

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 28, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 3 visitors present. Councilman Daniel E. Lee was absent.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lodging Tax Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 06-28-2021. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the meeting was held to update the committee on the Perry Street parking lot project.

Health & Safety Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 06-15-2021 and the following was discussed:

1. Recap of Golf Cart Legislation and thoughts thus far.

- The committee discussed early results of the new golf cart/side-by-side ordinance with the Police Chief to get his feedback. Chief said that 9 out of 10 comments have been positive, and he is pleased with the result.
- Shepline has been noticing seatbelts recently on carts and was incredibly positive on the results of the committee's and council's work on this topic.

2. Wapak Police Inspections of Golf Carts

- Citizen questioned why they need to take their golf cart to another city to get it inspected for use in Wapak after we passed our golf cart legislation
- Discussion with the police chief on the potential for Wapakoneta police department to inspect golf carts and side-by-sides
- Specific questions considered included:
 - What time / days of the week would be available for inspection?
 - General opinion seemed to be Saturday mornings, maybe 9am-Noon, but open to suggestions
 - How would sign-up process work for inspections?
 - What does the standard inspection look like? i.e. what is checked for?
 - Police Chief cited multiple different criteria he has seen with different requirements. We would need to define our criteria.
 - Who would conduct the inspections? Could we utilize non-police offer citizens who are certified?
 - Police Chief worried that he is already at minimum staffing, could potentially not be able to utilize an offer for this inspection work.
 - How does someone get certified to inspect?
 - Since Wapakoneta has a seatbelt ordinance, would we require seatbelts in the inspection?
 - Committee felt that we would require seatbelts in the inspection.
 - What are the liability issues if we inspect? Are we worried that someone may come back to us legally if we inspect a golf cart that fails on the road in some way?
 - Do we need an ordinance from council to begin inspecting golf carts?
 - Committee felt that ordinance could be needed to define inspection criteria, but will check with Law Director
- The questions above were going to be researched by the Police Chief. He will ask other departments about their practices and come back to council with information.

3. Minor Curfew Laws

- Request from citizen to move back minor curfew from midnight to 1am or 2am. Citizen feels that the law unfairly punishes minors who are just trying to get back into town safely. Citizen feels that minors doing unlawful things will do so despite curfew.
- Police Chief felt strongly that keeping minors off the road after midnight when bars let out is the correct policy.
 - Committee agreed, minor curfew laws will not be changed at this time.

4. Geese Issue by Auglaize River

- Committee asked to review if there was anything we could do about geese near Auglaize River walk
- Shepline to meet with rangers to discuss potential solutions
- Police Chief informed the committee that Mayor Stinebaugh is aware of a type of spray that can be used to repel geese. He is looking into this, more discussion to come.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald noted that due to the 4th of July holiday, the first council meeting in July has been rescheduled to July 12th at 7:30pm at City Hall. The following council meeting will be held on July 19th at 7:30pm at City Hall.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-29 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 894.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2021-29. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-30 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2021-30. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-32 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1046 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING DAMAGE TO CITY FACILITIES; LIABILITY OF CONSUMERS; RIGHT OF ENTRY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2021-33 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR TO COMPROMISE OR SETTLE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2021-34 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA DURING THE ANNUAL SUMMER MOON FESTIVAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to suspend the rules for Res 2021-34. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Miller to adopt Res 2021-34. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Attended AMP conference.

W. Benton Street project is underway.

Perry Street parking lot paving is done.

Curb work on the grind and pave streets will begin soon.

Mr. Campbell asked when the Perry Street parking lot will be open for vehicles. Mayor Stinebaugh replied, later this week.

The Service Director gave the following report:
No report.

The Law Director gave the following report:
Condemnation proceedings have started on the 701 W. Auglaize Street property.
Title search for the Easttown property will be done this week.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Parks Committee will meet on June 30th at 8pm at City Hall if needed.
Lands & Buildings Committee will meet on July 6th at 1pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council