

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 4, 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. Acting Mayor Steve Henderson and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 8 visitors present. The Safety Service Director position is currently empty.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 09-30-2021.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lands & Buildings Committee Meeting – a meeting was held on 09-21-2021 and the following was discussed: To do items for proposed D.O.R.A. expansion

1. Contact Logan O’Neal for an updated city street map including the proposed addition.
2. Contact Terri Rohrabacher to access SSD computer for DORA files.
3. Contact WDN to get copy of original public notice.
4. Get electronic copy of original DORA ordinance to Grant.
5. Confirm where documents need to be sent.
6. Confirm actual property location, legal description map.
7. Confirm additional signage for DORA boundary and business signage.
8. Confirm if additional trash containers are needed.
9. Confirm necessity of public hearing for expansion.

Lodging Tax Committee Meeting – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 09-29-2021 and three applications for funding were considered. Two were approved by the committee: an application from the ‘First on the Moon’ Committee for labor and supplies to install pavers at the Koneta Inn site project, and an application for \$500 for the care of Rudd-Yoakam park. The committee agreed to continue to grant Rudd-Yoakam park \$500 of funding annually. The third application was from the Air & Space Museum and the committee decided to table it until their next meeting to obtain further information.

Communications-

Clerk McDonald read a letter to council from Bill & Charlotte Williams of 113 S. Rauthland Street, asking for the City’s assistance with pest control in their yard, specifically opossums.

Mr. Campbell stated that he investigated the area and spoke to Mrs. Williams, advising her that the City will remove deceased wildlife from any City right-of-way.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Mike Borges of 11158 Infirmary Road addressed Council with concerns regarding the progression of the Vietnam Veterans of America monument project at the Koneta Inn site. Mr. Borges explained that Mayor Tom Stinebaugh had been working closely with his group to complete the work on the project, but no details were in writing and therein lies the concern. Acting Mayor Henderson reassured Mr. Borges that City Administration and the City Engineering Department are aware of the project details and are committed to see the project through to completion. Mr. Lee added that should there be a monetary shortfall in the project, the VVA is encouraged to apply for additional funding through the Lodging Tax Committee.

Mr. Aaron Stiger of 802 Stoneybrook Drive addressed Council with his concerns for safety at the intersection of Carnation and Stoneybrook Drives. Mr. Stiger stated that due to the increased traffic and pedestrian volume in this area, as well as a dip in the roadway that creates a dangerous blind-spot, he feels the intersection should be turned into a 3-way stop. Mr. Stiger provided a map of the area and proposed stop signs with signatures of support of same from his surrounding neighbors. President Pro Tem Doll put the matter into the Streets & Alleys Committee for consideration.

New Business –

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to bring Ordinance 2021-44 to the floor. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Kantner stated that a new slide has been purchased for Veteran's Park. Mr. Kantner added that Jack Hayzlett will be working additional hours for the City to keep projects moving forward.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to approve the request from the 'First on the Moon' Committee for \$12,741 for pavers to be installed. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve an annual deposit of \$500 to the Rudd-Yoakam account beginning January 1, 2022. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to untable Ordinance 2021-36R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by adopt Ord 2021-36R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to untable Ordinance 2021-37. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2021-37. Clerk McDonald displayed a few of the City's records books from the mid-1800s, noting that they will soon disintegrate without proper preservation efforts. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-38 for the third 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.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2021-38. Mr. Kantner asked how the ordinance would be executed without a Director of Safety & Service in place. Law Director Neal answered that in the absence of a Safety & Service Director, those duties lie with the Acting Mayor to perform. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-39 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2021-39. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2021-40. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-42R for the second 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.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-42R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2021-42R. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-43 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2022-2025 ENERGY SUPPLY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. John Courtney of 10693 Township Road, Findlay, Ohio addressed Council to explain the need to lock in energy rates for Pratt Paper Inc. for the next few years. Mr. Courtney noted that this would not affect any other customer's rates within the City. Mr. Doll asked if the City would incur any costs associated with this matter. Mr. Courtney replied, no.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-43. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2021-43. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-44 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Acting Mayor Henderson gave the following report:

Attended Amp annual conference 09/20 through 09/22

Working with Art Deninger with Buckeye Energy Brokers Inc. regarding gas the city's aggregation program which is up at the end of this month.

(Do not expect any plans for the near future) I am going to contact Chris Coleman for some potential proposals/solutions. Chris is a senior energy analyst.

Amber Treit sent me two participant certificates for my signature on behalf of the city. The first was Amp Fremont Energy Center "J. Aron Gas Supply Contract"

The second was the Prairie State Energy Campus Project.

Met briefly with Jim Steinke and Mike Borges regarding the Perry Street project.

Spoke with Mary Ruck regarding the progress on the West Benton street project and provided you all with the current progress.

Attended Autobahn's ribbon cutting 09/ 18. Michel and Monica Coil are definitely on the grow as they are leasing the prior FlexArm building. They are also leasing the empty Airtow building and have plans to build a 12,000 square foot building on their current site.

Received the 2020 Federal census from Ohio Secretary of state Frank LaRose. Wapakoneta currently stands at a population of 9,957.

To date I have received 17 resume's for the open Safety Service Director position. I met with Rex Katterheinrich regarding his input on a possible interim SSD. The original search committee no longer exists.

Attended Board of Zoning appeals on 09/28.

Attended the planning commission meeting on 09/28. The only item on our agenda was a change of use for the building on Wood St. (formerly Studio A Hair Salon) The committee approved the request unanimously. The new owner plans on opening a "vape" shop in the very near future.

Acting Mayor Henderson also stated that labor negotiations are going well.

There will unfortunately be no gas aggregates in the near future.

Mr. Dunlap asked about a timeframe for hiring a new Safety Services Director. Mr. Henderson replied, as soon as possible.

Mr. Lee thanked Mr. Henderson for stepping up to further serve the City of Wapakoneta as Acting Mayor at this time.

The Law Director gave the following report:

Mr. Neal stated he will not be in attendance at the October 18th Council meeting.

Mr. Campbell added that he will contact Mr. Neal to square away details regarding the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area' map update.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on October 18th at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet October 7th at 7pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will meet on October 11th at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business -

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to enter into executive session at 8:27p.m. to: consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, and for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing collective bargaining strategy and inviting City Administration and the Honorable Judge Mark Spees. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 9:07p.m. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Acting Mayor Henderson and Mr. Campbell requested Council review the proposed YMCA pool management agreement for the Wapak Waterpark. Mr. Miller and Mr. Kantner added that they still feel a full time recreational director position is needed in the City.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council