

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:34pm on September 10, 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. Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. There were 6 visitors present. Law Director Dennis Faller was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 08-31-2018.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Committee of the Whole – a meeting was held on 08-21-2018 and the following was discussed:

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.

Metz opened the meeting by giving an overview of the current situation and the bid 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

Stinebaugh stated that the city would save about \$30,000 per year by outsourcing.

Metz asked if a \$2.00 increase in the city fee would help the city.

Stinebaugh responded yes.

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

Mary Agnes Fisher favored keeping the current system of bags as totes seemed too big and could be unsightly.

Metz asked Wright for details of large object pick up.

Wright responded things like chairs, loveseats and others. Resident needs to call city to request this service. One item once a month, no refrigerators, carpet if bundled. No fee. When asked by Campbell for a list, Wright said it will be provided.

Mr. Walker asked about commercial pick up and recycling. He was informed that the current bid is only for residential pick up and Wright stated that now his company only picks up commercial cardboard for recycling.

Stinebaugh said the city needs to negotiate about commercial pick up and that there are now several companies that do this in town.

Metz stated that most of the downtown uses city services.

Steve McClintock believes outsourcing is better, but knows large totes can be difficult for some to use.

When asked by Lee about smaller 35 gal. Totes, Wright said that they are available, but are unstable and blow over easier. He also said that service for handicapped persons is available, but was unsure of the cost.

Campbell asked Wright if there are concerns from Delphos which changed to Wrights service.

Wright responded that all is going well and that several communities are considering totes.

He answered Metz about extra recycling totes if necessary are at a small extra fee and that single stream recycling is still ok. As the price paid for recyclables has decreased, and countries such as China aren't taking as much, single stream is ok for now.

Discussion by Campbell, Metz and Wright continued about single vs. dual recycling. Single stream is easier to pick up, sorting is better automated, glass can be a problem, etc.

Campbell mentioned the risk to employees collecting curbside. Lee asked what about city employees if we outsource? Will Wrights give them preference in hiring?

Wright said they can apply, but no preference.

Stinebaugh stated that he can't say that all current employees will have city jobs.

Steve McClintock asked about the recycling profits being down and about less service groups who will work at the recycling center here.

Stinebaugh said that there are less groups because they earn \$200-300 when they used to earn \$800-1000. They can earn more with other fund raisers. Also, with the current drop off they are not needed.

Campbell added that he has heard good comments about the drop off and one or two dumpsters are emptied most days. Cisco stated that drop off use has increased. And this will stay if the city outsources.

Jane Myers stated that the community needs to care more about conservation, bags encourage recycling, and there should be more education.

Campbell stated that there is lots of education, and younger people care more than older. He said that the method of sorting is important and that the city is working to figure various costs.

Lee mentioned that using one tote is easier than 2 or more red bins.

Linda Knerr wants refuse and recycling kept in house. Stated workers are good can careful and worries about getting a tote down a gravel driveway.

Dave Fisher asked where Wright will want the totes placed for pick up. Wurst added on the street or in the tree lawn? Wright answered the tree lawn is ok. Fisher continued that overhanging trees and snow could be problematic. He supports outsourcing and that neighbors and will help each other.

Steve McClintock wondered that if profits are down, will recycling continue?

Metz said amount isn't down. Campbell and Stinebaugh discussed how clean Rumpke's MRF. It seems their final output is 90% clean.

Discussion continued about single stream recycling vs. dual or multiple stream.

Cisco stated that 33% content will be good if single stream. He believes this is not a good time to change or to outsource recycling. He suggests dual stream, fiber (paper) and mixed materials separate is better. If one goes single stream it is hard to go back to dual. Truck replacement seems to be Wapakoneta's problem. If city can replace trucks in 5-7 yrs. it will be ok.

Neumeier stated we are losing money now.

Dale Thomas stated keep this all in house. There is a cost difference for those using 1 bag per week vs. those using 5-6. Budget for truck repairs and purchases.

Linda Knerr asked the price of a new truck.

Stinebaugh and Wright said between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Bill Thomas stated that big trucks are a problem on some city streets, the drop off is good, dual stream now for commercial, and glass is hard on the trucks. He stated the city now has 5 workers, and the commercial cardboard truck is a 1994.

Discussion continued about glass recycling. Wright said it is in with everything in their trucks, Cisco says better is in a separate container, isn't profitable and is about 2% of recyclables here.

Discussion continued about cost to individuals and the city. The committee was asked to do what is best for all. Stinebaugh said in house seems better to the people, but outsourcing is better for the city.

Chad Fleck says his family uses 3 bags and 3 bins per week. Totes seem better to him. He thinks we shouldn't compare Wapakoneta to Lima. He asked how much tax money is used for refuse and recycling? Stinebaugh answered none. Fleck thanks us for our time and said others wanted to speak.

Doris Kah asked where will the totes sit? Keep this in house.

Judy Walter also says keep in house, and that is what the survey results were. As older neighborhoods don't have storage areas, multiple family units have no storage, and there is no alley pick up, she says totes won't be good. She asked why the city has been behind for 10 yrs.

Neumeier answered the prices weren't raised enough.

Randy Barhorst had many questions of the committee and of Wright. Wurst interrupted him and asked him to speak to the committee and not to Wright about problems he saw on social media. Barhorst was concerned about commercial costs, holiday pick up, when notified of problems with pick up, and more. Some questions were answered by Wright.

Campbell and Lee said we would try to get some of the answers.

Rachel Barber objected to the city only discusses the one bid that the company helped write the bid document. She was also concerned about fees and actual costs. There was no definitive answer but values ranged from \$11-16. She also stated that Cincinnati had problems getting bids when their first contract ended.

Linda Kneer asked if a \$2.00 increase in current rate will get new trucks.

Stinebaugh answered in 7 yrs. 3 new trucks.

Jane Myers – I could not hear her comments – Stinebaugh answered her that we only bid residential, with totes only recycling every 2 weeks, the other bids were higher and Wrights' is lower because they pick up most of Allen County.

Several spoke out of turn at this time. Rachel Barber Linda Kneer - keep in house. Tom Fisher - outsource.

Stinebaugh said all this discussion is because a past Council asked about outsourcing prices. When he was asked who is to blame for the present financial problems he answered all past councils.

Neumeier stated it is always hard to raise rates and it is a never ending battle to have enough money. The ½% for streets and recreation levy will help those departments. Campbell said there will be no vote tonight, bags provide an incentive to recycle but safety is a concern, and Council will work to answer all questions. More information to the public about either choice will be needed.

Mrs. Wurst advised Council that the Committee of the Whole minutes supplied to them contained several grammatical errors and that she will later provide a corrected version of same. Mr. Campbell pointed out that on page two of said minutes, sentence should read: "Cisco stated that 33% content will be no good if single stream".

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 08-22-2018 and the following was discussed:

Approved the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting by a vote of 3 - 0.

The committee reviewed a revised draft of an application to the state to create a Neil Armstrong Scenic Byway in and around the city. On a motion by Neumeier and 2nd by Metz, the committee endorsed the application by a vote of 3 - 0. Members of the committee and the mayor signed a letter of support for Wehrhan to include with the application.

In relation to proposals for items such as wayfinding signs and street banners, and with the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing approaching, Doll made a motion, 2nd by Metz, and passed 3 - 0, to request legislation be created to authorize administration to seek trademark protection for the phrase "First on the Moon" and for the logo already in use in some locations. It is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

The committee considered a request from a resident for a handicap parking space at 912 West Auglaize Street. It was noted that such a spot cannot be reserved because it is on a public street. There were numerous questions about the need for the space as the lot does have off street parking. Resident had expressed concerns about ambulance service. Administration will consult with Fire / EMT to see if it has concerns. No action was taken on the request.

Ruck brought to the committee concerns about the condition of the alleyway along the MEI property in the industrial park. MEI had requested maintenance to the drive. It receives a large amount of semi-truck traffic. There was discussion about the possibility of vacating the alley but it is not a good candidate for such action as it does provide access to other lots. There was no objection to pursuing the maintenance.

Ruck updated the committee on current street projects. Defiance Street is already underway and progressing ahead of schedule at the time of the meeting. Utilities are going in for the road at the Pratt location with the surface scheduled for next year. Grind and pave work will now likely begin in September, as will striping on Redskin Trail.

In response to some resident concerns regarding the criteria for sidewalk replacement, Ruck advised the committee that nearly all replacements involve multiple issues. With that in mind, the committee suggested eliminating Criterion F from the evaluation form as it is not objectifiable and the most common point of contention. Ruck also brought up the idea of a possible monthly charge on the utilities bill (\$1 - \$2 a month) to create a fund that would pay for all sidewalk repairs and eliminate future assessment of property owners. Committee will consider it.

The committee also considered concerns about parking on Erie Street. The committee declined pursuing parking clearances from driveway entrances, continuing past practices. Doll will look into the possibility of restricting parking to just one side of the street.

Mayor Stinebaugh updated the committee on two other items. The Pine Street parking issue is progressing. Notice to create off street parking for two trailer lots has been given and parking restrictions will start as soon as that issue is resolved. Signs for increased speed limits on Bellefontaine have not come in yet.

Metz informed administration of the need to address parking and sight lines along Bellefontaine and Water Streets by updating curb painting.

Mayor Stinebaugh noted that he checked with the Fire Department regarding the property at 912 West Auglaize Street and summarized that a handicapped spot is not required for ambulance service.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control noting a change of managing members for Schoolcraft Investments LLC, DBA C.J.'s Pizza, 709 Defiance Street. Council did not request a hearing.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Campbell advised that regarding the transition of the property and parking issues on South Pine Street, that Council consider no on-street parking from Camelot to the end.

New Business -

Motion by Doll, second by Metz requesting preparation of legislation authorizing City Administration to take steps to trademark the "First on the Moon" logo and slogan, as entitled on "Exhibit A" document provided to Council. Mr. Neumeier suggested the motion include how this will be funded. Mr. Doll stated that City Administration can decide upon submitting an application to the Tourism Commission for lodging tax monies. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2018-39 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT 25A RECONSTRUCTION.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2018-39. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-41 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RIGHT-OF-WAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT AND DESIGNATING HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND UNDERGROUNDING AREAS.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to adopt Res 2018-41. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-43 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Clerk McDonald noted that the County Auditor submitted an update of said figures for Council to review, as the first numbers supplied were inaccurate.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-44 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ENGINEERING TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION 2018 ISSUE 1 GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-45 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A GARAGE ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell noted that upon speaking with Mary Ruck of the Engineering Department, he discovered that resolutions such as this exempt the City from liability regarding the encroachment. Mr. Campbell also spoke with Law Director Faller about streamlining the process for encroachment agreements. Mayor Stinebaugh reiterated that he would like to see this process expedited. Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Campbell asked, regarding Res 2018-46, if said property owner signed an agreement. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, no. Mr. Campbell asked if the signage at Gigi's Boutique for Res 2018-46 has been hung up. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, yes. Mr. Campbell stated this is a problem, due to the City's liability should someone be hurt by the sign within the City's right-of-way.

Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to suspend the rules for Res 2018-45. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2018-45. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-46 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A BUSINESS SIGN ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson stated that the business owner must sign the agreement. Mr. Campbell added that he will investigate how to better streamline this process. Mrs. Wurst stated that Mayor Stinebaugh and Mary Ruck do not have authority to allow the business owner to put up the sign. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that he understands this, but advised the business owner to put up their sign anyway.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2018-46. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

Motion by Campell, second by Lee to adopt Res 2018-46 pending the signature and completed agreement as listed within the resolution. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Wurst). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-47 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Service Director Gregg stated that time is crucial in order to secure a loan. Mayor Stinebaugh further explained regulations regarding 'total dissolved solids' and supplied water amounts, noting that the EPA is requiring the City to complete said Resolution.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Res 2018-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2018-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2018-48 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO TO ALLOW SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO WAIVE CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH A PLANNED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT THE YMCA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Stinebaugh noted that said fees were waived during the initial building of the YMCA.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2018-48. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2018-48. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor's report:

Aug 20 Participated in Dept. Head Meeting

Aug 20 Met with Wendy Schimoeller from Clemens & Nelson prior to meeting with dispatchers union

Aug 20 Met with Clemens & Nelson and Mark Volcheck concerning a P.O. grievance

Aug 20 Participated in Dispatcher union contract talks

Aug 20 Participated in Lodging Tax Committee Meeting

Aug 20 Participated in Council Meeting

Aug 21 Participated in Planning Commission Training

Aug 21 Participated in Council as a Whole Meeting concerning Refuge and Recycling

Aug 22 Met with Sales Rep from Best Equipment on Refuge & Recycling trucks

Aug 22 Participated in Streets & Alleys Meeting

Aug 23 Participated in Armstrong Museum Board Meeting

Aug 27 Listened in on Tantalus phone conference

Aug 27 Met with a candidate concerning Engineer's position

Aug 27 Participated in Planning Commission Meeting

Aug 28 Participated in phone conference with Vorys attorneys concerning Pratt

Aug 29 Participated in 2019 Celebration Committee Meeting

Aug 30 Spoke with kids from Harvest Baptist Church about the Mayors job

Aug 30 Participated in CIC Meeting

Aug 30 Met with homeowner at 811 Court St. about sidewalks

Aug 30 Met with candidate for Engineers position to talk about salary and benefits

Sept 04 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting

Sept 05 Met with Doug Reinhart, Scott Straehly and others concerning new Schlenker Subdivision
Sept 05 Participated in WAEDC Meeting
Sept 05 Attended Ribbon Cutting at the Y for Mercy Health Partners new office
Sept 06 Participated in OMEA Board Meeting concerning the sale of Utilities outside Corporation limits
Sept 07 Met with David Cohen from Solar Planet to review proposal for new Solar field

Also met with Sunset Development and was advised that the State has raised the threshold for qualifying income for those wishing to rent these types of units. Mr. Campbell stated that he received one letter of complaint regarding the proposed units for Middle Pike.

Mayor Stinebaugh requested a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled for the purpose of establishing a new employee position with the City.

Refuse and Recycling Department now has no back-up truck, due to repairs exceeding the value of the vehicle. A decision needs to be made about keeping the services in-house or privatizing them with an outside company. Mr. Metz suggested that the City consider renting a garbage truck for a short time.

Mr. Campbell requested the name of the County forester. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, James Marok.

Mr. Metz advised that the survey pins are in place for South Pine Street.

Service Director report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on September 17th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on September 12th at 6pm at City Hall.

Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on September 14th at 4pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

President Henderson advised that an agreement for the greenhouse needs to be signed and submitted to the County Auditor in order to keep the incentive package.

Mr. Lee reminded Council that Servant's Day is scheduled for September 15th.

Mrs. Wurst asked if Law Director Faller is working on the ACLU memo regarding Wapakoneta Ordinance Section 636.21. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that he will address the matter with Mr. Faller.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:39pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council