

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 3, 2020 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Daniel E. Lee, Chad Doll, Rodney Metz, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 18 visitors present. Ross Kantner was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 01-31-2020.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Mayor Stinebaugh acknowledged Alex Eisert for attaining his Eagle Scout badge, and then read a proclamation recognizing his accomplishment.

Finance Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 01-22-2020 and the following was discussed:

The purpose of this meeting was to provide background and orientation for the two new committee members. No action items were presented.

Auditor Wells shared an overview of city funds and the budget process to orient new committee members to those topics.

Doll shared background on the former CDBG RLF process and the possibility of a local fund to replace it. Doll also provided introductory material on other recent or approaching topics for the committee including Law Director salary, Engineering continuing education funding, digital archiving, and street and recreation levies.

Health & Safety Committee Meeting – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 01-28-2020 for the purposes of discussing the federal refugee placement program. After much research, Mr. Lee discovered that no refugees will be placed in Ohio at this time. Mr. Lee added that the likelihood of this changing is nominal due to factors considered in placement. The committee will revisit the topic as more information becomes available.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. David Bambauer of New Knoxville, Ohio introduced himself to Council and welcomed any questions regarding his run for the Auglaize County Commissioner seat.

Mrs. Vicki Kuhn of 705 Ohio Street, addressed Council regarding her concerns about refuse and recycling issues in the City. Mrs. Kuhn asked what mediums the City uses to communicate information to citizens. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, Facebook, Wapakoneta Daily News and the Informer newsletter within utility bills. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Metz noted that though recycle bin lid design ideas were made available to the public, no one showed any interest.

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert of 910 Sunrise Drive addressed Council to propose changes in the City's zoning laws that will save considerable dollars on postage. Mr. Eisert referenced Code Section 1254.08 in which the City is required to mail registered notices to surrounding property owners within 250 feet of any property requesting a variance. Mr. Eisert stated that other cities are doing this differently and much more cost effectively. Law Director Grant Neal will check the Ohio Revised Code and look into this matter further.

Unfinished Business –

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to enter executive session at 7:56pm to consider the appointment of a public employee or official and inviting City Administration. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:17pm. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-01 for the third 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.
Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2020-01. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-02 for the third 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.
Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2020-02. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-03 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.
Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2020-03. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-04 for the third 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.
Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2020-04. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-05R 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 the total dollar amount for the project. Service Director Gregg will supply this figure to Council.

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 2020-07R 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. Metz noted that the Waste Minimization Committee still has several concerns regarding this ordinance and more discussion and research on the details is needed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-08 for the first time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-09 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A TAX LEVY REPLACEMENT FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.
Service Director Gregg stated that an additional ordinance would be needed to place the matter on the November ballot.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-10 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked why the ordinance is an emergency. Mr. Dave Dwyer of A.R.E. gave a brief summary of the timeline of the process to Council, noting that the financing deadline is in 60 days.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-11 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked why the ordinance is an emergency. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he wasn't aware it needed to be renewed every year.

The Mayor provided a copy of the following report:

Jan. 20 Participated in City Council Meeting
Jan. 21 Hosted Lauren Doll to take AMP Scholarship Test
Jan. 22 Participated in CIC Meeting to discuss possible land acquisition
Jan. 22 Participated in Finance Meeting
Jan. 23 Participated in AEP Development Review via phone conference
Jan. 23 Participated in AMP Hydro Phase I teleconference
Jan. 23 Participated in Armstrong Museum Board Meeting
Jan. 23 Participated in teleconference call with Pratt concerning land acquisition
Jan. 23 Participated in Lincoln Day Dinner
Jan. 24 Met with Garman-Miller to view Koneta Parking Area
Jan. 24 Met with Dave Dwyer to discuss Solar Project
Jan. 27 Participated in Planning Commission Meeting
Jan. 27 Attended GOBA Public Meeting
Jan. 28 Participated in meeting to discuss proposed Sherwood Forest Sewer annexation
Jan. 28 Participated in Lands & Buildings Meeting
Jan. 29 Participated in phone conference to discuss PPA for Solar Project
Jan. 30 Sat in on the Peterson Interview as part of the CMAR Project for the Water Treatment Plant
Jan. 31 Met with Dave Dwyer, Fritz Zwiebel and John Knueve as part of the Solar Project
Participated in several meetings with Fritz Zwiebel to work out a land acquisition agreement with Pratt.

Mayor Stinebaugh noted a possible Vietnam Veterans project may be done in the downtown area.

Mr. Campbell asked for further information on the AMP Hydro Phase I. Service Director Gregg replied that this was about a bond recall that would save money.

Mr. Campbell asked for further information about the Pratt land acquisition. Mayor Stinebaugh explained that it is a combination of two parcels.

Mr. Campbell asked if the City has all the information needed regarding the Sherwood Forest Sewer annexation. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that more details are needed at this time.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell stated that the dark green signage for the parks are difficult to read. Mayor Stinebaugh noted that these will likely be removed, as the way-finding signage is more useful.

Mr. Campbell asked that the holes and cracks on Bellefontaine Street be repaired. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that this is on the to-do list.

Mr. Campbell stated that the intersection of 501 and Redskin Trail needs a traffic camera.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Tourism Commission will meet on Feb. 17th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will meet on Feb. 11th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to adjourn at 8:38p.m. Vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council