

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 18, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and 3 visitors were also present. Councilman Ross Kantner and Law Director Grant Neal were absent. The Safety Service Director position is currently empty.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Utilities Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 10-14-2021 and the following was discussed:

We addressed an opportunity to submit a grant for funds to help with the development of the shovel ready site. This grant would be an 80 / 20 contribution and would go a long way in continuing to develop our site.

To apply for this grant we must perform a water model study. The cost of this study is \$17500.00. The study would be funded by the water department. This department has the funds to perform the study. Therefore, no new funding is being requested.

It is the opinion of the committee that the study should be done and the grant applied for if the study warrants it.

**Lodging Tax Committee Meeting** – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 10-18-2021, stating that the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum submitted a request for \$50,000 of funding to help purchase a leer jet that was flown by Neil Armstrong himself. Funds would be utilized to have the jet decommissioned, repainted, moved and placed on display at the museum for the public to view.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the request of \$50,000 of lodging tax funds for said permanent improvements at The Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 10-07-2021 and the following was discussed:

1.) A request was made to implement a 3-way stop at the intersection of Carnation Dr. and Stoneybrook Dr. After a short discussion based on the visibility and the safety of those walking in this area, Dan Lee made a motion to recommend that stop signs be installed at the east and west intersections of Stoneybrook at Carnation Dr. Motion was 2nd by Brandon Miller.

2.) A request was made by Charles Bowers to have the alley between 305 and 307 North Street vacated. Both houses are owned by Mr. Bowers. After a short discussion, Lee made a motion that was seconded by Miller, to table the request to allow the committee to speak with the fire dept and police dept to gather more information.

3.) A request was made to have the section of alley vacated behind the Wapakoneta Eagles, located at 25 E. Auglaize St. It was noted that a representative from the Eagles had stopped in and had a discussion with Dunlap about the vacation and left before the committee meeting began. After a brief discussion the decision was made to deny the vacation request due to safety issues. That safety issue being that delivery trucks entering the one-way alley from Willipie St. would be forced to blindly back over an alley onto Willipie St, instead of proceeding east and exiting onto Park St.

**New Business –**

President Pro Tem Doll noted that a Health & Safety meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss food truck licensing details.

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

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-45R for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR THE CONSENT OF THE CITY OF

WAPAKONETATO THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PAVING A PORTION OF SR 33 / SR 29 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF WAPAKONETA

Mayor Henderson gave the following report:

I have been formally appointed interim mayor by probate court judge Mark Spees

Interviewed two very qualified candidates for SSD

Attended a Zoom meeting with Justin Waid and the Ohio EPA regarding TDS levels/updates

Attended the design review workshop for our new wastewater treatment plant

Met with John Courtney and Jim Barbour regarding several points of clarification on electric generation

Presided over our October WAEDC meeting in Mike Burton's absence

Attended Krave Creamery's ribbon cutting

Attended business after hours on behalf of the city

Appointed Pat Slattery to the Income Task Review Board

Conducted two meetings with Pat Hire (Clemons-Nelson) regarding labor negotiations

Met with Chief Schneider to discuss current labor negotiations ...Mr. Pat Hire and I will be meeting with Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) and their attorney this Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Had a discussion with Art Deininger re. Governmental Aggregation

Attended a Tree Commission meeting...(No Quorum)

Attended Tourism committee meeting

Met with Jim Steinke re. Perry Street project and final bill submissions

Following up with Michael Beirn re. Congress' continued deliberations over the infrastructure and reconciliation bill. Michael is AMP's V.P. Of external affairs

Had a department heads meeting this morning at 8:00 a.m. To deal with any questions and or concerns. I am very impressed with each of our department heads. We as a city are fortunate to have them!

Have a conference call tomorrow afternoon with the CEO of EITRI Foundry re. coming online with their solar energy grid

Have a meeting with Justin Waid to discuss our new wastewater treatment facility and price increases

Mr. Doll asked for an update on fencing for the 24 hour recycle drop off. Mayor Henderson answered that the details are still being discussed.

Mr. Dunlap asked for an update on the 3 houses that are to be demolished. Mayor Henderson stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is handling the matter.

Mr. Doll asked if the Benton Street construction project is on track. Mayor Henderson answered, yes.

Mr. Campbell asked what the maximum amount of money is that a Mayor can spend without Council's approval. Mayor Henderson will find this figure.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall.

Parks Committee will meet October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays.  
Motion passed.

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President Pro Tem

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Clerk of Council