

President Steve Henderson called the online meeting to order at 7:38pm on September 7, 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.

Motion by Metz, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 online Council Meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 08-20-2020 and the following was discussed:

1) Per the request of Mr. Russ Imler to construct a residential property on a platted lot of record on an unimproved public right of way. The area is the unimproved street right of way of Van Buren St.

On January 17, 2019 Mr. Thomas & Kelly Peterman were present at the S&A Committee meeting to review construction of a residence on an unimproved public right of way on Van Buren St. The S&A committee agreed to allow the construction on the unimproved street. The Engineering Dept. provided specification for driving access per the committee. Mr. & Mrs. Peterman were also informed as to when the street (Van Buren) public right-of-way is improved they would be assessed for their roadway frontage (curb & gutter, utilities and road surface).

Imler proposes to build on lot 1863 (directly across from the Peterman property). If this construction is approved the access to the property would not extend any further than currently as the Peterman's property.

In review and consideration the S&A committee recommends if there is interest in any additional residential construction on the unimproved area of Van Buren St. that the public right of way be improved per Chapter 1248 of the City of Wapakoneta Codified Ordinances including utilities with all current land owners of record being accessed for the improvements including the two existing residential properties granted access.

2) Todd Meier with the Wapakoneta Optimist Club is asking for permission to paint a thin blue line down the middle of Auglaize Street, from the railroad tracks, to Blackhoof Street. The Optimist Club is asking for permission to do this to show support for our men and women in law enforcement. He stated that when he brought up the idea, at least 15 members offered to help with the project. Mr. Meier also stated that they would be willing to re-paint the line as needed.

A motion was made by Rodney Metz and 2nd by Dan Lee to proceed with legislation to approve the drawing of a blue line down Auglaize Street from the rail road tracks to Blackhoof Street.

President Henderson then noted that due to miscommunication, the thin blue line was already painted on Auglaize Street without having done the proposed legislation. Mr. Lee then added that the Streets & Alleys Committee had discussed their support of this idea, and felt that that the decision to paint the line was one that the City Administration could make without necessarily going to City Council. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he would be the responsible party for this miscommunication. Mr. Campbell expressed his support of the project and asked the Law Director if he foresaw any problems. Law Director Neal answered that there are no safety concerns due to the blue line being painted, therefore no liability concerns on this issue. Mr. Doll expressed that the City ought to develop and follow a procedure for such things to ensure appropriate approval and public input. Mayor Stinebaugh finalized by saying that an apology from City Administration and Council ought not be needed, as this is a rare moment in history and the City did a small act of recognition for their local law enforcement department. President Henderson thanked the Breakfast Optimist Club for their work and dedication to the community.

Communications-

Clerk McDonald summarized a letter to City Council from Mr. Adam Rohrbaugh stating the he and his family are not in support of the DORA program and asked that council members consider voting 'no' on the matter.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Campbell reiterated that should Council proceed with the DORA program, it will be monitored and possibly eliminated if there are problems.

Clerk McDonald read a question from Ms. Aubrey Granot, asking if the City would consider permanently moving Wapakoneta's 'Trick or Treat' night to the last Saturday in October, and permanently moving Wapakoneta's Halloween Parade to the second to last Saturday in October. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that he is willing to receive input from the public on the matter, but does not think the change would be supported by the majority of residents. Mr. Doll added that the City purposely schedules 'Trick or Treat' night to coincide with neighboring cities to deter overindulgent participants.

New Business -

Mr. Campbell noted that he has received numerous questions regarding the possible construction of middle income housing in the field just north of Auglaize Acres on Infirmary Road. President Henderson added that someone has been circulating a flyer opposing said construction. President Henderson clarified that said possible construction project decisions are in the hands of the Auglaize County Commissioners, and that the matter will not involve Wapakoneta City Council unless annexation is proposed. Mayor Stinebaugh interjected, saying that Wapakoneta will be involved in the matter prior to talk of annexation because no one would be willing to do the project without first determining public utilities. Mayor Stinebaugh added that the project will not be low-income housing, but rather middle income housing, of which Wapakoneta has a shortage.

Service Director Gregg asked if Council had any opposition to a resident placing a memorial bench in the Optimist soccer field. Council had no objection.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-38R for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-39 for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-40 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR TEST WELL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to suspend the rules for Ord 2020-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2020-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-41 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME SOFTENING PROJECT.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Street projects are going well and Carnation sidewalks are done.

Mr. Lee asked for an update on the Riverscape Project. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that the project is on schedule to be completed by November 2020.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell suggested that stop bars be painted for all Park Drive stop signs.

The Law Director gave the following report:

A letter was sent out regarding the 'flower street issue' and the City's stance on the matter. Litigation is ongoing between AIP and EPA but it is not a concern for the City. Planning to sit in on cases with the Auglaize County Prosecutor for training purposes.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

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

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:28p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council