

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 17, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline and Terry Campbell. Law Director Grant Neal, Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart and Interim Mayor Steve Henderson were present. There were 4 visitors present. Chad Dunlap was absent.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

**Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting** – a meeting was held on 01-11-2022 and the following was discussed:

1. Discussion of increased semi-truck traffic on Haynes Street causing harm to resident properties,
2. Changing of ordinance 406.02 in reference to following the Ohio Manual and Specifications for a Uniform System of Traffic-Control Devices
3. The remaining stop sign at the intersection of Perry St. and Auglaize Street in downtown Wapakoneta
  1. In regards to the truck traffic on Haynes, Mr. Jim Hageman approached the committee with a concern that his property on Haynes St. is being negatively impacted by increased semi-truck traffic in the area. These semis are primarily attempting to reach Innovative Rubber on Koneta St. A contributing factor is that the road immediately to the east of Haynes is a private road, and so the trucks cannot use it. This makes it difficult for trucks to turn around in the area, as they are forced onto the sharp corners of Haynes. The committee discussed potential options with Mr. Hageman and the Safety Service Director which included:
    - a. Having Choice One take a look at the area and recommend what potential action would be needed to sure up the streets to allow for semi-traffic, as we expect more businesses may purchase land in the area in the future. We already know that Haynes is much narrower than most streets in the city.
    - b. Communicating with the owner of the private road to determine if he would be willing to sign over ownership of the road to the city in return for city maintenance. SSD will communicate with check with Choice One and check back with council on cost and recommendations.
  2. In regards to ordinance 406.02, the committee recommends legislation be drafted (passed 3-0, Motion by Campbell, Second by Lee) to change the ordinance to only require following the Ohio Manual and Specifications for a Uniform System of Traffic-Control Devices if the street in question is a state route. The committee believes that the city should have control over traffic control on its local streets, and this action would accomplish that.
  3. In regards to the stop sign at Perry and Auglaize, the committee had mixed feelings on whether to leave the stop sign or remove it. We determined that we will attempt to get business owner feedback in the area before making any final decisions. Public input is welcome.

**Communications –**

Clerk McDonald reminded elected officials to file their financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Petitions -**

Mrs. Jackie Martell of 411 W. Auglaize Street and representing the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce, addressed Council asking for support and street closures for the annual Party in the Park concert series, Summer Moon Festival and Halloween Parade. Mrs. Martell provided maps of the proposed closures and answered Council questions about the planning details.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the request for the annual Party in Park concert series. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to approve the request for the annual Summer Moon Festival. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to approve the request for the annual Halloween Parade. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Stanley E. Arnold of 510 Murray Street addressed Council to request the blacktopping of an alley between Murray and Blackhoof Streets. Mr. Arnold explained that he had requested same two years ago, but was informed that the City wanted to first put in a storm sewer at that location, and this has been done. Mr. Arnold noted that he had gathered signatures from surrounding residents that agreed to share the cost of the blacktopping of said alley. Mr. Campbell expressed concern that paving the alley would generate further requests for same on other alleys in the City. Service Director Brillhart will review the matter.

**New Business -**

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to bring Ordinance 2022-05 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to bring Ordinance 2022-06 to the floor for its first reading. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-01 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 864 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND REPEALING SECTION 660.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-02 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-03 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-04 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON INCOME AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT IN ADDITION TO THE ONE PERCENT CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED AND COLLECTED REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS AND FURNISHING OF INFORMATION; IMPOSING ON EMPLOYERS THE DUTIES OF COLLECTING THE TAX AT THE SOURCE AND PAYING SAME TO THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAID TAX; DECLARING VIOLATION THEREOF TO BE A MISDEMEANOR AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-04. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Kantner, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2022-04. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-05 for the first time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-06 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-06. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-06. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Mayor report:**

Attended our monthly WAEDC meeting

Spoke at length with Peggy Ehora and her to at Dominion re. gas capacity moving forward

Attended a conference call with Dominion Gas {Peggy Ehora), Logan O'Neill, Michael Brillhart and Ohio Greenhouse company (Chris Gill) re. gas service and capacity

Had an on-on-sight visit with Maison Investments and EITRI Foundry

Had dinner with EITRI CEO Lian Nieu, his director of operations Zack Sadowski, project manager Christopher Gill and Michael Brillhart to discuss a 3.5 MW expansion on the remaining 14 acres  
Dedicated the new Dunkin Donuts with the Wapakoneta Chamber of commerce  
Spoke with Stephanie Miller and Rachel Barber re. Wapakoneta's tree commission and ways we can revitalize that group of volunteers  
Attended a waste minimization meeting via Zoom  
Met with YMCA CEO Josh Little and SSD Brillhart to discuss this summer's pool agreement  
Had a conference call with Joey Boston (Efficiency Smart)  
Had another conference call with Nick Kennedy (Flex Arm) re:tax abatements for his new 55,000 square foot expansion  
Bought the first Chili Day ticket for the Wapakoneta Service Club's annual Chili day fundraiser to be held on February 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall

Mr. Campbell asked about Dominion Gas capacity status. Mayor Henderson answered this is being worked on by all parties to find solutions to expand.

Mr. Campbell noted that the solar field being installed on 25A is a muddy mess with no smooth lines or gravel. Mayor Henderson stated that City Administration is aware of this.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on possible fencing for the recycle drop-off area. Mayor Henderson answered this is still being looked into.

**Service Director report:**

1. Adopted City of Wapakoneta Committees that need appointments:

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council – 7 members to serve 3-year terms

Jessica Muhlenkamp – already appointed by Council

Tina Waltz – already appointed by Council

TBD – to be appointed by Mayor

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TBD – Planning Commission appointee

TBD – an internal appointment

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Tax Incentive Review Council – 7 members to serve 3-year terms

County appointee

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Mayor – with Council approval

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County Auditor or designee

BOE appointee

2. The YMCA Executive Committee will review the proposed Pool Management Agreement at their meeting on January 19th followed by review by the City's Recreation Committee on January 24th.

3. The U.S. Treasury has adopted the final rules for the use of federal "ARPA" funds by local governments. City staff are in process of developing a project list for consideration by Council. The total funding amount is \$1,015,000.

4. The general guidelines and application forms for the Wapakoneta Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program have been finalized.

5. The Engineering Department is preparing a list of recommended projects for the 2022 "Streets and Alleys" repaving program for Council consideration.

6. Ordinance 2022-04 - An ordinance renewing the levy of an additional tax on income at the rate of one-half of one percent in addition to the one percent currently being levied and collected for streets. This ordinance is being requesting as an emergency in consideration of filing requirements with the Board of Elections in order to place the question of renewing the levy to voters on the May 3rd primary election ballot.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the City's condemned properties. Mayor Henderson and Law Director Neal reiterated that the City would rather see the properties cared for and built up rather than torn down completely.

**Law Director report:**

CIC property work will be done tomorrow.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Neal to complete the work needed for submission on the expansion of the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area'.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

No meetings were scheduled.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to enter into executive session at 8:25pm to discuss topics related to economic development and inviting City Administration and Mr. Logan O'Neill of WAEDC. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:57pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Doll to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council