

President Steve Henderson called the online meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 4, 2021 with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present online.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 online Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 online Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 12-23-2020 and the following was discussed:

Mayor Stinebaugh was approached by a resident about an issue of their neighbor leaving vehicles parked in their yard for long periods of time. Wapakoneta Ordinance 452.03 addresses the current prohibited standing and parking places, however there is nothing mentioned about automobiles being parked in the resident's yards. For reference, the mayor provided a copy of Ordinance 452.18 from Vermillion, Ohio that addresses this issue, and allows front yard parking when confined to clearly established driveways leading to residences, that would need to be a hard surface or gravel. The committee is hoping that a conversation with the homeowner will resolve the issue, otherwise further action will need to be taken. Since this currently isn't a citywide issue, we didn't feel the need to create another ordinance at this time.

#### **Guest Petitions -**

Mr. Jack Hayzlett of 109 Hamilton Road and the City of Wapakoneta Recreation Director, addressed Council with a proposal for upgrades and other changes to the Wapakoneta Water Park, as well as the funding to do so. Mr. Hayzlett noted four issues that need addressed: not enough local people are using the waterpark, ticket prices are too expensive for local people to come often, the facility looks tired and needs updated and finally, new activities should be added. Mr. Hayzlett suggested lower entry fees for local residents, a new beach-themed look for the waterpark and several ideas for possible new activities. Mr. Hayzlett stated that \$150,000 would be needed to do everything he described to Council, and suggested utilizing Hauss-Helms Recreation Reserve Fund, which currently has a balance of \$740,000 dollars.

President Henderson asked if the suggested upgrades and changes would require the Water Park to hire additional staff. Mr. Hayzlett replied, no, except for special activity days. Mr. Kantner and Mr. Hayzlett both stated that the common goal is to make the Wapak Water Park more community oriented rather than a destination spot. President Henderson put the matter into the Finance Committee for review. Mr. Doll asked how Wapak residents will be identified in order to for them to get the discounted rate. Mr. Hayzlett suggested membership cards for local school children.

#### **New Business -**

Mrs. Jackie Martell of 411 W. Auglaize and Mr. Logan O'Neill of 238 N. Franklin St, New Bremen addressed Council to give a full review of the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area' (DORA) program. Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Martell provided Council with program data, public comment, demographics, business owner input, sales numbers and website activity. Mr. Doll noted that Wapakoneta Police Chief Calvin Schneider has not reported any problems with the program. Mr. Doll stated that Council will periodically ask for further updates on the program.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to enter into executive session at 8:14pm to consider the purchase of property or to consider the sale of property and for the purpose of conferences with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to come out of executive session at 8:42pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Doll, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2020-53. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2020-54. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-55 for the second 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 Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-56 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING GARBAGE AND REFUSE RATES AND CHARGES.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-57 for the second 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 Henderson asked Clerk to read Res 2020-59 for the second 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 Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2020-60 for the second 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.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-01 for the first 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 2021-02 for the first 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. Campbell asked if there were any changes in price. Service Director Gregg answered, no.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-03 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR THE DONATION OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-04 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LINCOLN ESTATES, LTD. FOR THE DONATION OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson put the matter into the Lands & Buildings Committee for consideration.

The Mayor gave the following report:

The Kah Farm is now for sale. Work continues on 'grind & pave' project list and the W. Benton Street project.

Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the December 30<sup>th</sup> newspaper article that stated COVID cases recently spiked in Auglaize County is incorrect.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Doll asked for the status of utility bills. Service Director Gregg said the bills were held up by the postal service again. Mayor Stinebaugh apologized to residents for the glitches in the online bill pay system as well.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the dilapidated property at 701 W. Auglaize Street. Mayor Stinebaugh stated the property is bank-owned and a foreclosure moratorium is still in place due to COVID, causing delays.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Mr. Neal stated he has now served as Law Director in the City of Wapakoneta for one year and thanked Council & City Administration for their support.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Finance Committee will meet January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at City Hall.

Lands & Buildings will meet January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at City Hall.

Lodging Tax Committee will meet January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall if a meeting is needed.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

President Henderson noted that the Democratic Party still needs to find someone to fill Mr. Rodney Metz's council seat.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council