

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 19, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, 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 5 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee noted that a lodging tax committee meeting was not held.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Chad Scott of 1101 Timber Trail gave Council a summary of the timeline, meetings and events that occurred over several years regarding the flooding issues on his property. Mr. Scott provided Council with a plat map of his property showing the intended path for excess water flow. Mr. Scott explained that according to the elevation calculations, the excess water needs to reach 1 foot 5 inches deep in his backyard before it can flow towards the roadway. Mr. Scott added that the excess water from 17 nearby properties flows towards his house, utilizing an inadequately sized 6 inch tile. Mr. Scott stated again that he has provided City Council with photos showing 20 inches of water surrounding an electrical transformer in his backyard. Mr. Scott explained that the City Engineering Department approved a swale design that was supposed to take excess water from the backyards of 17 properties out to the roadway, but that had a 1 foot 5 inch hill of dirt in the way of the flow.

Mr. Shepline asked if anyone from the City gave Mr. Scott permission to proceed with fixing the matter himself. Mr. Scott answered, no.

Mr. Jim Neumeier of 708 West Auglaize Street asked Council for an update and timeline to remedy the property at 701 West Auglaize Street. Law Director Neal stated he has begun condemnation proceedings. Mr. Neumeier then asked for an itemized breakdown of how and where the ½% income tax for street repairs was used. Service Director Gregg replied that he will get this list to Mr. Neumeier shortly.

New Business -

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to approve the contract changes between the City of Wapakoneta and the UWUA. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Doll gave an update on the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area', stating that the Wapak Chamber of Commerce and the Wapak Police Department have voiced no issues with the program thus far.

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

Motion by Kantner, second by Shepline to table Res 2021-33. Vote – 6 yeas, 1 nay (Miller). Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2021-35 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

The Mayor gave the following report:

North Street is blocked off for a lift station upgrade.

West Benton Street construction is going well.

Curb work has begun.

The City's north water tower has been primed and will be re-painted.

President Henderson stated that Dominion Gas communicated to him that they were not the proximate cause of Pratt Paper's decision to put expansion on hold. Mayor Stinebaugh disagreed, saying that Pratt Paper listed gas supply as their one reason for not expanding in Wapakoneta.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked that City Administration's microphones in Council chambers be updated, as members of the public are communicating that they cannot hear what is being said.

Mr. Lee asked if the City could offer recycling containers for public use downtown.

Mr. Lee asked again if the City would investigate the possibility of installing an electric vehicle charging station downtown.

Mr. Miller asked for the amount of 'America Rescue Plan' dollars the City will receive. Service Director Gregg replied, 1.9 million dollars over a two year timeframe.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on August 16th at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

Finance Committee will meet on July 27th at 8pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to enter into executive session at 8:19pm for conferences with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action and inviting City Administration, and to discuss matters of economic development and inviting Logan O'Neill. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 9:10pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Stinebaugh noted that wayfinding signage may be installed to direct tourists to the 'Temple of Tolerance' on Mr. Jim Bowser's property.

Motion by Doll, second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council