WAPAKONETA CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 2, 2017

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 2, 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, Law Director Dennis Faller and Service Director Chad Scott were also present. There were 9 visitors present.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 09-30-2017.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Health & Safety Committee – a meeting was held on 09-27-2017 and the following was discussed:
The committee came together on September 27th, at 4:30 pm to discuss the moratorium of the legalization of marijuana in Wapakoneta.
The committee reviewed the moratorium passed by the Duchouquet Township.
The committee felt that no action is needed at this time

Mr. Graf asked if the committee had been contacted by any residents concerning the moratorium. Mr. Lee replied, yes, adding that two residents advised that they felt if the State of Ohio deems the matter legal there is no reason for the City of Wapakoneta to stand against it.

Lands & Buildings Committee – a meeting was held on 09-21-2017 and the following was discussed:
Barber quickly briefed attendees on the purpose of the meeting: a) to conduct a conference telephone call with our consultant, Lauren Falcone of Poggemeyer & Associates about our application to CDBG, which was declined; and b) to develop a Plan B for the continued appropriate renovation of building stock in our historic downtown, to promote continued downtown revitalization.
Falcone reported that Galion and Piqua were the successful cities among the six applicants. Poggemeyer had anticipated that the State would be funding more projects, and Falcone doesn't know why the number was significantly smaller than in the past. Falcone also stated:
We do not know how Wapakoneta scored, or its score in relationship to the successful applicants. We DO know that we lost points in the categories of Program Design and Leverage, which may have included the number of property owners desiring rehab work, the feasibility of getting the work done, and the ratio of grant funding to local match. We will know much more when the State releases additional information in the next few weeks, and we can talk again at this time.
After questions were answered and feelings were vented, Barber asked Falcone for additional ideas for funding (beyond waiting the two years to re-apply). Falcone suggested:
using the county's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund from the allocation award
(Stinebaugh believes that this money is already earmarked for Maple Street);
applying to the Targets of Opportunity grant program, which (as we understand now) can provide funding for rehab of significant structures, has a rolling application cycle, and can turn around application requests within about two months; checking on the possibility of funding from local foundations (about which many in the room were doubtful).
The group also spoke briefly about the New Market Tax Credit program, which could assist downtown properties on the south side of Auglaize Street (because it is based upon census tracts).
Doll and Barber determined that Greg Myers, WAEDC, should be invited to any future meetings, to outline various financial incentives available for building rehabilitation.
The group concluded by determining to meet again, after additional information was gathered and after the State had released its documentation relative to this year's applicants. Doll and Barber thanked the downtown representatives for attending.

Mr. Neumeier asked how much money the City had invested in the proposal. Ms. Barber answered, $15,000.00. Mr. Neumeier asked if the study could be used again in two years. Ms. Barber advised that the application process may change over time. Mr. Neumeier asked how many grant proposals Poggemeyer Group completed for this funding. Mr. Doll replied, two at the most.

Finance Committee – a meeting was held on 09-26-2017 and the following was discussed:
Items for discussion:

1. At request of a Council member, Wells was asked about the state funded RLF. He reported that payments are coming in and none are further behind. Payments are also coming in for the city loans.
2. Wells reported that when financial report for Sept. is completed, this committee will meet with Wells as he meets with the department heads for the 2018 budget.
3. Wells reported that the Glynwood Rd. waterline work cannot be done by city workers as it will be drilled, not open cut. This will be contracted out at a cost of $1 million or more. There are no plans to borrow this. As of now, Wells estimates about $60,000 from the Water Expansion fund and that the Water fund which has a $900,000 carryover. More will need to be budgeted for 2018. While discussing water, Wells stated that there may be additional water costs if a new industry decides to build here.
4. Wells is suggesting that the various financial departments of the city need updated software and server. CIVICA CMI has appropriate software and equipment, and replacements can be done in phases. Wells proposed financial records software first at a cost of about $28,000. With an expanded network, each employee has a password and all can view all reports.
   The Committee discussed Neumeier's suggestion that the city has so many problems with the current system and that the city needs an appropriate, probably full time, IT person to manage a new network system. The Committee thinks DDS Scott is working on this and hope there is some progress.
   Motion by Neumeier, 2nd by Doll, to have legislation prepared for Phase 1 of financial software replacement. Approved 3-0. Wells will contact DSS Scott to have this legislation prepared.

Mr. Graf asked for the cost of the State audit. Mr. Doll replied, $35,465.
Service Director Scott asked Mrs. Wurst to schedule another Finance meeting for the purpose of obtaining a full-time IT person for the City. Mrs. Wurst advised that the Finance Committee has no say in the hiring of employees for the City, but that the committee could discuss a pay range for said position.

Guest Petitions –
Ms. Rachel Barber addressed Council regarding the 2019 Committee that is planning for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Ms. Barber provided Council and Administration with a brainstorming list from the committee, and welcomed help and input from City Council.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2017-29 for the third 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.
Motion by Lee, second by Metz to adopt Res 2017-29. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-30 for the second 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 second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-32 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS / APPROACHES IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AS PART OF THE 2015 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2017-32. Vote – 5 yeas, 2 nays (Neumeier, Barber). Motion did not pass.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-33 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SELL ONE 2013 FORD EXPLORER (VIN 5773) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motion by Metz, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2017-33. Vote – 5 yeas, 2 nays (Neumeier, Barber). Motion did not pass.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-34 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SELL ONE 2013 FORD EXPLORER (VIN 0636) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motion by Wurst, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2017-34. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.
Motion by Lee, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2017-34. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2017-35 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA

The Mayor gave the following report:

Sept. 18	Met with County Officials on the Sherwood Forest Sewer System
Sept. 18	Met with Dave & Phil Schlenker concerning the Laurel St. pond and their retention pond
Sept. 18	Participated in Lodging Tax committee meeting
Sept. 18	Participated in City Council Meeting
Sept. 19	Attended County Meeting on the 2020 Census
Sept. 20	Attended County Meeting on MARC's Radios
Sept. 21	Walked Buchanan St. to layout for street trees
Sept. 21	Participated in Lands & Buildings Meeting
Sept. 21	Participated in Communications Committee Meeting
Sept. 25	Swore in Nick Soder as a new Police Officer
Sept. 26	Attended and participated in AMP/OMEA Conference
Sept. 27	Attended and participated in AMP/OMEA Conference
Sept. 28	Attended and participated in AMP/OMEA Conference
Sept. 28	Met with homeowners at Stoneybrook retention pond to discuss concerns
Sept. 29	Met with Gus Wintzer on Riverscape Project
Sept. 29	Met with Mike Schaub, Jr. at Stoneybrook retention pond to discuss upgrades

Mr. Metz asked for conclusions regarding the Stoneybrook retention pond. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the new tile was put in a couple of years ago, and no engineering was done. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the pipe will need to be dug up and replaced.

The Service Director gave the following report:
Flooding behind the Laurel apartments may have been caused by the 8” overflow pipe being plugged with tree roots. The City is removing problem trees and willows as well as improving the grass waterway. Problem trees are also being removed in the Liberty, Dogwood and Independence areas and the sewer jet will be used to remove roots clogging the pipes in this area as well.
Mr. Neumeier asked what the plan will be for leaf pickup this year. Mr. Scott replied that the City will reevaluate this in two weeks. Mr. Neumeier requested that the City Farm cards be marked $1.00 on all the punches.
Ms. Barber asked how the City will be assisting citizens with the transition of the gas aggregation situation. Mr. Doll stated that instructions will be included in the next Informer newsletter. Mr. Neumeier suggested that a Communications and Rules Open Forum be scheduled for this purpose.
Ms. Barber asked when the warranty will expire for the newly planted trees on West Auglaize Street. Mr. Scott advised that the warranty expires shortly.

Ms. Barber asked for an update on the lease arrangement for the West Auglaize Street property. Service Director Scott advised that he dropped the paperwork off to the residents affected a week ago but has not heard back from them.

The Law Director gave the following report:
No report.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:
Tourism Committee will meet on October 16th at 6:15pm at City Hall.
Utilities Committee will meet on October 12th at 3:00pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous business –
Mr. Doll requests that any newsletter items be submitted to him as soon as possible.
Ms. Barber asked if Council has made any Waste Minimization appointments. Mr. Graf advised that he will leave this for the next councilperson in his seat.
Ms. Barber asked if there have been any updates regarding the private use of public space. Mr. Lee replied, no.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:21pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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President Clerk of Council