

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the online meeting to order at 7:30pm on December 21, 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. President Steve Henderson was absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 online Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Chad Doll noted that the Lodging Tax Committee did not meet.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 12-09-2020 and the following was discussed:

River Scape progress.

> Street open and work basically complete with exception of railing along river. We are waiting on the brackets (on back order) to attach the railing to the posts.

> Per Mayor, will be reviewing traffic flow patterns entering park at bottom of hill from the east. May need to create “merge” onto Heritage.

DORA

> Going well – many positive comments

> Per Mayor, need more/additional signage for “No Alcohol past this point” for “boundaries” of DORA, as well as more trash cans available within DORA.

> B. Miller asked about potential of having concerts in the gazebo/shelter house behind town. May conflict with “Party in the Parkway”, so more investigation/review needed.

> B. Miller/D. Lee asked if the City would object or require “license” for “buskers” to provide music downtown.

> Per Mayor – the city would not have a problem with that.

> Short discussion of business opportunities to compliment DORA:

> Richshaw Taxi

> Boat rides on the river

Koneta Hotel space – Updates

> Per Mayor – will be turning things over to Garmann Miller (engineering)

> Per Mayor – concerning the site – there will be some “green space” so may have consideration of regarding Park Committee.

> Will have plaque/sign recognizing “Koneta Hotel” site.

> Per Mayor, has preliminary drawings and notes in office for review after meeting for anyone interested.

Honor Walk – Honor Grove initiative

> Parks Committee in agreement to move forward. Next steps to begin creating process.

> Will begin to get input/ideas/information from other entities.

> Will continue to look at various potential sites to plant trees.

New Business:

Update of information from Wapak Water Park Advisory Committee

> Jack Hayzlett will be addressing City Council in the future to request needed funds from a “reserve” fund/account to make updates and/or changes to the Water Park.

> Discussed and received clarification that the “reserve” fund is actually CD’s that were invested from money when the Water Park was built.

> Discussed examples of changes/updates that have been discussed;

> “Local Community” focus

> Admission pricing structure

> Hours of operation

> Replace swimming equipment

> Replace chairs

> Change/Implement new “Theme”

> Beach theme

>Purchase props/accessories for new theme

- > New activities such as water guns, zip line, or obstacle course
- > Per B. Miller, voiced concerns with some of the decisions behind some of the proposed changes, such as “local community” focus, and admission changes. He would like to discuss with Jack.
- > Brandon & Dan plan to attend next Water Park Advisory meeting.

Other Business:

- > Discussion regarding Dog Park being closed.
- > Will look for ground/acreage to move the Dog Park to.
- > Veterans or Optimist Parks
- > Harmon Play Ground area (old playground along the river)
- > D. Lee expressed his desire to see a Frisbee Golf Course put in somewhere in Wapak.

Mayor Stinebaugh reiterated that the possibility of relocating the dog park is at least a couple of years from now, leaving the City plenty of time to make plans.

President Pro Tem Doll reminded Council that the ‘Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area’ (DORA) program will be reviewed at the January 4, 2021 Council meeting.

**Communications -**

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a permit transfer from Ottawa Oil Co Inc. DBA Wapak Party Mart, 102 N. Defiance Street & Gas Pumps, Wapakoneta, Ohio to Jay Petroleum Inc. DBA Wapak Party Mart, 102 N. Defiance Street & Gas Pumps, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Council did not request a hearing.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2020-47 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES) FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2020-47. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-48R for the third time re: AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Campbell, second by Metz to adopt Ord 2020-48R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-49 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2020-49. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-53 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN EFFICIENCY SMART SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-54 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON HERITAGE DRIVE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2020-55 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AS DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-56 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING GARBAGE AND REFUSE RATES AND CHARGES.

Mr. Campbell asked what changes were made. Service Director Gregg answered, a \$1.50 increase for the stop charge of a commercial dumpster pickup.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-57 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING GARBAGE AND REFUSE RATES AND CHARGES.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-58 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2020-58. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Metz, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2020-58. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2020-59 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A TAX LEVY RENEWAL FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-60 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO NEGOTIATE & PROCEED WITH PLANS, DEVELOPMENT OF SPECS, ADVERTISE FOR BID & EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF BENTON STREET IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked which section of Benton Street will be done. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, the section of Benton Street from Ohio Street to Dearbaugh Avenue.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-61 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2020-61. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2020-61. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Metz). Motion passed.

The Mayor gave the following report:

The City will soon select the firm for completing the next solar field project.

Mr. Campbell asked for the size of the proposed solar field. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, 13.5 megawatt AC, with the current solar field at 2.5 megawatt AC. Mr. Campbell asked how many acres would be used for the field. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, approximately 60 acres.

The Service Director gave the following report:

Township members have approached the City with their wish to donate a portion of land just off of Koneta Street and Haynes Street, which would extend the right-of-way. Law Director Neal advised to have legislation prepared for same.

Mr. Miller asked for the status of ordering additional trashcans for the DORA district. Service Director Gregg will have them ordered at the start of 2021.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

#### **Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet at City Hall on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at City Hall.

#### **Miscellaneous Business –**

Councilman Rodney Metz announced his resignation from Wapakoneta City Council, effective December 31, 2020, due to his accepting a position with the Auglaize County Board of Elections.

Motion by Metz, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council