

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 17, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Bonnie Wurst, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Terry Campbell. Also present were Mayor Tom Stinebaugh, Law Director Dennis Faller and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg. There were 12 visitors present. Chad Dunlap absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**Lands & Buildings Committee** – a meeting was held on June 7, 2019 and the following was discussed: Discussed current proposal submitted by Choice One to attack storm water issues in the flower streets area. Everyone agreed the study looks like a comprehensive approach and should be implemented. Everyone present agreed that a follow-up meeting to discuss any outstanding questions with Mitch Thobe should be scheduled.

Meeting moved to current retention pond for flower streets area near the Schlenker apartment complex at the end of Magnolia Street. Discussed future expansion of pond which is listed as option #2. Currently land West of the pond is not available and is owned by Schlenker Developments.

Discussed water issued as it relates to the placement of “swales” and their importance in directing storm water. Often homeowners fill in swales thereby altering the storm water flow.

**Lands & Buildings Committee** – a meeting was held on June 11, 2019 and the following was discussed: Discussed moving forward with commercial CRA tax incentives. For the purpose of this CRA, structures exclusively used for residential purposes and composed of more than two (2) housing units. Committee will approach Wapakoneta City School Board and discuss proposal options, meeting time TBD.

**Tourism Commission** – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 6-17-2019, stating there was no action taken by the committee. Mr. Lee added that the fund balance is currently at approximately \$210,000.

**Finance Committee** - a meeting was held on June 10, 2019 and the following was discussed: Cecil presented information regarding the creation of a policy for mutual aid pay. In many communities mutual aid workers receive 1 ½ to 2 times the regular rate of pay from the community they assist. Wapakoneta has no such policy so our workers receive the regular rate of pay. Such a policy does not cost the city anything extra as the rate is paid by the community our workers would visit. Committee had no immediate objections to creating such a policy, but at the suggestion of Wurst, will ask administration to consult with legal counsel to see if it would be better to move forward by ordinance or through contract negotiation.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Ms. Cheryl Kellogg addressed Council about the 2020 U.S. Census, and provided council members with a folder of materials about same. Ms. Kellogg explained the census process, and asked for Council and City Administration to encourage residents to participate. Mr. Campbell asked if all of the census questions have been finalized. Ms. Kellogg replied, not yet.

Mr. John Shepline of 808 W. Auglaize Street, addressed Council again regarding ongoing drainage issues on his property.

Mr. Darrell Schoup of 1602 St. Rt. 501, addressed Council about drainage issues on and around his property, including the matter of mud in his driveway due to same. Mr. Schoup stated he addressed Council about the same matter one year ago, and would like to know what has been done to remedy the issue. Mr. Campbell stated that he feels the issues are being caused by homeowners plumbing their sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. Mr. Schoup added that the natural drainage swales have been disturbed by further development in the area. Mr. Campbell reassured Mr. Schoup that the City has recently hired its own engineer to investigate the flooding and drainage issues, though the list is lengthy.

Mrs. Connie Brincefield of 1201 Glynwood Road addressed Council about a 4 inch flood within her basement on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Brincefield stated this problem has not occurred in 47 years at her home. Mrs. Brincefield feels that the new nearby Schlenker development has disturbed or damaged a tile on her property, causing these drainage issues.

Mr. Dave Schlenker of 824 Glynwood Road explained the status of a petition he has filed with Auglaize County due to a conflict in measurements made by his engineer versus the County's engineer. Mr. Schlenker invited the City's new engineer and Choice One to re-examine the area and the calculations involved. Mayor Stinebaugh asked that Mr. Schlenker begin requiring the elevation measurements be shown on development plans.

Mr. Brandon Terrill of 906 Primrose Drive addressed Council about ongoing flooding issues at this property. Mr. Terrill submitted photos of the damage for Council's review. Mr. Terrill stated his house has flooded 3 times in six weeks. Mr. Terrill stated that whatever work the City recently completed in this area has made the drainage problem worse, not better. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the real issue is locating the finances to complete the work suggested in Choice One Engineering's study results. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the retention pond was given more capacity so that flooding waters would not gather so quickly within the tiles. Mr. Terrill insisted that this does not follow general engineering rules, especially regarding water flow. Mr. Terrill requested that the City follow through with all steps suggested by Choice One Engineering, with accepted revisions.

Mr. Chad Scott of 1101 Timber Trail supplied Council with the photos of flooding around his property. Mr. Scott noted, in particular, the submerged transformer shown in said photos, and voiced his concern for the safety of everyone near this area. Mr. Scott installed his own drainage tile on his property to aid the flooding problem. Mr. Scott advised that his suggested project would cost the City approximately \$5000. Mr. Scott offered to grade his own property and care for all the yard work afterwards if the City puts in the tile needed. Mr. Scott stated that if the City is planning to complete the projects in chronological order, he likely won't be alive to see his property fixed. Mr. Scott also added that he fears someone will be injured or killed due to the flooding around said transformer.

#### **New Business -**

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to bring Ord 2019-33 to the floor. Mr. Neumeier asked for an explanation. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that a fixed price could not be provided until it was shopped for. Mayor Stinebaugh stated he will not sign anything until consulting Council on the price given. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-31 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR ALL PARCELS IN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR THE AUGLAIZE ACRES TILE PROJECT.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2019-32 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A BUSINESS SIGN ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell noted that a similar sign was hung by 'Gigi's', and asked if the City is absolved from all responsibility from injury should the sign come down accidentally. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that this sign will be fastened more securely. Mrs. Wurst asked if the City ought to just change the sign ordinance rather than doing decisions on a case by case basis.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-33 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS, INC. FOR AGGREGATION CONSULTING SERVICES AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED SERVICES RELATED TO NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, RATIFYING ANY SUCH SERVICES HERETOFORE PERFORMED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2019-33. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2019-33. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Mayor's report:

No report.

The City has hired an engineer.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked for the City to borrow the County's lidar equipment as soon as possible.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

**SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Utilities Committee will meet on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:58pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Clerk of Council