

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 19, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. Daniel E. Lee was absent. Law Director Faller arrived at 8:17p.m.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Lands & Buildings Committee – a meeting was held on August 8, 2019 and the following was discussed:

Discussed moving forward with CRA tax abatements for residential housing projects of three unit and larger apartment complexes.

Negotiated terms (section 4(c)) we're discussed.

Committee recommends SSD move forward with Option 2 (15yrs. at 50% tax abatement per year) for new residential housing projects of three units and larger per Ordinance 2011-48R, sec. 4(a)j .

Guest Petitions –

Ms. Janna Ross of the Wapak YMCA requested permission for road closures for the annual 'Monster Dash 5k' race, scheduled for October 19th, 2019. Ms. Ross submitted race route maps for Council to review.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to grant said road closures with the appropriate documentation. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. David Dwyer and Ms. Suzanne Csejtey of American Renewable Energy, addressed Council regarding their proposed renewable energy plan for Wapakoneta, stating that the plan would save the City over 80 million dollars in the long run. Mr. Dwyer asked for reassurance that the City plans to move forward with the project, referencing deadlines for costs to be maintained. Mayor Stinebaugh added that Council will be reviewing all options given within an upcoming 'Executive Session'.

Mrs. Connie Brincefield of 1201 Glynwood Road stated she is still concerned about the safety of the intersection at Glynwood and Stonybrook Roads. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to remove the 'Lakeland' development sign to make the intersection safe.

Mr. David Schlenker of 824 Glynwood Road addressed Council about his concerns with the county sewer line coming in to Sherwood Forest without annexing. Mr. Schlenker cautioned the City about this, as lots of storm water is likely to get in, worsening flooding issues in the City.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, notice to legislative authority, permit to Tip Backs LLC, 101 Defiance Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio from Me & Marley LLC, DBA Marley's Downtown, 15 Perry St., Wapakoneta Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, notice to legislative authority, permit to J & M Tacketts LLC, DBA Moes Dugout 4, 106 N. Wood Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

New Business -

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Res 2019-45 to the floor. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to enter into executive session at 7:55pm to consider the purchase of property and disclosure of information that would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, and inviting City Administration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:11pm.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-42 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND / OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE, STATE OF OHIO, REQUIRING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSTRUCT AND / OR REPAIR THE SAME.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-43 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING RATES AND CHARGES.

Service Director Gregg stated that he will correct the noted discrepancies of figures within the ordinance before the next Council meeting.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-44 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-44. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-44. Mr. Campbell asked how these figures were determined. Mr. Doll answered that the Finance Committee had lengthy discussions about this to determine a fair salary number for these positions. President Henderson noted that the work hours for the Mayor position are very difficult to balance if one already has a full-time job elsewhere, and that the job itself has grown over the years along with economic development. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-45 for the first 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 Doll, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Res 2019-45. Mr. Neumeier asked which City employee double checks the figures within said resolution each year. Service Director Gregg answered, Auditor Wells. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Res 2019-45. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor's report:

Aug 05 Met with Rec Board at Harmon Park to discuss a new playground

Aug 05 Participated in Council Meeting

Aug 06 Participated in Tree Commission Meeting

Aug 06 Walked W. Benton St. trees from the RR to Ohio St. to determine which can stay

Aug 07 Participated in WAEDC Board Meeting

Aug 09 Cooked thank you dinner for all City Employees

Aug 12 Participated in CIC Committee Meeting

Aug 12 Met with Jack Hayzlett and Dave Lenhart at Harmon Park to review earth work

Aug 13 Married a couple from St. Mary's

Aug 14 Met with Representatives from Kettering Health Network

Aug 15 Met with Commissioners and County Engineer Dept. to discuss Sanitary sewer line to Sherwood Forest

Aug 15 Met with City employees to discuss Sherwood Forest Sanitary sewer line

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on Cole Drive. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he checked on this area and all was satisfactory. Mr. Neumeier asked why the street lights on West Auglaize Street were on during the day. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this should not be happening, but he will check on this to be sure. Mr. Neumeier asked how the smoke tests are going. Mayor Stinebaugh stated the crew was late getting started, but that he hasn't received an update. Mr. Neumeier asked if there was any way to monitor the water flow. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, yes. Mr. Metz added that tests can be done to the water to determine if it is rainwater or soft water.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell noted that a lamp post at the drive to Dr. Herman's needs painted.
Mr. Campbell also noted that the problem of ransomware is happening all over the country, and the City ought to be aware of this. Mr. Gregg stated that he has implemented several things to guard against this.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Mr. Faller stated that regarding the parking complaint from Mrs. Wise at the last Council meeting, a parking violation ticket is currently \$10, and a traffic citation could be issued for \$150 but the offender must first be located, making enforcement difficult. Mr. Campbell suggested adding more 'no-parking' signs in this area.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mayor Stinebaugh referenced the possible alley vacation at the former 'Zip-Stop'. Law Director Faller stated that all adjoining property owners must give written consent first.

President Henderson asked Council to reschedule the first Council meeting in September due to its falling on Labor Day. Council decided to leave the meeting as scheduled.

Mayor Stinebaugh cancelled the special meetings that were scheduled for August 20th.

President Henderson announced his intention to run for Auglaize County Commissioner. President Henderson noted that should he win the seat, he will still continue to serve as City Council President until December 31st, 2020.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:40p.m. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council