

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 21, 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 and Law Director Dennis Faller were also present. There were 8 visitors present. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh was absent.

Mr. Neumeier pointed out that under 'New Business' in the October 7th Council Meeting minutes, sentence should read: "An additional \$40,000 could be budgeted by the City for this transition period." Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 Council Meeting as corrected. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Committee Reports:

Tourism Commission did not meet due to lack of quorum.

Utilities Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 10-10-2019 and the following was discussed:

The meeting was set for the purpose of discussing the drainage issue at Chad Scott's residence. He has had high water in the back yard. There is a city utility transformer in this area which has water halfway or more up on the transformer. He had presented pictures at previous council meetings asking for the drainage problem to be corrected. At the September council meeting he presented the bill listed below for the work completed by him to install a swale between his property and the neighbor. Engineering Department has reviewed the work and feels it will serve its purpose. This information was provided by Terry Campbell.

I was instructed at the Council meeting to make contact with the City Law Director, to make sure that we are not setting policy and obligating the city in any future projects of this nature. Law Director, Dennis Faller, informed me that we should not reimburse for this work that was not approved nor specified by the city. That action will cause the city to be responsible for possible future work. If the city develops policy for this type of program that may be different but it would need to be reviewed.

The home building contractor is the problem maker not hauling the dirt away. Dirt comes from the home foundation and/or basement. It is expensive to haul away, so some of the home building contractors are spreading the dirt on the lot and eliminating the swales.

Cost of \$1477.86

Tiller rental	41 .29
Catch basin grates	122.76
Concrete blocks	35.18
Quikrete	12.84
Quikrete and	22.50
fertilizer Landscaping	32.05
glue River rock	166.24
Raise barn	250.00
Swale construction	720.00
Straw	25.00
Grass seed	50.00
	\$1477.86

The committee did question the need to raise the barn since the drainage problem would be eliminated. The Mayor indicates there is quite a list of similar drainage issues. These will be looked at by Engineering. After further discussion Mayor Tom Stinebaugh indicated he would make contact with City Engineer and request a policy from them. (See attached email)

The committee is looking for the City Engineer, and Mayor Stinebaugh to have answers on ways to address these problems which will include monitoring.

If a policy is created the committee discussed it would need to have a cap dollar amount associated with it.

Committees adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion was made by Terry Campbell, seconded by Bonnie Wurst.

Mr. Lee asked if a set policy will be developed. Mr. Metz replied that the new law director would need to review it. Law Director Faller clarified that he recommended that the City not reimburse, as it could cause the City to be responsible.

Communications –

Auditor Wells then asked Council for input or questions regarding Ord 2019-52, noting that the ordinance is to clean up loose ends and get ready for the upcoming budget. Mr. Neumeier asked for further detail on the principal payment. Mr. Wells stated that the City netted everything within the fund during refinancing. Mr. Metz asked for further explanation of internal engineering. Mr. Wells answered that it had to do with health insurance. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City anticipates and budgets for additional personnel in 2020. Service Director Gregg stated that the City does not plan to hire many additional employees next year.

Guest Petitions -

Mrs. Kathy Place of 18407 St. Rt. 197, and representing Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership, spoke to Council requesting additional funding for grants to improve the downtown façades. Mrs. Place noted that Interior Motifs has an emergency situation due to the Koneta Hotel fire. Mrs. Place proposed that the City increase the DWP funding from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. Mr. Doll noted that the Finance Committee will consider this request at their October 31st budget meeting. Mr. Neumeier asked how 'DWP' handles communications with local business owners who are not located downtown. Mrs. Judy Presar of 1409 Apache Trail, and representing the 'DWP', replied that in 2012 appropriations began with the State of Ohio and the state assisted Wapakoneta in outlining historical boundaries, as a starting place. Mr. Metz then explained the scoring categories regarding declaring a building as "historical". Mr. Campbell and Mr. Metz noted that the upcoming 'Riverscape Project' has garnered additional interest from downtown business owners to participate in the program. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City is eligible to apply for the funding for the property it now owns downtown. Mrs. Presar replied that she would have to research this. Ms. Place asked if the City now owns the land where Koneta Inn was previously located. Mr. Neumeier answered, the City is in the process of owning it. Mrs. Place suggested applying for a grant with the Ohio Garden Club Association for reconstructing this land. Service Director Gregg noted that the contracts have been signed but the property has not yet been transferred.

New Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to nominate Ms. Amy Crow to the Waste Minimization Committee. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-48 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUSHETA-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIPS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, FOR THE FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-49 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE "YARD WASTE" DISPOSAL FACILITY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-50 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE

VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-52 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-52. Vote –7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2019-52. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-53 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN DEFIANCE STREET AND NORTH BLACKHOOF IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Clerk McDonald announced that a public hearing regarding this ordinance will be held at City Hall, 7:15pm on November 18th.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-54 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WILLIPIE STREET, WAPAKONETA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO.

Clerk McDonald announced that a public hearing regarding this ordinance will be held at City Hall, 7:15pm on November 18th.

The Mayor provided a copy of the following report:

Oct. 07 Participated in ribbon cutting ceremony for Kettering Health Network

Oct. 07 Participated in City Council Meeting

Oct. 08 Met with Jon Wade at Stolly's to review City Insurance Policies

Oct. 09 Spoke to Noon Optimist's on events and projects in Wapakoneta

Oct. 09 Attended meeting to discuss possible future event in Wapakoneta

Oct. 09 Attended 2019 Committee Meeting

Oct. 10 Participated in OMEA Board Conference call to discuss State Law concerning water

Oct. 10 Participated in Utilities Committee Meeting

Oct. 15 Met with Firefighters Union to begin contract negotiations

Oct. 15 Met with Greg Myers to discuss various topics

Oct. 15 Met with County Commissioners on first phase of County Ditch project North of Auglaize Acres

Oct. 17 Met with Electric Dept. Superintendent to discuss man power issues

Oct. 19 Viewed an alley off of Plum St. at homeowners request for possible vacation

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Reviewed the title exam on the Koneta Hotel, and the delay is due to the old mortgage. Regarding the opioid epidemic, the District Court has defined a "settlement class". The City of Wapakoneta is not currently active in any related litigation. Mr. Neumeier asked for a figure on what the opioid crisis has cost the City of Wapakoneta. Mr. Faller could not answer this, as it is dependent upon several types of records.

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee will meet on October 31st starting at 7:30am at City Hall.

Tourism Commission will meet on Nov. 4th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Neumeier and President Henderson stated they will be absent for the November 4th Council Meeting.

Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to adjourn at 8:15p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

President

Clerk of Council