

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 20, 2020 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, 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 12 visitors present. Mr. Daniel E. Lee was absent.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 07-09-2020 and the following was discussed:

No review of minutes from the previous meeting.

Suggested the Committee get a copy of past meeting minutes from the Clerk of Courts.

Kantner will follow up to get & distribute to Committee members.

Discussion regarding the "rolls and responsibilities" of the Parks Committee and how this committee is to work with the "Parks and Rec Board".

Parks Committee should be apprised of funding and expenditures of city parks that do not fall under the "Parks and Rec Board".

Parks Committee should advise Council changes in philosophies or services as they relate to city budgeting.

Parks Committee should respond to citizen requests/questions/concerns regarding city parks, in the same manner as other Council Committees, such as "Streets and Allies Committee" addressing stop sign issues.

Discussion regarding the actual name of this committee. Comment that the name may have been changed under a previous administration for reasons not remembered.

Former Mayor & current Councilman Rod Metz suggested the Committee ask Clerk of Courts for minutes of past Council Meetings to research the change in names.

Mayor Stinebaugh suggested leaving "River" in the name of the committee.

Kantner will follow up with the Clerk of Courts.

Discussion regarding what this committee should/could be doing.

Mayor Stinebaugh suggested committee members familiarize themselves on the River Scape project. Mary Ruck in the engineer's office has pictures and diagrams for review.

Mayor Stinebaugh suggested the committee begin to look at the "silt island" at the bend in the Auglaize River behind town, and consider turning into an asset rather than an eyesore by making it into a "real island" with a bridge to access the island. He has already contacted the Army Corp of Engineers for their input, and is waiting on a reply. He also mentioned we would need to contact County Engineer Reinhart.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 07-09-2020 and the following was discussed:

Mayor Stinebaugh requested investigation of property South of Vine Street,(lots 412 & 414 per R. D. Martin's Addition 1853) and North of the old Auglaize Lumber property (now owned by Chuck Kantner), between Park St. and the CSX railroad. It is suspected these lots are owned by the city. The city currently is mowing these properties and it may be advantageous to sell this property. Both properties together are approx. 15,000 sq. ft.

Campbell will investigate and discuss with city law director.

Mr. Campbell added that he located a deed from 1856 but the railroad believes they still own the property.

Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 07-09-2020 and the following was discussed:

Items for discussion:

1) A request was made by CSX to close off Park Street at both Mechanic and Pearl Street. After discussing this, we felt we didn't have enough information, and will meet again on the matter once we have the proper information. Councilman Metz spoke with Brian Cook (business owner whose property is attached to this part of Park St.) and he is completely against the idea of having this portion of Park St.

closed off. A motion was made by Lee and a seconded by Metz to table the discussion with no action, until more information is received from CSX.

2) A request was made to have a “No Turn on Red” sign installed for the eastbound traffic of Bellefontaine St. at the Walmart intersection (entrance). The requested states that there have been near misses due to the eastbound traffic not being aware that the westbound traffic had a green turn light, and would proceed to turn into the flow of traffic. Committee felt that a “No Turn on Red” sign would drastically impact the flow of traffic for the eastbound lane. A recommendation was made to have a “Right on Red with Caution” sign installed for the eastbound traffic.

3) A request was made to have a “No Left Turn” sign installed on Benton St. at the corner of Bellefontaine and Benton St. due to congestion caused with the regular flow of traffic along with customers exiting Max’s Dairy Bar. The committee didn’t feel that this was an issue warranting a sign of no left turn currently. A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Metz to take no action at this time.

4) A request was made to have the lower branches of the pine trees on the property southeast of Plum Street on Willipie Street trimmed to allow a clearer line of sight looking south. The committee noted that although the trees do block some of the view while sitting at the stop bar, drivers can pull forward safely and clearly see if any traffic is coming. A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Metz to take no action at this time.

5) A request was made by Russ Imler inquiring about having a gravel portion of North Van Buren Street extended. The committee advised Mr. Imler to approach the Planning Commission on the matter. He was notified on when they meet, and how to get on their agenda.

6) A request was made by John and Sara Wehner to vacate an alley that runs between a garage and a shed on their property. After some discussion Dan Lee made a motion to accept the alley vacation request and the city will retain easement if there are any utilities in the alley.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on ‘side-by-side’ vehicles. Mr. Dunlap advised that City Administration is still looking into this.

Mayor Stinebaugh and Council then recognized Miss Lauren Doll for being awarded an AMP Scholarship.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Dave Dwyer and Ms. Susan Csejtey of A.R.E. Solar provided council with an update on the power purchase agreement. Mr. Dwyer advised that he will update Council again in two weeks.

Mrs. Jane Myers of 927 Primrose Drive thanked Council for their decision to place stop signs on Timber Trail for safety reasons.

Mrs. Jackie Martell of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce requested Council’s input and support on the application for a proposed ‘Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area’ (DORA) in the downtown, which would allow for outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages within a limited area of the downtown. Application must be made to the State of Ohio. Mrs. Martell provided Council with a draft of said application, noting the proposed boundaries and the research that was done. Mrs. Martell Mr. Dunlap asked if the boundaries could be expanded at a later date. Mrs. Martell replied, yes, if the City follows protocols to do so.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to have legislation prepared to apply to the State of Ohio for a ‘DORA’, utilizing the larger boundary option Mrs. Martell supplied, with said legislation to include emergency language. Mr. Metz noted that the City ought to investigate how the Auglaize River and waterway regulations may affect said plan. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

New Business -

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to bring Ordinance 2020-37 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-30 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COST OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA CONSISTENT WITH THE

REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 601 (d) AND ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS BEFORE RECEIVING SAID FUNDS.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2020-30. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-32 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-33 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR THE CONSENT OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UTILIZE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-36 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-37 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Perry Street is still expected to be completed in August. Riverscape Project and West Benton Street projects are progressing nicely. Still working to maximize the number of streets to be ground & paved. The City is hiring someone to decrease the geese population due to sanitary issues.

Mr. Metz advised that a citizen has offered to help remedy the matter of a silt-island in the Auglaize River downtown.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Working on software upgrades. The City is changing online bill payment to make it easier for customers.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the scenic byway signs. Mr. Gregg replied, no update. Mr. Doll again asked for the traffic light timing at Auglaize and Hamilton Streets be looked at. President Henderson noted same for the traffic light at Blackhoof and W. Benton Street. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the parts were ordered to remedy this.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mayor Stinebaugh asked for an update on the annexation. Mr. Neal advised that the petition was filed on Friday.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet at City Hall on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30pm.

Parks & Rivers Committee will meet at City Hall on Tuesday, July 28th at 7pm.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:16p.m. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council

