

President Steve Henderson called the online meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 21, 2020 with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present online. Daniel E. Lee and Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh were absent.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2020 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business -

Mr. Kantner noted the possibility of an apartment complex being built just north of Auglaize Acres on Infirmary Road. Mr. Kantner stated that all citizens who contacted him about the matter were against the project. Mr. Kantner asked President Henderson when would be an appropriate time for citizens to voice their opinion on the project and possible annexation. President Henderson reiterated that the matter currently lies in the hands of the Auglaize County Commissioners, and citizens ought to voice their opinions on the project to them at this stage of the process. Mr. Doll added that Wapakoneta City Council has not yet received any official plans, engineering documents, drawings, or the like regarding the possible apartment complex project, therefore they are not currently in a position to answer definitive questions on the matter. Law Director Neal agreed, stating that at this point, there has been nothing put before the City to determine on the matter, and that the Auglaize County Commissioners have current jurisdiction on the project proposal. Mr. Campbell suggested that concerned parties contact developer Mr. Nick Kennedy directly should they have questions.

New Business –

Service Director Gregg relayed a request by Mr. Michael Short of 16622 Wapak – Cridersville Road for utilities connection at 16620 Wapak – Cridersville Road. Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve said request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-38R for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN SUCH AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Doll both stated that if the DORA program is implemented in the City of Wapakoneta, Council will review it at several intervals to examine and remedy any problems.

Motion by Doll, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2020-38R. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-39 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to adopt Res 2020-39. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-41 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME SOFTENING PROJECT.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-42 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to suspend the rules for Ord 2020-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2020-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-43 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO ESTABLISHING THE “CITY OF WAPAKONETA CARES SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM” USING CARES ACT FUNDS; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2020-43. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to adopt Res 2020-43. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-44 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE PETITIONING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY EAST OF DEARBAUGH AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN FAIRVIEW AVENUE AND AN UNIMPROVED SECTION OF SOUTH STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Clerk McDonald noted that a public hearing has been scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 7:15pm.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Tourism Commission received a request from the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership for \$3250 in funding for DORA signage, social media advertising, printed materials and cup stickers. The Commission approved \$1550 of the request to be spent on DORA signage and cup stickers.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to approve the \$1550 for DORA signage and cup stickers. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Kantner asked for clarification on “conflict of interest” for councilmembers. Mr. Neal answered that this scenario occurs only if you are the direct beneficiary or receive direct financial benefit. Mr. Neal encouraged councilmembers to contact the Ohio Ethics Commission directly whenever questions like this arise.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Parks Committee will meet at City Hall on September 28th at 8:00pm.

Finance Committee will meet at City Hall on September 29th at 7:30pm.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Campbell noted the “Back the Blue” flyer that Council received, and encouraged residents to participate in the program by changing their porch lights to blue bulbs to show support for law enforcement.

President Henderson received a request from a resident that a cross walk be installed to safely cross Hamilton Road near the football field. President Henderson put the matter into the Streets & Alleys Committee for consideration.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council