

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 16, 2019 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Jim Neumeier, Daniel E. Lee, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg and Mayor Tom Stinebaugh were also present. Bonnie Wurst was absent. Law Director Dennis Faller arrived at 7:56pm.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 08-31-2019.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the September 02, 2019 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

#### **Communications -**

Clerk McDonald read a letter from Ms. Rachel Barber, indicating that new appointments need to be made to the 'Waste Minimization Committee'.

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, to Bhavik LLC, 109 Defiance Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

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#### **Guest Petitions -**

Mr. Josh Little of 15581 Sunset Blvd. requested Council's permission for street closures for the annual Children's Hometown Holiday event, scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Doll, second by Metz to approve the request with the appropriate documentation. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Chad Scott of 1101 Timber Trail, requested reimbursement from the City for installing a swale on his property line to prevent flooding waters from partially submerging a transformer at the rear of his property. Mr. Scott supplied Council & Administration with a breakdown of his expenses, as well as before and after photos showing the work completed. Mr. Scott noted that he has approached Council in the past about the problem, but due to safety concerns, chose to not wait on the City to correct the problem. Mr. Neumeier asked if the City reviewed Mr. Scott's plan prior to the work being done. Mr. Scott replied, yes, he provided the information to Mary Ruck at the Engineering Department. Mr. Campbell stated that he felt the City ought to consider the reimbursement, in the amount of \$1477.86. Mr. Metz agreed. President Henderson put the matter into the Utilities Committee for discussion. Mr. Lee stated he would like to hear a recommendation from the Utilities Committee on how the reimbursement would be paid for, as well as what the precedent will be for future scenarios moving forward. Mr. Campbell then noted that the repairs would have cost the City much more if Mr. Scott hadn't done them himself. President Henderson suggested that the City's new engineer be invited to the Utilities Committee meeting.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-43R for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING RATES AND CHARGES.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2019-43R. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2019-47 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SHORT-TERM LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Doll asked for an explanation. Service Director Gregg stated that this loan is due to EPA regulations for smoke testing, inspecting and mapping the sewer lines on the north side of the City. Mr. Gregg noted that these expenses were not budgeted for this year, and that the City Auditor felt it was necessary to take a short-term loan to cover the costs. Mr. Campbell asked for the EPA's deadline on resolving the matter. Mr. Gregg replied, May 31, 2022. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the costs also include cleaning out the north interceptor sewer, which contained a substantial amount of grit that needed removed. Mr. Neumeier asked how the City plans to pay off the loan. Mr. Gregg stated that it will be paid out of the

sanitary sewer line fund. Mr. Neumeier asked how the City will address problems if they are discovered to be the homeowner's issue. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that City Council will be a large part of this discussion. Mr. Campbell noted that the residents need educated on the matter. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the City has the right, by ordinance, to inspect homes for these issues. Mr. Campbell noted that he felt Auditor Wells should have attended the Council Meeting to provide explanation.

Law Director Faller arrived at 7:56pm.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Sept 03 Attended Tree Commission Meeting  
Sept 03 Met with ARE on Solar Project  
Sept 04 Bi-weekly Pratt phone conference  
Sept 04 WAEDC Meeting  
Sept 04 AEP phone conference for New Substation  
Sept 06 Met with Chuck Kantner and Deb Fischer concerning parking issues on Willipie  
Sept 09 Met with Steve & Gail Walter to write purchase contract for Kaneta Hotel Property  
Sept 10 Met with Ted Hemleben and Randy Chavaley to discuss 50th Anniversary events  
Sept 10 Met with Harry Phillips from AMP to discuss city needs  
Sept 11 Met with ARE to discuss Solar details  
Sept 12 Attended Lima Memorial Fundraiser at Flex Arm  
Sept 13 Met with Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss possible Presidential visit  
Sept 14 Officiated my 4th Wedding Ceremony

Mayor Stinebaugh added that he wrote a purchase contract for the City to acquire the 'Koneta Inn' property for the amount of \$1.00, with the stipulations being approval by City Council and that the property will become primarily parking space. Motion by Lee, second by Metz to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Neumeier asked for an update on the possible visit from President Donald Trump on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Pratt Industries. Mayor Stinebaugh has no further details to provide.

Mr. Metz noted some dead trees in the downtown tree lawn and asked what will be done to remove them. Mayor Stinebaugh acknowledged that there are several dead trees in the tree lawn that need addressed, but that the City's Street Department does not have enough staff to complete this at the moment.

Mr. Metz asked for an update on the 'Riverscape Project'. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the bids came back and the project will start this year, with a completion date of November 2020.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked if Mr. William Thomas has sent a camera through on South Pine Street to determine the cause of a dip in the street. Mr. Gregg replied that he will check on this.

Mayor Stinebaugh advised Council that the soccer club would like to construct a fence along the Breakfast Optimist Park.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Utilities Committee will meet on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn at 8:04p.m. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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President

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Clerk of Council

