

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 15, 2019 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. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Faller and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 8 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on July 9, 2019 and the following was discussed:

1. Vacation of an alley

The owner property including an alley between the former Zip Stop and a warehouse requests that the east alley that runs north/south between another alley and Harrison St. be vacated. This provides better access to the warehouse and more parking spaces

Motion by Wurst, 2nd by Neumeier, to recommend that this vacation be permitted and legislation prepared to allow this. Approved 2-0.

2. Lot on W. Auglaize, site of previous hotel.

The mayor informed the committee that Steve Walter will donate the lot to the city if it is used as a parking lot. To do this properly, a portion of Perry St. will also need to be vacated. The mayor presented a proposal for a design to develop the area. Committee members suggested changes that included be an entrance off of Auglaize St. as well as Perry St., public restrooms and some “green” space.

The committee and mayor discussed funding this project. Lodging tax funds could be used, but more will be necessary. No conclusion was made.

Motion by Neumeier, 2nd by Wurst, to recommend that the north ½ block of Perry St. between Auglaize St. and the east/west alley be vacated for parking and “green” space with Council to approve the plans and legislation prepared to allow this. Approved 2-0.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Brandon Terrill of 906 Primrose Drive announced that he has decided to run as an independent for the position of Mayor of the City of Wapakoneta in the upcoming election.

Mrs. Connie Brincefield of 1201 Glynwood Road addressed Council about her concern for the stop sign at the Glynwood Road and Stoneybrook intersection. Mrs. Brincefield stated that the driver’s view is blocked by shrubs and other items, making it unsafe. Mrs. Brincefield requested that the City study this area for a solution before someone gets hurt. President Henderson put the matter into the Streets & Alleys Committee for consideration.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Campbell stated that upon his inspection, it appears the electric department might have cut the corrugated tile near Mrs. Brincefield’s property. Mrs. Brincefield disagreed, stating that she only has a basement area on the west side of her home. Mrs. Brincefield added that the next step is to use a camera to see the status of the lines.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on West Auglaize Street. Service Director Gregg replied that the materials are in, but additional easements are needed.

Mr. John Shepline of 808 W. Auglaize Street then stated that there is an electrical easement of 20 feet in this area. Law Director Faller replied that this does not provide for other purposes or utilities.

Mr. Campbell stated that he provided Mr. Randy Busbaum with a copy of the proposed water issues. Mr. Campbell stated that an engineering study of the Lincolnview area ‘Shear Ditch’ needs to be completed.

New Business -

Motion by Wurst, second by Metz to have legislation prepared to give permission for the vacation of the alley between the former ‘Zip Stop’ location and the warehouse. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Wurst, second by Lee that the north half block of Perry Street between Auglaize Street and the east/west alley be vacated for greenspace and parking. Law Director Faller suggested that Council create a plan for this area before vacating streets. Mr. Neumeier agreed, adding that Ord 2019-39 contains a sentence that states it will be used primarily for parking. Mrs. Wurst and Mr. Lee then withdrew their motion and second.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-31 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR ALL PARCELS IN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR THE AUGLAIZE ACRES TILE PROJECT.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-31. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-35R for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1038.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-38 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 138/69KV ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-38. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-38. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-39 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH S.C. WALTER PROPERTIES LTD. FOR THE DONATION OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-39. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-39. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-40 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Mr. Neumeier asked if the payment is a one-time thing. Mr. Gregg replied, yes. Mr. Neumeier asked if the parcel interferes with the layout. Mr. Gregg explained that it crosses at the front end of the cabin property on Short Road.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor's report:

- July 01 Attended 2019 Committee Meeting
- July 01 Attended City Council Meeting
- July 02 Participated in Downtown Statue Meeting
- July 02 Participated in Transportation Committee Meeting
- July 03 Participated in meeting for Summer Moon Fest
- July 03 Participated in bi-weekly Pratt phone conference
- July 03 Participated in WAEDC Meeting
- July 04 Painted graffiti on downtown building
- July 08 Met with ARE Solar Company to answer questions
- July 08 Met with Greg Myers on festival details
- July 09 Swore in Travis Christy as a new Patrol Officer
- July 09 Participated in Streets & Alleys Meeting

July 10 Ate lunch and talked with German visitors
July 11 Installed "Hometown Neil Armstrong" signs
July 12 Installed "Way finding" signs
July 13 Installed "Way finding" signs
July 14 Attended statue unveiling and STEM Center dedication at Armstrong Museum
July 14 Participated in 501h Anniversary Parade
July 14 Attended events at Armstrong Museum

Mayor Stinebaugh asked, on behalf of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce, for permission to paint a stencil of the First on the Moon logo on several spots of Auglaize Street. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the paint used is semi-permanent. Motion by Metz, second by Lee to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the solar discussions. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that they are going well.

Mr. Neumeier asked about the gas aggregation program. Mayor Stinebaugh stated the contract is for 2 years fixed at 2.89 per mcf, with the next step being letters to customers allowing them to opt in or out. Mr. Lee asked that the information be distributed in the 'Informer', as well as on utility bills, Facebook and the City's website.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the rate structure at the City Farm. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, no update. President Henderson put the matter into the Finance Committee for consideration.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Volunteers are needed for the National Night Out, being held on August 6th at Harmon Park.

Mr. Neumeier asked what the blue markings were for on South Blackhoof Street. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that Dominion has a gas issue underneath this location.

Mr. Neumeier asked for the status of grind and pave projects this year. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, ahead of schedule and going well.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on July 22nd at 6pm at City Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on July 22nd at 7pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on July 24th at 7pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

President Henderson praised Mrs. Deb Zwez, Ms. Amy Jump, Mayor Stinebaugh, and all those who helped make the First on the Moon Parade a success. Mr. Lee complimented the variety of entertainment and floats in the parade this year.

Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the new 'way-finding' and 'Neil Armstrong' signs are up.

Service Director Gregg stated that the public wi-fi is now up and running for the downtown area.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adjourn at 8:11pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council

