

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on September 20, 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. Law Director Grant Neal was also present. There were 5 visitors present. Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh and Acting Mayor Steve Henderson were absent. The Safety Service Director position is currently empty.

President Pro Tem Doll again noted that due to the departure of the Safety Service Director, Council meetings will not be aired online. Mr. Doll also stated that Acting Mayor Henderson is absent due to his attending the 'American Municipal Power' conference.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 09-16-2021 and the following was discussed:

Approved 3-0 a motion to create legislation for compensation of Acting and Interim mayors. The proposal is anyone serving as ACTING mayor (i.e. Council President) for a minimum of two consecutive weeks begins that salary on day 15 and retroactive to day one. During such period of service, that individual does not receive the salary of Council President. This salary change is to be joined with all necessary adjustments to payroll deductions, benefits, taxes, retirement benefits, and other related items for both city and employee contributions.

Emergency language is to be included.

Auditor Wells feels the city could afford to hire an engineer and a salary would largely be covered by savings in reduced contract services. Details would need to be worked out if the city chooses this course of action.

Wells expressed similar sentiments in regards to the Parks & Rivers Committee's ideas about making the Recreation Director a full time position and adding a pool manager.

Kantner asked that budget options be investigated for some park improvements such as repairs / replacements needed to playground equipment at Veterans Park and the possibility of bathrooms at Belcher Park.

Committee wished to see some additional information regarding any possible increase in the salary of the law director position.

Mr. Miller asked how the City moves forward with the job positions mentioned. Mr. Kantner and President Pro Tem Doll answered that should these changes be made, Council will receive the details for updating the related ordinance to reflect those changes.

Mr. Lee stated that the Lodging Tax Committee did not have a quorum this evening. The committee has rescheduled their meeting to September 22nd at 6:15pm at City Hall to consider three recent applications.

Communications-

President Pro Tem Doll announced that Council received a notice from the Ohio Domestic Violence Network regarding the possible use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for prevention and response to domestic violence calls.

Unfinished Business –

President Pro Tem Doll reminded Council that 2 positions on the Community Reinvestment Area inspection committee need filled.

New Business –

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to bring Resolution 2021-41 to the floor. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Kantner, second by Campbell to bring Ordinance 2021-42 to the floor. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll gave a reminder that Ordinance 2021-36R is currently tabled.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ordinance 2021-37 for the third 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.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to table Ord 2021-37. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-38 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH G.A. WINTZER & SONS, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-39 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE “YARD WASTE” DISPOSAL FACILITY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-40 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ITEMIZED REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF ESTIMATED UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR 2022.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2021-41 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A BUSINESS SIGN ENCROACHMENT UPON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Res 2021-41. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Sheipline to adopt Res 2021-42. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-42 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE ACTING MAYOR DURING A PERIOD OF A MAYOR’S ABSENCE FROM THE CITY OR UNAVAILABILITY TO PERFORM HIS OR HER DUTIES.

The Law Director gave the following report:

No report.

Mr. Campbell for an update on the CIC properties. Law Director Neal replied that the deeds are ready to be recorded.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on September 22nd at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Lands & Buildings will meet September 21st at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council