

President Steve Henderson called the online meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 17, 2020 with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, 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 online.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 07-31-2020.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 online Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Parks Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 08-06-2020 and the following was discussed:

Interest in Chief Blackhoof/Wapakoneta/Francis Duchouquet/Native American tribute/memorial?

Discussion regarding the opportunities for the City to honor - provide historical information of our Native American heritage. Possibilities of working with Wapak School district in “honoring” our Native American heritage.

Plans for River Scape? Need to verify/see what is planned. Will make appointment with Mary Ruck for Committee to review plans. Need to verify who is responsible for collecting/writing narrative to be used in the River Scape historical project. Update on progress?

Other opportunities? “Silt Island” Need to get update from Mayor Stinebaugh regarding suggestions and/or Army Corp of Engineer correspondence.

Other Opportunities/Suggestions: B. Miller - received call regarding Wapak Water Park - Caller would like to see Water Park be more of a “community pool”. B. Miller - discussion of the Party in The Parkway plans and possibilities of creating a “Concert Series” in the River Scape Gazebo. D. Lee - would like to see the possibility/feasibility of “Disc Golf Course” out at the Dog Park. D. Lee - would like to see the possibility/feasibility of extending the “river walk” on the south side of the river from the Hamilton Street bridge west to the Dog Park. D. Lee - suggestion to close Perry Street between Auglaize Street and the alley. Provide picnic tables/benches to allow folks to utilize downtown restaurants “take out”. Kantner will make motion at next Council Meeting.

Mr. Kantner and Mr. Lee noted the suggestion to close a portion of Perry Street for outdoor dining purposes. Mr. Lee recognized that this idea would take away some parking area in the downtown, and Mr. Metz stated another concern is maintaining cleanup. Mayor Stinebaugh offered his concerns, stating that more problems might be caused rather than solved in closing Perry Street for this purpose. Mr. Lee requested input from the Police and Fire Chiefs. President Henderson decided to keep the matter in the Parks Committee and revisit the idea in the spring. Mr. Doll added that the historical narratives were already completed in the past.

Tourism Committee Meeting – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 08-17-2020. Wapak YMCA requested funding for the installation of a “splash pad” play area. Due to funding needed for current projects, the committee decided to table the request until further notice.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-36 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2020-36. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-37 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Metz, second by Doll to adopt Ord 2020-37. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-38 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN SUCH AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell expressed there has been much interest from the public in attending a public hearing about Ord 2020-38. President Henderson stated he felt said hearing ought to be 'in-person' rather than online. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed. Service Director Gregg agreed to get the ordinance's attachments to Council as soon as possible. Mr. Campbell suggested that 'Section 8' within Ord 2020-38 be changed from "annual review" to something more frequent. Mr. Doll suggested reviewing the project at two months and at six months to start.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-39 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

The Mayor gave the following report:

City projects are moving forward. The storm water project within the 'flower streets' is progressing. Mr. Metz noted that the curb lawn on Perry Street has elevation changes that need graded. Mayor Stinebaugh agreed to review this. Mr. Metz asked for an update on wastewater expansion. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that the City is a long way off on the wastewater site. Mr. Metz asked for an update on Sherwood Forest. Mayor Stinebaugh replied that data collection is being done.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Auditor Wells reported that the July 2020 books are now closed. Software upgrade is progressing. Mr. Campbell asked if the lift station on Water Street is functional. Service Director Gregg replied that this project is complete. Mr. Campbell noted that a rental property at 702 Maple Street owes for City utilities and has broken windows and unsecure doors.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Tourism Committee will meet at City Hall on September 21st at 6:15pm.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet at City Hall on August 20th at 5:15pm.

Miscellaneous Business –

Clerk McDonald noted that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 7th, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Council thanked Service Director Gregg for his work in getting the Council meetings moved online.

Motion by Doll, second by Metz to enter into executive session at 8:11pm and inviting City Administration, for the purpose of conferring with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to exit executive session at 8:35pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:36p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council

