

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 18, 2017 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Rachel Barber and Dan Graf. Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Service Director Chad Scott were also present. There were 18 visitors present. Law Director Dennis Faller was absent.

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Tourism Committee** – a meeting was held on 09-18-2017, just prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. Lee provided the current status of funds, stating that approximately \$35,000 have been given out in grants and \$110,000 in the account currently. Mr. Lee stated that two proposals were discussed, the first being a topographical study for I-75 exit #111. Binkley Surveying has offered to complete the survey for both sides of exit #111 for \$3150.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to grant \$3150 to Binkley Surveying for the purposes of topographical surveys on both sides of exit #111. Mr. Neumeier asked for an approximate cost for the entire project. Mr. Doll replied that the surveys are needed before a project estimate could be known. Vote – 5 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier), 1 abstain (Doll). Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Graf to grant \$1613.13 to the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership to utilize towards the 'walking tour brochure'. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

**Streets & Alleys Committee** – a meeting was held on 09-12-2017 and the following was discussed:

1. Approved minutes of August 9, 2017 meeting. Neumeier/Metz, Passed
2. The committee recommended delaying sidewalk/drive apron maintenance program on Perry Street until street is reconstructed. This is scheduled for 2019. This will eliminate the possibility of replacing walk and aprons that may have been replaced in the current maintenance program scheduled for Perry Street due to lateral installation.
3. The committee concurred with Mayor Stinebaugh's recommendation that the repair of curbing will be paid with new street levy money and property owners will not be assessed.
4. The committee discussed Don Jump's email concerning sidewalk maintenance notification letter coming from the Clerk of City Council and not the Administration. Mr. Scott noted that ORC 729.03 requires this notification come from the Clerk or a designee of the Clerk. This issue was discussed as semantics and Administration agreed to review the notification letter.

Mrs. Wurst asked, regarding item #2, if the levy wording included curbing and paving. Mr. Graf replied, yes.

#### **Communications -**

Clerk McDonald advised that Joel Harrell of Harvest Baptist Church will no longer be pursuing permission to hold a live nativity scene behind town this year.

Clerk McDonald advised of the Ohio Municipal League annual conference, scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. David Schlenker of 824 Glynwood Road addressed Council regarding the proposed annexation off of Ramga Road, and offered to answer any questions as needed. Mr. Schlenker noted that the signed petition on the annexation contained only 2 city resident signatures. Mr. Metz then stated that one of the main concerns of residents near the annexation is the width and safety of Ramga Road. Mr. Schlenker replied that he feels the addition of 17 homes in this area will not make Ramga Road less safe, adding that school buses already drive in this area. Mr. Metz asked how the Brincefield property will be impacted. Mr. Schlenker stated that there is already adequate right-of-way for the City to widen Ramga road if they so choose, adding that a portion of Ramga Road has been within the City limits for several years. Mr. Schlenker stated that regarding the property he owns along Ramga Road, he is granting the full right-of-way of 50 feet to the City for future needs. Mr. Metz asked if a water retention pond will be installed. Mr.

Schlenker replied, yes. Ms. Barber asked City Administration if the width of Ramga Road is acceptable. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that though he would like to see Ramga Road widened, the City is unable to invest money to do so when so many roadways within town need work done to them. Mr. Graf then pointed out that Council need only decide whether to annex said property, but how it is designed is up to the Planning Commission, City Administration and the Engineering Department. Mr. Doll agreed with this statement. Mr. Schlenker added that the Planning Commission recommended that the annexed property be zoned R-1. Mr. Graf asked if school transportation has expressed any difficulties with traveling in said area. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, no.

President Henderson noted that Ms. Lindsay Zielonka was unable to attend, and will discuss the Monster Dash 5K at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Dave Craft of 15503 Ramga Road addressed Council about his concerns for roadway and school bus safety should the City annex the new subdivision. Mr. Craft noted that the petition was not intended for City of Wapakoneta residents to sign, rather it was intended for Ramga Road and surrounding property owners to sign. Mr. Craft stated that he can foresee an accident happening in the area, due to a 55mph zone going to a 25mph zone with children being picked up by a school bus at the bottom of a hill. Mr. Craft added that he is also concerned about water runoff and drainage. Mr. Doll asked if Duchouquet and Moulton Township have been addressed about the safety of those living in the area currently. Mr. Craft replied, yes, but that the project was cost prohibitive for the townships.

Mr. Scott Spallinger of 15397 Ramga Road addressed Council about his concerns for the Ramga Road roadway width, as well as the water drainage that may be affected by the development. Mr. Spallinger stated that if the City's requirements for road width are defined, they ought to be enforced and adhered to. Mrs. Wurst asked why the Ramga Road residents have not insisted that the townships do something about the issue. Mr. Spallinger and Mr. Craft reiterated that this was addressed with the townships 5 or 6 years ago, but the townships do not have the money to widen Ramga Road. Mr. Spallinger repeated that if the City decides to annex the area, they need to widen Ramga Road for safety, and if they cannot afford to do so, the area should not be annexed.

#### **Unfinished Business -**

Mr. Neumeier stated that he communicated with Law Director Faller regarding the West Auglaize Street property lease agreement paperwork, and Mr. Faller indicated he would soon be meeting with Service Director Chad Scott about the matter.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2017-29 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-30 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 10.623 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND OF 9.673 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN MOULTON TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-31 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 10.623 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO, AND FOR 9.673 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN MOULTON TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO, AS ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Sept. 5	Participated in Tree Commission Meeting
Sept. 6	Met with home owners on Glynwood Rd. on tree concerns
Sept. 6	Participated in WAEDC Board Meeting

Sept. 6 Met with Louie Chibanti of GFF on water issues  
Sept. 6 Met with Greg Myers on Economic Development  
Sept. 6 Participated in Planning Commission Meeting  
Sept. 6 Participated in City Council Meeting  
Sept. 7 Met with County Commissioners on Economic Development issues  
Sept. 12 Participated in Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting  
Sept. 17 Met with SSD Scott to view drainage issues affecting the flower Streets

Mayor Stinebaugh added that receipts for the Tourism Committee this year are virtually the same as last year.

Mrs. Wurst asked if Golden Fresh Farms resolved their water issues. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that this is ongoing.

Mr. Neumeier asked how the income tax numbers are looking. Mayor Stinebaugh indicated that the numbers are still low.

Ms. Barber asked about the concern regarding trees on Glynwood Road. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that tree trimming is being done to keep limbs away from powerlines.

The Service Director gave the following report:

RLF money will be used to demolish homes at 5 Harrison Street and 112 North Water Street.

#### SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Health & Safety Committee will meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Communications & Rules Committee will meet for Open House forum on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15pm at City Hall.

Tourism Committee will meet on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall.

#### **Miscellaneous business –**

Ms. Barber noted that within the September 6<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting minutes, a motion and a second was made with regards to zoning the proposed Schlenker subdivision, but no vote was indicated. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed that this needs to be listed within said minutes.

Ms. Barber also noted that within the September 14<sup>th</sup> legal notice from the Engineering Department, item number one does not list the size of the requested variance, and item number two does not list an address.

Ms. Barber asked if councilpersons have checked with any possible Waste Minimization appointees.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:17pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council