

In these minutes, bags and bin are current system. Totes refers to the 95 and 65 gallon rolling totes required by outsource companies. Names may not be spelled correctly.

Metz opened the meeting by giving an overview of the current situation and the bids received to privatize collections. The bids received were only for residential collection with the city handling the billing. The lowest bid was from Wrights of Lima. The bid was \$14.00 per month for two years and \$14.50 for the next

five. This is for weekly refuse pick-up with a 95 gallon rolling tote and bi-weekly recycling pick-up of a 65 gallon rolling tote. Campbell stated that a 35 gallon tote is available, but not recommended by Wrights. Stinebaugh stated that with a \$3.00 per month increase in city fee, it will be the same price plus bags. This will allow the city to accumulate funds to purchase a new truck.

Doll stated that price would then be \$20 per month if one white bag is used per week.

Metz explained that the cost of the bags used now help pay the tipping, landfill, fees.

Scott stated that the cost of a new refuse truck is about \$180,000 and a dual stream recycling truck is about \$250,000. The city last purchased a refuse truck and is paying year four of a seven year lease to own. The city owns 1 residential refuse truck, 2 recycling, 1 commercial refuse, 1 cardboard collection ad 1 commercial recycling truck. Later he stated that the cardboard truck was paid off this year.

Metz and others discussed the difference between single and dual stream recycling.

Rachel Barber asked several questions about the Wright bid and recycling. There is nothing in writing about what would be collected nor about commercial recycling. These were not part of the bid document Scott sent to companies. Discussion continued about current employees if the city outsources. Scott stated three would be affected and can be transferred to other departments; and Neumeier mentioned attrition.

Jane Myers (sic?) asked that citizens not be penalized because the city didn't plan to buy new trucks. She prefers paying by use with bags, not a flat fee for all. This allows for some control over one's total cost.

Stinebaugh stated that an increased fee is not a penalty, but catch up. He introduced a letter supporting totes. (See him for a copy)

Campbell stated that the bags are an incentive to recycle; and we need to catch up on truck replacements. The value of recyclables is down so we make less. All bids were for the same size totes.

Doll agreed that bags do provide an incentive to recycle, but use of bags was not in the bid proposals, only large totes.

While discussing the bids, Scott stated that other options were not bid by the companies that bid. There will have to be an administrative fee added to Wright bid for the city to collect fees. He stated \$2-3:00 will be needed. Waste Managements' bid was \$20.15 to use own bags + 65 gallon recycling tote and another fee.

Wurst stated that preference for bags or totes seems very individual and often depends on the residents' garage, driveway, etc.

Linda Knear (sic) stated that she prefers in house collection with a fee for new trucks. She says totes blow over, too. Perhaps bins could have lids.

Jane Myers stated that flattened recyclables blow less.

Campbell stated that even then stuff can blow and there are complaints about this. He mentioned a cover he can make for \$2.00 that can stop blowing.

Yvonne Cook suggested that large trash totes and separate recycling totes will cause less recycling.

Allison Venterella stated that people should recycle for the environment. Our city recycles well now, but agrees recycling will decrease with large totes.

Tom Vehorn stated that he believes he large totes will sit outside homes and offer no incentive to recycle. (Campbell disagreed.) The city has reduced costs by not sorting recyclables here.

Stinebaugh and Metz stated that our recyclables now go to County Recycling Center near St. Marys.

Scott asked if cheaper bags would help?

Several citizens answered NO.

Campbell stated that Wrights will help those who can't move the totes, but that was not in the bid and could be a fee.

Johnny Spencer stated that most people will continue to recycle. He prefers totes because animals get into the bags. He says many people will go to private haulers if bags continue.

Tom Fisher stated that people can clean the totes, recycling will continue and it is wasteful to bury the bags. Also, there is no guarantee that any system will improve as technology does.

Chad LAST NAME NOT RECORDED wants totes, believes recycling will continue and bags are too expensive.

NAME NOT RECORDED used totes for 30 years elsewhere, and it's ok; recycling will continue, and it's not hard to move totes over frozen gravel in winter.

Judy Walter stated that the previous survey indicated most responses were to keep collection in house.

Metz stated YES, but only 10-12% of residents responded. Walter feels \$3-5.00 to keep it in house is

worth it. She has no room for totes at her house. Any chance for alley pick up? Scott – Wright bid NO.

Brian Bailey doesn't care which way. His concern is the cost to the city. He asked if a \$3-5.00 increase will fix the problem for a length of time?

Stinebaugh answered NO. Collection is ok now except for buying new trucks. Now our trash goes to Waste Management in Lima. We are looking at another cheaper service.

Scott stated that the fee now is \$73.56 per ton. The cost of the current bags pays this.

Doll reminded people that the Wright bid reflects this cost.

Scott stated that the city uses less employees now for refuse and recycling, so other department employees cover absences.

Wurst and others stated that paper should be separated from the other recyclables, but this is not enforced. Scott says true single stream cannot be taken to the County Recycling Center. He explained that residents can get more bins if needed, and holes in the bottom are for drainage.

Todd Meyer stated that blowing trash was only a problem a few times, education about trash is important, bag prices seem to be the main complaint, the system now encourages recycling, totes will set out in front of homes more. His opinion is to keep all as is in house.

Bob Hagar states he prefers it all stay the same, increase fee if necessary and totes in front will look ugly.

Brian Bailey asked if there is an ordinance to prevent totes in front of houses?

Chad Dunlap said he had no desire to do this and a letter will need to be sent to all residents about the changes if there is an outside contract.

Discussion was held about the rate of contamination in the recyclables. There was no clear answer to our rate or Wright's rate. It was noted that Rumpke sells single stream things even if contaminated.

Adam Rohrbaugh (sic?) stated that if outsourced, rates will continue to go up so keep this in house.

Many people spoke out of turn at this point. Comments included control our own destiny, styrofoam is recycled in other places, blowing is a problem, and any bags can be used in totes.

Chad Doll asked if there is a current in house option to use a tote of some sort – buy or rent it?

Stinebaugh and Scott answered possibly, but could be maintenance problem for totes and truck.

Bill Thomas stated that recycling drop off at the public works building is working; Doll stated that this relieves some of the holiday recycling issues. Thomas also stated that the refuse/recycling department needs new trucks and more employees. Repairing older trucks is expensive.

Chuck Bower stated that the white bags are too expensive and recycling bins need lids. He uses a private hauler.

Campbell reminded everyone that there is no contract at this time.

Stinebaugh asked for a show of hands to vote, in house or outsource. Vote was 9 in house, 10 outsource. Still no definitive vote.

There was some other conversation among participants.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Randy Busboom of 1602 Springfield Avenue addressed Council regarding the flooding problems in the area of the Lincoln Park subdivision. Mr. Busboom noted that he addressed Council about same approximately one year ago. Mr. Busboom summarized the work completed and items investigated in the past year to resolve the flooding. Mr. Busboom stated that the proposed options by then-Safety Service Director Chad Scott were not well-received due to said options involving tearing up and disturbing some properties. Mr. Busboom stated that he and other area residents are requesting that a holistic survey be completed in the area. Mr. Busboom stated that his main concern is street flooding, especially in the case of an emergency. Mr. Campbell agreed that an engineering study would be beneficial. Mayor Stinebaugh suggested that the City employ its own engineer due to the increasing costs of hiring Choice One Engineering for projects.

Mr. Bill Jacobs of 1419 Gettysburg Drive also addressed Council regarding Lincoln Park flooding. Mr. Jacobs stated that the suggested options given by Choice One Engineering are a "band-aid" to the problem, and that some of the water needs to be re-routed. Mr. Campbell stated that the proposed re-routing would cause safety issues on Infirmity Road and 501 and possibly require guard rails. Mr. Jacobs added that when the lift station alarm at 501 goes off during flooding, the flooding dissipates within 45 minutes of the switch being thrown. Mr. Campbell stated that he is aware of this statement from area

residents, but that the systems are separate and shouldn't have correlation. President Henderson assured Mr. Jacobs that the City Administration is still investigating the issue.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Neumeier asked if Ms. Rachel Barber's concerns regarding the trees on Buchanan Street have been addressed. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he is aware of one dead tree in this area. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City will be inviting Urban Forester Stephanie Miller to come back to Wapakoneta to inspect trees. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that the City has an arborist on the Tree Commission, so there is no need for Ms. Miller to come to Wapakoneta for tree inspection. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the trees that are branching out low will be trimmed after one year to shape them correctly. Mr. Neumeier asked if the older style pebbled garbage cans around the City will be replaced with the newer metal cans. Mr. Neumeier also asked that the weeds around the City's dog park be trimmed. Mr. Neumeier asked if the tree plantings have been completed along the Auglaize River, as previously discussed. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this work is complete. Mayor Stinebaugh added that City Administration is still working on possible swale locations to aid flooding issues on the rear of properties along the Auglaize River. Mr. Neumeier asked that the City communicate with said residents about same. Mr. Neumeier added that fill dirt will be needed for some of the Auglaize Street residents' rear properties along the river.

Mr. Campbell asked for a timeline for Defiance Street work. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the work will begin the week of August 6th. Mr. Neumeier asked if the grind and pave ½% tax will start in August. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes, likely in late August.

New Business -

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Ord 2018-37 to the floor for consideration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-34 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN EAST / WEST ALLEY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEARBAUGH AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND PLUM STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO. Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-34. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-35 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1248.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2017-46R. Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2018-35. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-37 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT MICROSURFACE STATE ROUTE 198.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-38 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH G.A. WINTZER & SONS, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Mr. Metz asked that the Mayor ensure that the Fire Department has reviewed the document and figures.

Mayor's report:

July 02 Participated in City Council Member Meeting

July 03 Participated in Tree Commission Committee Meeting

July 05 Participated in Lands and Buildings Committee Meeting

July 09 Participated in conference call for the AMP BAN financing

July 09 Spoke with Randy Busboom on water issues in Lincoln Park

July 10 Participated in DWP Meeting

July 10 Did a TV interview with WLIO concerning the Riverscape project

July 10 Attended the Sister City's Meeting

July 10 Attended the Roots and Shoots Meeting where we unveiled the Golf Cart for watering flowers

July 10 Attended the Sister Cities Planning Meeting for the 2019 trip to Germany
July 11 Met with Ed Kersey from Pratt to discuss utility timelines
July 11 Attended Encompass Open House in Findlay
July 14 Gave welcome speech at the WOAL Swim Tournament

Mayor Stinebaugh appointed Charlotte Williams to the Design Review Board. Mr. Metz asked if City Administration has obtained further information from Pratt Industries as well as prices for trucks, in regards to the refuse and recycling issue. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no. Mr. Doll again requested that the City cleanup the Riverwalk area from Blackhoof Street to the Water Park due to goose droppings.

Law Director's report:

Commissioners approved the annexation of land south of Pratt Industries property.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Utilities Committee will meet on July 23rd at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on July 18th at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Tourism Commission will meet on August 20th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:26pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council