

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 2, 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. Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg was also present. Law Director Dennis Faller and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were absent.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Streets & Alleys Committee** – a meeting was held on August 27, 2019 and the following was discussed:

1. Request to vacate an unused section of Canning Factory Rd.

This is south of US33 and west of progress Drive. This adjoins the farm of John Knueve who requests this vacation and also State property. This has not been used since US33 became 4 lanes. Discussion about the location and use was held.

Motion by Metz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wurst, approved 2-0, to approve the possible vacation and have Administration seek more information about the State's involvement in this action.

2. Golf cart safety

The mayor observed an unrestrained small child nearly fall from a gold cart on the city street. If properly equipped, golf carts are allowed on city streets by State law, but there are no requirements for restraints. Administration will continue to research this issue and determine action the city can take to improve the safety of passengers.

3. Vacation of alley by Zip Stop

This has not been completed as an adjacent property owner needs to sign appropriate paper work.

Motion by Metz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wurst, approved 2-0, to approve this vacation when proper signatures are attained.

Mr. Neumeier noted that a previous county bridge engineer is concerned about losing the calibration posts in the unused section of Canning Factory Road. Service Director Gregg stated that this area is one of the few spots in the State of Ohio used to calibrate equipment, therefore, the vacation of the area is likely not possible.

#### **Communications -**

Clerk McDonald provided Council and Administration with a flyer of information regarding the annual 'Suicide Prevention Walk', scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business -**

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Ord 2019-46 to the floor. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-42 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to adopt Res 2019-42. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-46 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Service Director Gregg noted that said ordinance contains the refinancing of sewer debts, OWDA project funds and attorney fees for the Pratt Ind. negotiations and contracts.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-46. Mr. Neumeier asked why the amount needed for Pratt was not budgeted. Mr. Gregg replied that the amount exceeded what was

budgeted. Mr. Neumeier asked what the City will do next year without a Law Director in place. President Henderson suggested contracting out this job. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed. Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2019-46. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Neumeier). Motion passed.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Metz asked if the weather has affected work on West Auglaize Street. Mr. Gregg stated that work should be taking place this week.

Mr. Doll asked for the start date of the 'Riverscape Project'. Mr. Gregg stated he did not know, as it has been bid out again.

Mr. Neumeier asked for the status of the ballfield near the Waterpark. Mr. Campbell stated that a few times of year there is a need for additional parking for football games. Mr. Campbell added that the Waterpark is not in need of extra parking, and that the ballfield will have additional usage in the future. Mr. Campbell felt that this issue of turning the ballfield into a parking lot would likely not pass if presented to Council.

**Miscellaneous Business -**

Service Director Gregg asked about the possible alley vacation near the old 'Zip-Stop' store. Clerk McDonald noted that she has not yet received a vacation request for this area.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 7:49p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council