

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 7, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg were also present. There were 8 visitors present.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 05-31-2021.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 05-20-2021 and the following was discussed:

Hayzlett and the committee discussed issues surrounding the Water Park's current shortage of lifeguards for the 2021 season. It is the desire of the committee and administration to have the pool open as it is viewed as a service provided to the community, like all of our other parks and recreation areas. The following steps will be implemented:

- The pool will be open three days a week until more lifeguards are employed. The schedule of days the pool will be open for the upcoming week will be announced each Sunday. Scheduling mainly based upon weather forecasts.
  - The City will pay up to \$250 to have lifeguard candidates certified (or re-certified).
  - Lifeguards will be moved up one step on the salary scheduled from the level they were scheduled to be at for the 2021 season.
  - A promotional campaign to recruit lifeguards will be run on Facebook / Instagram social media outlets at a cost not to exceed \$300.
  - Parties and swim team practices will happen as guards are available.
- It is hoped hours will be expanded with the employment of more guards.

Mr. Campbell stated he felt that a separate classification with higher pay is needed for lifeguards.

**Parks Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 05-20-2021 and the following was discussed:

- > Review Minutes of last meeting – March 18, 2021:
  - > Motion to approve minutes as presented by B. Miller. 2nd by J. Shepline
- > Reviewed drawing/rendering of downtown (Perry St.) project:
  - > Discussion of:
    - Drawing by "Beautification Committee"
    - Architect drawing
    - Timelines for project completion
      - >Streets and parking – July 14
      - > Memorials – sometime next year
- Mayor to talk with Safety Service Director Floyd Gregg about getting a picture of drawings on FB/social media for public to review.
- > Belcher Part "Music Park":
  - > Update/Discussion
    - Cement for "instrument" installation has been poured
    - Per Mayor, still some cement "side walk" work to be done
- Per info from Deb Fischer, all instruments have been sponsored, though they are still accepting donations to complete overall project.
- Per Deb/Mayor – looking at potential "rubber chips" to replace the mulch in the playground area.
- > Wapak Waterpark:
  - > Discussion
- Per Jack Hayzlett, Waterpark will have limited operating hours due to lifeguard shortage.

### **Guest Petitions -**

Mrs. Jackie Martell of 411 W. Auglaize Street and representing the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce requested Council's permission to formally suspend the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area' program during July 15-17 for the annual Summermoon Festival.

Mr. Lee suggested more restroom facilities be made available for the weekly 'Party in the Park' concert series.

Mrs. Amy Kentner of 11811 Lakeview Drive requested Council's permission to hold a 'pop-up 5K run' on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8am on Auglaize Street. Mrs. Kentner stated that only 'soft' road closures would be needed and that she has been in contact with the Wapak Police Department about the event.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Linda Knerr of 312 E. Mechanic Street asked Council about the \$70,000 in funds that was previously available for the City to install a splash pad. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that additional funds would be needed to complete such a project and discussions are ongoing at this time. Mrs. Knerr added that some families cannot afford to pay the fees to go to the Wapak Waterpark or the Wapak YMCA during the summer months.

### **New Business –**

Motion by Doll, second by Lee to approve the request to suspend the DORA program during July 15-17, 2021. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Doll noted that Council has had ongoing discussions with regards to possible litigation between the City of Wapakoneta and Mr. Chad Scott of 1101 Timber Trail regarding flooding issues on his property and the cost of repairs he made to fix it.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to have legislation prepared that approves terms of the settlement of Mr. Scott and his family as to be negotiated by the City Law Director.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read section 1043.01 (e) (1): *Intent and purpose; responsibilities of developers, property owners and City: The City shall maintain all public storm drainage facilities located within City-owned land, public rights of way and public easements. Public facilities include, but are not limited to: Open drainage ways owned by the City or where the City has public drainage easements.*

President Henderson noted that the matter is a 7 year-long effort by the Scotts to resolve the situation, and that the City Law Director has advised that the best course of action for the City is to reimburse Mr. Chad Scott in the amount of \$1287.00 for said repairs. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he received minutes from meetings held between the City and Mr. Scott's next door neighbor that shows the swale was intact but was later filled in by the contractor who built Mr. Scott's home. Mr. Dunlap asked if the City is still responsible to maintain the swale even if it was filled in by the contractor. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, no, it is not. Mr. Dunlap asked if the City ever said it would address the problem. Mayor Stinebaugh answered, no, it was only discussion. Mr. Dunlap stated that the flooding on Mr. Scott's property surrounded an electrical transformer box, causing concern for the safety of his children in the backyard. President Henderson and Mr. Campbell stated that in the future, the City's ordinance needs to clarify what is unacceptable when it comes to standing water on easements. Mayor Stinebaugh reiterated his feeling that reimbursement to Mr. Scott is wrong and possibly illegal according to the Ohio Revised Code to pay someone for work that was never authorized by the City.

Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-29 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 894.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-30 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED

ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-32 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1046 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING DAMAGE TO CITY FACILITIES; LIABILITY OF CONSUMERS; RIGHT OF ENTRY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Fire Chief Tony Stinebaugh will be retiring from his position, effective June 30, 2021.

Union negotiations have begun with UWUA.

Curb work for the grind and pave areas will begin soon.

West Benton Street project will begin soon.

Koneta Inn parking lot will be closed to parking for the Summermoon Festival and utilized for the wiener dog races, food trucks and bed races.

State Auditors are completing the annual inspection of the City's records.

Rubber chips for Belcher Park have been donated.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the new solar field. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that the project is moving along and equipment has been ordered.

Mr. Doll again requested that the City make efforts to resolve the condition of the 701 W. Auglaize Street property.

Mr. Kantner requested that the City make efforts to resolve the condition of 909 Canterbury Drive.

Mr. Kantner requested that the City contact those responsible for mowing the subdivision 'Bovee Estates' off of Glynwood Road.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked about potential grant money available for the parking issue at Optimist Park. Service Director Gregg answered that the City applied for the grant but has not heard back yet.

Mr. Miller requested that an additional 'DORA' trashcan be installed at LaGrande Pizza.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the deed transfers for the Madison Place and Easttown properties.

Law Director Neal replied that this work is ongoing.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Mr. Lee, Mr. Kantner, Mr. Neal & Mayor Stinebaugh all noted they will be absent for the June 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. President Henderson may need to reschedule said meeting in order to have a quorum.

Mr. Doll noted that the July 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting may also need to be rescheduled due to the holiday.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council