

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 20, 2020 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz and Terry Campbell. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 12 visitors present. Chad Dunlap was absent.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mrs. Linda Barry of 20086 Mudsock Road, addressed Council regarding her concern about refugee resettlement in Ohio. Mrs. Barry supplied a signed petition of 12 area residents stating the same concern and asking that a resolution be adopted to protect the City of Wapakoneta from such a burden of providing funds and resources for refugees. Mrs. Barry provided Council with a sample Resolution that would exempt the City of Wapakoneta from forced participation in refugee resettlement. Mrs. Barry also supplied Council with the estimated 5 year costs to tax payers for Middle Eastern refugee resettlement in the U.S. President Henderson put the matter into the Health & Safety Committee for review. Mr. Lee asked if any cities in Ohio have already adopted such a resolution. Mrs. Barry replied that she did not know of any at this time.

#### **Unfinished Business –**

Mr. Doll noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward seat is still not filled, and asked Law Director Neal to research the proper procedure for filling it. Mr. Doll suggested that the City communicate to citizens the procedure for expressing interest in the position by a certain deadline. Mr. Doll added that if permitted, City Council could review the letters of interest at the Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and then conduct interviews and make an appointment during the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **New Business –**

Mr. Doll noted that the recreation levy expires in December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and that Council and City Administration need to determine if a renewal and replacement is needed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-01 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-02 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE. Mr. Doll asked that the figures within the contract be updated.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-03 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-04 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO NEGOTIATE AND PROCEED WITH PLANS, DEVELOPMENT OF SPECS, ADVERTISE FOR BID AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF BENTON STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-05 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR ALL DEVELOPED PARCELS IN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY WOODLAND HILLS DITCH PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Campbell asked for specific amounts to be listed within the

ordinance, and also noted that the body of the document skips from Section 1 to Section 4. Service Director Gregg will correct this.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-06 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1046 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING ELECTRICITY RATES AND CHARGES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-07 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, REGARDING RATES AND CHARGES. Mr. Doll asked if regulations will be updated once the “rolling trash bins” are made available to area residents. Mr. Metz replied that he is working on this.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-08 for the first time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Doll announced that Auditor Wells has closed the books for 2019, adding that Ord 2020-08 acknowledges the carryover amounts.

The Mayor provided a copy of the following report:

- Jan. 06 Teleconference call with Pratt to discuss Real Estate
- Jan. 06 Met with Fritz Zwiebel to discuss possible land acquisition
- Jan. 06 Met with Grant Neal to discuss Law Director Position
- Jan. 06 Participated in Council Meeting
- Jan. 07 Met with USDA to discuss land issues
- Jan. 07 Met with Doug Reinhart and Andrew Baumer to discuss impending and ongoing ditch petitions
- Jan. 08 Participated in WAEDC Monthly Meeting
- Jan. 08 Met with Vietnam Veteran's group to discuss possible co-operation on a Downtown Project
- Jan. 08 Phone conference with Pratt to discuss Real Estate
- Jan. 10 Phone conference with Pratt to discuss Real Estate
- Jan. 14 Attended DOC presentation to Re-certify the Job Ready Site
- Jan. 14 Attended DOC Site Selection Seminar
- Jan. 15 Attended AEP open house at Middle School to view possible routes to St. Marys' AEP Substation
- Jan. 16 Attended bid opening for Gemini Substation on Short Road
- Jan. 17 Met with Dave Dwyer to discuss Solar Project
- Jan. 17 Met with WAEDC reps and Grant Neal to discuss ongoing projects

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to appoint Nick Sammetinger to the Planning Commission. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell asked for further detail on the Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> USDA meeting. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that it was regarding land that Pratt Industries wishes to purchase.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the solar panel project. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he hopes to have more information at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Metz advised that Dan Graf has expressed interest in joining a committee or board as well.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to appoint John Hassenauer to the Firefighters Dependency Fund. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Mr. Gregg advised that the City is moving forward with the lime softening upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant, adding that a firm will be hired to work with engineering to take measures to eliminate change orders during the project itself.

Mr. Campbell suggested that Electric Dept. Levi Cecil read the current issue of Amplifier magazine for a helpful article on generator feedback.

Mr. Campbell asked why the Police Department will no longer be delivering Council persons' packets to their homes. Service Director Gregg advised that this decision was made by City Administration & the Police Department. Mr. Gregg added that Council members can opt to receive their packet via email if they choose.

Mr. Metz asked about the flashing traffic light at the intersection of Benton & Willipie Streets. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that this could turn into a four-way stop, but is still being discussed.

Mr. Metz asked about the functionality of the traffic light at Auglaize & Blackhoof Streets. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that this is being worked on.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Mr. Neal stated that he will soon have regular office hours scheduled at the City Building, and has been in contact with Dennis Faller on current City matters and transfer of files.

**SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee will meet on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Clerk McDonald noted that all elected officials must file their financial disclosure with the Ethics Commission by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:10p.m. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council