

President Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 16, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, 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 4 visitors present. Daniel E. Lee was absent.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 08-09-2021 and the following was discussed:

Motion was made to create legislation to approve funds up to \$35,000 for preservation, restoration, and digitization of city council archives, per the quote from Kofile. Auditor Wilbur Wells indicated to Doll the city has sufficient funds for the project in a previous conversation. Motion approved 3-0.

Administration has an opportunity to apply for a grant that could pay for up to 85% (\$800,000-\$900,000) for a new ladder truck for the fire department. Consulting group fee for application is \$2000. While the current ladder truck is functional, it is in the neighborhood of 40 years old and will need replacement soon, if for no other reason than for ISO insurance rating purposes. The additional concern is where to house such a vehicle as newer models will not fit into the existing fire station. Committee approved paying for the application consulting fee by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Campbell asked if there was discussion about hiring an engineer for the City. Mr. Doll replied, no.

Mayor Stinebaugh indicated that no Lodging Tax meeting was held.

**Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 08-09-2021 and the following was discussed:

- Transferal of a shared driveway into an alley
- Requiring developers to perform concrete testing

Two items were up for discussion in the committee meeting. Item number one was the residents that reside at 411 and 501 Buchanan Street are asking to have a shared driveway be un-vacated and the city accept the property as an alley. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Dunlap to recommend council adopts the dedication of right-of-way back to an alley from a private drive. Item number two was a request by the Mayor and Safety Service Director to begin having developers do their own testing to verify the quality and strength of concrete before the city would take ownership of the finished product. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Dunlap to recommend to council to have concrete testing requirements for developers.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Kantner to require contractors and developers to document testing that verifies the strength of concrete before the City will take ownership of the finished product. Mr. Rick Lenhart of 120 S. Wagner Avenue noted that an independent company ought to do the concrete testing. Mr. Doll clarified that formal legislation would be prepared spelling out these details. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Communications-**

President Henderson announced that the next Council meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mr. Rick Lenhart of 120 S. Wagner Avenue addressed Council to ask for their plan to reinvigorate the Wapakoneta WaterPark moving forward. Mr. Doll noted that Finance Committee has budgeted \$20,000 for next year's capital improvements at the swimming pool. Mr. Campbell added that a new pool manager and additional lifeguards are needed.

### **New Business –**

With regards to the Buchanan Street alley discussion, Law Director Neal stated that the area was vacated in 1896. At some point thereafter, the City took over maintaining it.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to have legislation prepared to adopt a dedication of right-of-way between 411 and 501 Buchanan Street. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ordinance 2021-36R for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, A DEMOLITION CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Service Director Gregg will provide a list of all the properties by the third reading of this ordinance. Mayor Stinebaugh added that he would like to see some of the properties rehabilitated rather than torn down.

President Henderson asked Clerk to read Ordinance 2021-37 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR RECORD PRESERVATION AND IMAGING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor gave the following report:

Doggy days were held at the Wapak WaterPark.

Water Street sewer is failing and needs to have camera imaging.

The county is making small improvements to the sanitary line in the Sherwood Forest area.

Sump pumps that are going into the sanitary sewers must be removed by property owners.

October 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a drive-through flu vaccine clinic at the fairgrounds for employees.

Well #2 is offline and there has been difficulty in getting repairs completed thus far.

Mayor Stinebaugh stated that he would like to appoint Pam Meyer-Hobler to the Civil Service Board.

The City of Wapakoneta has ownership in the 'Prairie State Project', which is a coal power plant in Illinois that is slated to go offline in 2035. Mayor Stinebaugh will keep Council apprised of this situation.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to approve the appointment of Pam Meyer-Hobler to the Civil Service Board. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell asked about the work done by the City and Village Green on Mr. Ned Dammeyer's property on Springfield Court. Mayor Stinebaugh stated the work done by Village Green was insufficient and the City had to remedy this. Mr. Campbell stated that if the City had to complete the work, the funds given to the Dammeyers ought to be paid back to the City.

Mr. Dunlap asked for an update on the installation of a fence on Harrison Street. Mayor Stinebaugh is in communications with the Street Department about this.

The Service Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell asked if the City will be completing golf cart inspections in-house. Service Director Gregg replied, no.

The Law Director gave the following report:

The ordinance regarding panhandling within the City limits ought to be re-visited and re-worded, as it may be unconstitutional as it currently stands.

Land swaps are in the paperwork stages.

An executive session is needed to discuss pending litigation.

### **Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business –**

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to enter into Executive Session at 8:29pm to discuss pending litigation. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Doll, second by Sheipline to come out of Executive Session at 9:00pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Doll, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council