

President Steve Henderson called an Online Council Meeting to order at 7:32pm on April 20, 2020 with the following members attending the meeting via personal computer: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal, Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg and Clerk Terry McDonald were also present online.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 03-31-2020.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Finance Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 03-18-2020 and the following was discussed:

Doll suggested administration be prepared for higher than average number of indigent burials during the virus outbreak.

Administration indicated it is reviewing all spending to determine which expenditures can wait until later, in light of an expected financial hit to the general fund due to decreased income tax receipts.

SSD Gregg presented the idea of getting an upgrade of CMI computer software for the finance offices. The current program is from 2009. A new package would be used in payroll, tax, and utilities. It would include an on-line portal for payments. Purchase price is \$189,618 and there is also an increase of \$10,000 for annual fees over current fee structure. Committee asked for a second bid for comparison. Kantner suggested also looking at the possibility of replacing all departments with different software to guarantee they can communicate with each other. Committee also suggested this purchase may have to wait in light of city financial restraints due to virus issues.

Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 03-19-2020 and the following was discussed:

A request was made by the Eagles to consider vacating the alley behind the Eagles property.

After considering the request and looking at the safety issues that could potentially arise, the committee denied the request. The biggest safety concern was cars and trucks having to back out of the alley across a sidewalk in the blind.

A discussion was also had on the Eagles potentially installing a fence to direct people to a more visible location before crossing the alley.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald read the annual notice from the Division of Liquor Control stating that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages will expire on June 1, 2020. Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald noted for public record that the April 6th City Council meeting was cancelled due to the corona virus outbreak.

New Business -

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to approve the use of the phrase “First on the Moon” by the 50th Anniversary Committee for use on a 501 (c) 3 application. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Metz stated that he will be supplying Rachel Barber with Tree Commission meeting minutes, per her request.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-19 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Doll noted that Ordinance 2020-19 is for bookkeeping items and making clarifications.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-20 for the first time re: A FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY FOR THE PROJECT STATED BELOW, ODOT PID NO. 106131.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-21 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION TAX LEVY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

The Mayor noted that he attending several webinars regarding corona virus. City employees have been rotating on-duty shifts in order to avoid contact with each other. If Governor DeWine follows the plan to open up Ohio on May 1st, Wapakoneta City Employees will return to their normal 40-hour workweek beginning May 4th. All precautions will continue to be taken to minimize health risk, and personal protective equipment will be supplied to workers.

West Benton Street project has begun. Perry Street and Riverscape projects continue.

Mr. Metz asked how the City is handling recent flooding issues. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that the new City Engineer has already resigned, but Mary Ruck is continuing to work on several projects to alleviate these problems.

Mayor Stinebaugh advised that the storm water project in the 'flower streets' needs one more easement to move forward with work.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update or feedback from the Schlenker's. Mr. Neal replied that he is in communication but does not have a status update.

Mr. Lee expressed concern about Ohio's Sunshine Laws when utilizing online forums for public meetings.

Mr. Neal stated that the Attorney General put out a letter that outlines why this type of meeting is currently acceptable due to the corona virus outbreak.

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adjourn the Online Council Meeting at 7:58p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council