

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:31pm on July 12, 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 2 visitors present. President Steve Henderson was absent.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Parks Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 06-30-2021 and the following was discussed:

Review Minutes of last meeting – May 20, 2021:

Motion to approve minutes as presented by J. Shepline. 2nd by B. Miller.

Wapak Waterpark issues:

Update/Discussion/Concerns:

Lifeguard Shortage -

Social Media Recruitment

Brandon Miller stated disappointment in lack of progress. Pool Manager Jack Hayzlett turned the project over to SSD Gregg. No progress has been made.

Subcontract with other area pools that are fully staffed?

Brought to our attention that other area pools have full staffing of lifeguards, so SSD Gregg &/or Mayor Stinebaugh reached out to St. Marys to see if there would be any interest in any of their lifeguards “subcontracting” or coming to Wapak to work.

At this time, there does not seem to be any interest in doing so.

Hours of Operation –

Several incidents reported of confusion/misinformation as to when the pool was to be opened

What will next year look like?

Discussion regarding potential facility improvements/changes/additions following a year in which the pool was not open full-time.

Veterans Park playground equipment:

Update/Discussion/Concerns:

Reports of playground equipment looking “rough”, showing wear and tear, slides boarded off.

Mayor Stinebaugh wants to personally investigate the state of the playground before committing to solution.

SSD Gregg will get with Rec Director Hayzlett to begin researching fixing or purchasing new/replacement equipment.

Short discussion on financing the playground repairs/replacement.

Grants/Lodging Tax/Service Club Project

Review Park Committee relationship with Rec Department/Rec Board:

Update/Discussion/Concerns:

Per SSD Gregg, the Rec Department is like other departments in the city with Jack Hayzlett as the Supervisor, answering to him, the SSD. The Rec Board is the body that recommends and approves all expenditures for the recreation facilities in the city, and recommends the annual budget, which is then reviewed and approved by City Council.

Discussion on merit/time to look at making Rec Department Supervisor a “full-time”, year-round position with a separate/different “part-time” position for the manager of the Waterpark who would answer to the Rec Department Supervisor.

Other: Per Mayor Stinebaugh, Dave Klock has offered to donate the corner lot/alley of Defiance and Harrison streets along with monies to make improvements or “beautify” the area.

Brandon Miller made a motion for the city to accept the donation by Dave Klock, of the corner lot/vacated alley at Harrison and Defiance Streets, as well as \$5,000.00 to beautify the “pocket park”.

Seconded by John Shepline

Unanimous vote to accept motion.

Mayor Stinebaugh clarified that the Parks Committee should make a recommendation to Council regarding the corner lot donation, and then Council will vote on the matter.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 07-06-2021 and the following was discussed:

1. City Administration request members of the Lands & Building to attending the next Wapakoneta School Board meeting on July 27th at 6:00P to share with the school board the city's plan to begin implementation of Ordinance 2011-48R, establishing the city-wide Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) that was passed by City Council September 19th 2011. The city will begin administering its' first application later this month to Kelsey Huggins of R.E. Becker Builders for a triplex apartment located at 513 S. Blackhoof St. As per the ORC, the requested tax abatement proposed is 50% of the property value increase for the next 15 years.
2. City Law Director Grant Neal suggested that Miss Huggins may also want to discuss as an option "Payment In lieu Of Taxes" (P.I.L.O.T.) with her attorney. Mr. Neal also clarified that each project, as submitted, would require a separate application.

Service Director Gregg noted that Council approval is still needed for abatements. Mayor Stinebaugh added that a committee must be formed to review applications.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald noted the next council meeting will be held on July 19th at 7:30pm at City Hall.

New Business -

Motion by Kantner, second by Campbell to accept the donation by Dave Klock, of the corner lot/vacated alley at Harrison and Defiance Streets, as well as \$5,000.00 to beautify the "pocket park". Mayor Stinebaugh added that surveying will need to be completed. Mr. Campbell asked if the City would complete curbing for the area. Mayor Stinebaugh indicated that the City will do as much of the work as they can. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Lee). Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-32 for the third 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. Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2021-32. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2021-33 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR TO COMPROMISE OR SETTLE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2021-35 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

The Mayor gave the following report:

West Benton Street is up & running.

Stone was brought into the Perry Street parking lot project for the greenspace area.

Gutter company ought to begin work soon. Grind and pave begins in August.

Pratt Ind. has removed the City of Wapakoneta from their list of choices for expansion at this time.

Mr. Campbell noted that the Gibbs Street railroad crossing is still being worked on by Wash-Penn.

Mr. Campbell asked about fading street striping and stop bars. Mayor Stinebaugh stated these items will be addressed.

Mr. Campbell asked if the City has trouble selecting the proper tree species to plant in tree lawns. Mayor Stinebaugh answered that the State of Ohio Arborist Stephanie Miller is in charge of this.

Mr. Campbell suggested the City begin looking to hire a licensed engineer. Mayor Stinebaugh stated that a current city employee is attending school for this.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Lee asked if the Pine Street yellow striping has been completed. Service Director Gregg answered, yes. Mr. Lee asked about possible additional parking for this area. Service Director Gregg noted that the City applied for a Nature Works grant.

Mr. Miller asked if the on-street parking rules will be the same for the new Perry Street parking lot. Service Director Gregg answered, yes.

Mr. Lee suggested the City investigate putting an electrical charging station downtown for electric cars.

Mr. Kantner noted there are still two parking spots in the Perry Street lot that are likely too small for cars, but could be used for motorcycles.

Mr. Doll noted that the geese population is still a problem downtown.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on July 19th at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

Miscellaneous Business –

Mr. Doll noted that the City ought to review the 'Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area' program for any issues.

Motion by Kantner, second by Lee to enter into executive session at 7:58pm for conferences with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action and inviting City Administration. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Kantner, second by Lee to exit executive session at 8:44pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell suggested that Council and City Administration review two plat drawings of Mr. Chad Scott's property prior to the third reading of Res 2021-33 at the next council meeting. Said drawings are available for the public to review at the engineering office.

Motion by Lee, second by Kantner to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council