

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on December 20, 2021 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart and Interim Mayor Steve Henderson were present. There were 8 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal was absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee noted that the Lodging Tax Committee did not meet.

Prior to hearing Guest Petitions, President Pro Tem Doll requested that City Administration provide an update on the traffic study progress for the Stoneybrook and Carnation Drive intersection. Service Director Brillhart stated that a traffic counter was placed at said intersection for about a week. Mr. Brillhart added that the next step is to move the traffic counter to other intersections for the purpose of data comparison.

Guest Petitions –

Mr. Jerry Hight of 1203 Almond Drive addressed Council to give his support to the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation Drives. Mr. Hight asked if Council has on record a petition of the residents of said area who are in favor of the stop sign placement. Clerk McDonald replied, yes. Mr. Hight asked if Council has on record a petition of residents of said area who oppose the placement of the stop signs. Clerk McDonald replied, no.

Mrs. Nan Stiger of 702 Stoneybrook Drive addressed Council to give her support for the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation Drives, noting the neighborhood growth in the area and increased traffic volume creates safety concerns for her family.

Mr. Shawn Stiger of 702 Stoneybrook Drive gave a lengthy address to Council voicing his strong support of stop sign placement at the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation Drive. Mr. Stiger gave many examples of traffic safety concerns at said intersection, noting that thru-traffic volume has increased significantly over the years on Stoneybrook Drive. Mr. Stiger stated he felt Law Director Neal was incorrect in his interpretation of traffic laws. Mr. Stiger expressed his frustration that the City removed the newly installed stop signs over one person stating their opposition to them. Mr. Stiger supplied Council with a copy of the City of Delaware, Ohio's "Traffic Calming Guide for Neighborhood Streets" and suggested that the City of Wapakoneta utilize it for traffic safety. Mr. Campbell stated that he feels the underlying issue is excessive traffic speed and sidewalks may also be needed for that area. Mr. Miller stated the Streets & Alleys Committee will review the City of Delaware's 'Traffic Calming Guide' upon their first meeting in 2022, as well as work to better align local ordinances with the State of Ohio's Revised Code and traffic manuals.

Unfinished Business -

Mayor Henderson stated that due to staffing shortages last year at the Wapak WaterPark, the City is looking to partner with the Wapak YMCA during 2022 for the operation needs of the WaterPark. Mayor Henderson added that keeping the Wapak WaterPark staffed and open to the public is a quality of life issue for the City's residents.

Mr. Josh Little of the Wapak YMCA addressed Council regarding the proposal details, specifically the suggested lifeguard wages. Mr. Little added that the agreement would only be for one year to start with and could then be re-evaluated. Mr. Little asked for Council's input before the YMCA Board makes a decision to move forward. Mayor Henderson stated that City Administration is on-board with the partnership with the YMCA. Wapak Recreation Director Jack Hayzlett addressed Council voicing his support of partnering with the YMCA. Hearing no opposition from councilmembers, President Pro Tem Doll advised Mr. Little to return to the YMCA Board with Council's support of the partnership.

New Business -

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to re-appoint the following people to listed committee positions:

Building Code Board of Appeals
Tom Fischer
Matt Schmalenberger

Zoning Appeals
Tom Fischer

Civil Service Commission
Peter Noyes (Mayoral Appointment)

Design Review Board Council Rep
John Sheipline

Income Tax Board of Review
Christine Davis Pat Slattery

Lodging Tax Tourism
Marlene Graf Eric Ireland John Rausch
(These 3 are appointed by the 2 committee members appointed by mayor and council. Those two are currently the mayor & Dan Lee who both also need reappointed.)

Planning Commission (Mayoral Appointments)
John Hassenauer Nick Sammetinger

Tree Commission
Still one member short

Waste Min Sarah Zabka Jane Myers Bonnie Rausch

CRAHC (This is the new committee related to CRA tax incentives)
Jessica Muhlenkamp Tina Waltz
(This committee will also need two mayoral appointments & that group of four appoints two more members.)

Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to re-hire Council Clerk Terry McDonald for another 2 year term.
Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to re-appoint the following councilpersons to listed positions:

- President Pro-Temp (Chad Doll)
- Volunteer Fireman Dependent Fund (Dunlap (chair) & Lee)
- CIC Rep (Kantner)
- WAEDC Rep (Doll)
- Lodging Tax / Tourism Rep (Lee)
- First on the Moon Rep (Miller)

Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll noted the 2022 Wapakoneta City Council Committees are assigned as follows:

Communications

Chair – John Sheipline
Chad Dunlap
Chad Doll

Parks

Chair - Ross Kantner
John Sheipline
Brandon Miller

Finance

Chair - Chad Doll
Brandon Miller
Ross Kantner

Streets

Chair - Brandon Miller
Terry Campbell
Dan Lee

Health & Safety

Chair - Chad Dunlap
Dan Lee
John Sheipline

Utilities

Chair - Dan Lee
Terry Campbell
Chad Doll

Lands

Chair - Terry Campbell
Ross Kantner
Chad Dunlap

CIC Rep

Terry Campbell

WAEDC Rep

Chad Doll

Tourism Rep

Dan Lee

Clerk

Terry McDonald

Pro Temp

Chad Doll

First on the Moon

Brandon Miller

Volunteer Fireman Dependent Fund

Chad Dunlap (Chair) & Dan Lee

Mr. Kantner noted a resident complaint about the blacktop not being finished on the West Benton Street project. Mr. Campbell answered that a gas line replacement moved the project 3 weeks off schedule.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-49 for the third time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2021-49. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-50 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF CITY LAW DIRECTOR.

Motion by Campbell, second by Kantner to adopt Ord 2021-50. Mr. Miller noted the increase would not go into effect until after the next general election. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-52 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Kantner to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-52. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2021-52. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-53 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1060.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO REGARDING RATES & CHARGES.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-54 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW

WAPAKONETA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY / SSO ELIMINATION PROJECT AS PREPARED BY PETERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked for the interest rate. Service Director Brillhart answered, .032% paid over a 30 year loan. Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-54. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2021-54. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-55 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VAUGHN INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION AT THE WAPAKONETA SOLAR PARK II SUBSTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Campbell asked if the tax credit can be used to offset the costs. Service Director Brillhart answered that Levi Cecil of the Electric Department can provide more specifics on this.

Motion by Campbell, second by Sheipline to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-55. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Kantner to adopt Ord 2021-55. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2021-56 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR THE WAPAKONETA SOLAR PARK II SUBSTATION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Sheipline to suspend the rules for Ord 2021-56. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2021-56. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor report:

Met with school board members and superintendent regarding the two prior CRA tax abatements for upcoming expansions in Wapakoneta at our JRS

Met with Logan O'Neill to discuss some strategies going forward Conference call with Chris Gill and The Ohio Greenhouse Company Two conference calls with John Courtney re. Electric rate structures Several meetings with Michael Brillhart our new SSD...Michael is doing an outstanding job in his new role as our city's manager

Visited EITRI foundry site and met with their main investors/funding team Met with Christopher McCabe (EITRI)

Had a teleconference with Zack Sadowski re. EITRI phase three

Had two conversations with urban forester Stephanie Miller and worked with Michael Brillhart to get Wapakoneta re-certified as a Tree City USA community. A big thanks to Levi Cecil for the many documents that were needed! Michael did all of the work on the city's end!

Had a continued conversation with Robin Townsend re. Possible future gas aggregation programs

Attended the Children's Hometown Holiday celebration, what a terrific turnout for our great community

Continuing the communication with the new camera/sound system for council chamber. We are able to use Cares Act dollars for this much needed upgrade

Purchased four new cameras for the interview rooms at our P.D...again a much needed upgrade using Cares Act dollars

Met with Michael Brillhart and Ross Kantner to discuss the proposed pool agreement with the YMCA and Wapakoneta's waterpark

Met with several employees of our WWTP as well as Mike Sparks Met with Justin Waid regarding Wapakoneta's new WWTP

Currently exploring certain grant opportunities available through AMP Ohio Met with Jerry Hight to discuss the signage situation on Stoneybrook Drive

Service Director report:

Mr. Lee asked for plans regarding future CARES Act money. President Pro Tem Doll answered that the majority of the CARES Act money has already been spent.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Brillhart had investigated the signage request at Pratt Industries. Service Director Brillhart answered that a stoplight may need to be installed there.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet January 17th at 6:15pm if needed.

Motion by Lee, second by Sheipline to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council