

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 1, 2020 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 4 visitors present.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 online Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 05-31-2020.

Finance Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 05-20-2020 and the following was discussed:

Committee discussed topics related to the Economic Development Loan Fund. There was discussion about who would do the actual administration such as billing, collections, etc. Suggestions included one of the banks or WAEDC. Documents related to the program description & application process and a letter to local banks were approved by a vote of 2-0.

Committee asked for more details on CMI computer software upgrades. SSD said his first attempt to get another estimate received no response. City IT recommends moving forward with this option to ensure upgrades are compatible, department computers can communicate with common software, and being able to easily read over 20 years of history in the program. Wells indicated it would be paid for from General Fund contingency monies. Committee reiterated its desire to see at least an estimate of other options before moving ahead.

Wells indicated it is possible there will be a notice from state auditors regarding insufficient collateral for the city based upon larger bank balances but wanted council to know that the issue has already been addressed and resolved.

Mr. Campbell suggested utilizing a bank to run the revolving loan fund. Mr. Doll stated that this would need to be negotiated.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald read a letter from AEP Ohio regarding their intent to apply for new rates with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio next month.

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the local 'Roots & Shoots Garden Club' thanking Council for their support of urn replacements downtown.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Drew Block 1209 Indian Hill Drive, expressed his concern regarding the integrity of a retention pond in Stoneybrook area. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he has inspected the area and the City is able to make the needed repairs 'in-house'.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-24 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO PURCHASE CIVICA CMI AUTHORITY SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-25 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Mr. Miller stated he felt the wage increases were not appropriate at this time, considering how many people are unemployed. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the increases put the City more in line with surrounding communities, and better wages can be had in the private sector. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the matter had been thoroughly discussed last fall and had the full support of Auditor Wells.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-26R for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Mayor Stinebaugh stated, regarding the death of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis, the City of Wapakoneta does not condone violence or police brutality. Mayor Stinebaugh continued, the City of Wapakoneta welcomes peaceful demonstrations and law abiding citizens of all races.

The Benton Street, Riverscape and Perry Street projects are moving along well. Pratt Ind. is getting closer to finalizing a land acquisition.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell suggested the City not send a return envelope within the utility bill if the customer uses 'auto-pay'. Mr. Gregg replied that asking the mail service to do this sorting would likely cost the City more money.

Mr. Campbell asked if bids are in for the 'flower streets'. Mr. Gregg replied, yes.

Mr. Doll asked that the City examine the street light at the intersection of Auglaize / Hamilton / Mechanic Streets for proper timing. President Henderson asked the City to also look at the street light at the intersection of Blackhoof and Auglaize Streets for the same issue. Mr. Campbell asked the City to also look at the street light at the intersection of Redskin Trail and 501 for the same issue.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert and Mr. Neal will be working together this summer on the City's code violation procedures.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Tourism Commission will meet at City Hall on Monday, June 15th at 6:15pm.

Finance Committee will meet at City Hall on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00pm.

Utilities Committee will meet at City Hall on Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm.

Streets & Alleys Committee and Health & Safety Committee will have a joint meeting at City Hall on Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Scott Minnick of 929 Primrose Drive addressed Council to suggest placing a 4-way stop at the intersection of Stonegate Court and Timber Trail. Mr. Minnick is concerned for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in this area. President Henderson added that a neighbor in this area has tall arborvitae plants that block the view for a driver entering the intersection.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council