

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on April 4, 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, Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 11 visitors present. Councilman Chad Dunlap was absent.

Mayor Henderson pointed out that the alley closure request made by Mr. Jim Limbert of the Wapakoneta Eagles at last council meeting should have read: "Mr. Jim Limbert of 817 Aster Drive and representing the Wapakoneta Eagles, requested Council's permission for an alley closure behind Eagles on May 15th from 1pm-5pm for their annual picnic. Additionally, Park Street will also need to be closed from W. Auglaize Street to Main Street for same. Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to approve the request. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed."

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Council meeting as amended. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 03-31-2022 and the following was discussed:

1. Stoneybrook and Carnation Intersection Engineering Study by Choice One

Choice One engineering completed a study on the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation drive in Wapakoneta in response to community concern about visibility and speed in the area. After completing a very thorough study, Choice One does not recommend a multi-way stop sign at the intersection. They cite the following reasons:

0 recorded accidents in the last 10 years at the intersection

Average speed of only 28 MPH and 85th percentile speed of only 32 MPH

Sight Distance Analysis that showed sufficient intersection sight distance and sufficient stopping sight distance.

Traffic flow is too low to comply with OMUTC recommendations for a multi-way stop

The committee did not make any final decisions on the intersection to allow others to view the report. We will make a final decision in the near future.

2. Haynes St Project Update

Mary Ruck was invited to join the committee as a point of contact to the owner of the old stockyards near Haynes St in Wapakoneta. Mary stated she has a working relationship with the property owner and can make the connection with the committee for future conversation. The committee plans to invite the property owner and other stakeholders to our next meeting to discuss potential city plans to improve semi-truck traffic flow in the area and improve the well-being of resident properties in the area.

3. Ordinance to make parking illegal along monument park

Motion by Miller and second by Campbell to draft legislation to ban parking along the new monument park and one spot in front of Black Iron Armory. Passed 2-0. The committee plans to work with the Safety Service Director and Public works to add a few additional parking spots near Krave Creamery in the future.

4. Strategy to address potholes in alleys in the city

The committee received community complaints about potholes in alleys within the city. One suggestion from a community member was to utilize leftover material from street grindings to fill in alley holes. Mary Ruck and SSD Brillhart thought it was a good idea, and so this approach will be tried this year to fill in alleys in poor condition.

5. Issues with Park Street Pavement

The committee received a complaint from a local business owner that the pavement on Park St. near the Eagle's parking lot is beginning to look very bad. The committee discussed the situation with Mary Ruck and SSD Brillhart. Both stated that this location is now on their list of potential levy improvements potentially this year, but at the latest next year.

6. Legislation to Allow for Local City control of traffic control

Law Director Grant Neal called into the committee to discuss a new ordinance to be offered for passage that would provide the framework for the city of Wapakoneta to have ultimate say in traffic control on its local (non-state route) streets. The ordinance would utilize Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07, which allows local municipalities to regulate their own local traffic control on local roads. The committee has positive opinions on the ordinance, as we have been working on the best way to achieve this for quite some time.

Communications -

Clerk McDonald read a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to issue a new permit to: Buckeye Valley Pizza Hut LTD, DBA Pizza Hut of Wapakoneta, 1280 Bellefontaine St. Unit 4, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

Council did not request a hearing.

Clerk McDonald read a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to issue a new permit to: Dolgen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 3822, 1009 Lincoln Ave., Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

Council did not request a hearing.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Stephen Ambrose of 24 ½ E. Auglaize Street and representing Wapak Church of Nazarene requested Council's permission to close Court Street from the corner of Benton Street to the alley on the south end of the church on April 9th for their annual Easter Eggstravaganza event.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Ace Ambos of 13972 Linzee Road and Mr. Mike Borges of 11158 Infirmary Road and representing Vietnam Veterans of America, provided Council with an update on the completion status of the Veteran's monument being created for the downtown. Mr. Ambos requested that Auglaize Street be closed from Willipie Street to Blackhoof on June 4th for the dedication ceremony. Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Ambos stated he will need cooperation with City Administration to close down Auglaize Street on the day the monument arrives to town and is ready to be placed.

Mr. Aaron Stigler of 802 Stoneybrook Drive addressed Council regarding the results of the Choice One Engineering study that was completed for the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation Drive. Mr. Stigler asked Council what initially impacted their decision when they voted to install stop signs at that location. Mr. Lee answered, the petition signed by community members who supported the installation of said stop signs. Mr. Stigler asked if Council is utilizing the law as currently written in Wapakoneta Codified Ordinances and the Choice One engineering study to justify their decision on traffic control for the Stoneybrook and Carnation intersection. Mr. Miller answered, yes. Mr. Stigler asked if Council is seeking to amend the current laws as written so the City no longer has to adhere only to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Mr. Miller answered, correct, the proposed change to the code would allow the Safety Service Director the discretion to make traffic control decisions for local roads as needed and bring those to Council for their review. Mr. Stigler requested then that Council delay their decision on stop sign placement for the Stoneybrook and Carnation intersection until the new legislation takes effect. Mr. Miller stated that even with a delay, the Choice One Engineering study results will still be the primary source for Council's decision. Mr. Campbell added that the Choice One study has helped Council understand all the factors that go into making traffic control decisions, and that Wapakoneta Police Department will help to control speed issues in that area. Mr. Stigler asked what legal basis is being used for traffic control decisions in the area of Pratt Industries in the recent weeks. Mr. Miller answered that no traffic controls have been placed in the Pratt area and any changes for that area will be happen after the proposed amendment is made to the City's traffic code. Mr. Stigler asked if an engineering study will be completed for Pratt traffic control. Mr. Miller replied, likely not, because the residential traffic on Leon Pratt Drive is too low to warrant a study and the impact would only be business related. Mr. Stigler then pointed out that a decision to keep the stop sign at Auglaize and Perry Street was based upon the results of a survey circulated by the Wapakoneta Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Miller noted, however, that in this

instance, the stop signs had already been present for many years and ultimately no changes were needed. Law Director Neal clarified that when the stop signs were placed at Stoneybrook and Carnation Drive, it was discovered soon after that they were placed wrongly and not in-line with the City's codified ordinances, causing them to have to be removed.

Mr. Ambos also asked that the downtown Perry Street parking lot be reserved for Gold Star Families on June 4th during the dedication ceremony of the monument. Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business -

Mr. Miller clarified that the Coleman Building mural is scheduled to be painted May 6th through May 10th, with rain dates being scheduled for May 12th through May 16th as needed.

Mr. Campbell stated that the City of Wapakoneta website is outdated and needs attention.

Mr. Campbell stated that Public Works Superintendent Bill Thomas suggested the 24hr recycling drop-off location be moved to Water Street along the railroad track to remedy noise complaints.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-18 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SET SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND EXECUTE AN ASPHALT OVERLAY, CRACK SEAL, CAPE SEAL PROJECT USING TAX LEVY MONIES

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2022-18. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-21 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Miller, second by Kantner to adopt Ord 2022-21. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-22R for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to adopt Ord 2022-22R. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-23 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A YEAR 2021 DODGE RAM 3500 4X4 SERVICE TRUCK THROUGH UTILITY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.

Mr. Campbell asked if monies had been set aside for the recent requests for equipment. Service Director Brillhart answered that the funds have all been appropriated and he foresees no additional purchases at this time.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-24 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-25 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A VERSALIFT MODEL VST-6000-I AERIAL TOWER TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-26 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA TO REGULATE LOCAL TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4511.07.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-27 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN PARKING PROHIBITION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND AMENDING SECTION 452.98(A.) "SCHEDULE I: PARKING PROHIBITED" OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SIGNS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor report:

Met with Michael Brillhart and a representative from ABM to discuss next steps with existing city buildings/structures (similar to but certainly not the same as Efficiency Smart program).

Sat in on a conference call with Kristina Altuve from Archive Social.

Went through a demonstration via zoom with Michael Brillhart and Kristina Altuve Archive Social, regarding archiving the city's Social media pages/links.

Met with Michael Brillhart, Diana Blackburn and Mr. Pat Hire of Clemons/Nelson to discuss internal personnel.

Met with Glen Taflin and Eric Webber of Rumpke to discuss refuse and recycling efforts going forward. Michael Brillhart also participated.

Met with Mike Konst and Kelly of Logan Recycling to discuss the city's option with regard to our commercial cardboard.

Michael and I met with the county commissioners and Scott Cisco of Auglaize Solid Waste facility to discuss possible options with our relationship going forward.

Met with Paul Eisert regarding blighted properties and a dangerous building that is currently out of compliance.

Toured the Washington Penn facility located here in Wapakoneta.

Met with School Superintendent Aaron Rex to discuss a ten year tax abatement. Legislation to be prepared for the second meeting in April.

Met with Logan O'Neill to discuss CRA's tax abatements etc. for a new business looking to locate in Wapakoneta.

Attended a conference call with Stacey Boggs of Pratt Industries.

Met with Jackie Martell and Chris McCabe to discuss an upcoming ribbon cutting for Eitri Foundry. Had a conference call with Michel Bierne...APPA .

Attended the Board of Zoning Appeals. Attended a Tree Commission meeting.

Met with Kevin Havener of Johnny Appleseed parks in Lima, retired.

Met with Bill Thomas to have Public works put up some additional signage on Sunrise Drive. Met with Mary Ruck regarding dangerous buildings.

Met with Mr. Jake Moyar to discuss a stop work order he received from Miami Valley and Mr. Rob England.

Met with Paul Eisert to discuss options about a resident in town who appears to be running a business out of his residence...not the city's first run-in with this resident.

Met with Bas Kester, general manager of the Ohio Greenhouse Company.

Met with Marlene Froning regarding this year's bicycle safety day. Her event is always a huge success and will be held at the TSC building across from the fire station. Mrs. Froning is requesting the usual street closures to be coordinated with our police department.

Michael Brillhart and I will be meeting with the Madison Energy Investment Group this Wednesday April 6th to discuss phase three and possible dates for the ribbon cutting.

Met with Jackie Martell of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce and then spoke with Travis Rohrbach about the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location Wapakoneta's new dog park.

Everyone is very excited and proud of the new location. This ribbon cutting will be Saturday April 30th at Noon. Please mark your calendars and try to attend!

Mayor Henderson added that Council should expect emergency legislation at the next Council meeting regarding tax abatement for a business expansion.

Mr. Kantner asked for a status update on the Parks Director position. Service Director Brillhart plans to meet with Parks Director Jack Hayzlett to discuss more details on the matter and will report back to the Parks Committee.

Mr. Shepline asked what could be changed to give Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert more authority as far as enforcement tools. Law Director Neal agreed to look into options.

Mr. Campbell wanted clarification that only the commercial cardboard recycling is being contaminated. Mayor Henderson answered, correct, and the problem can be solved if businesses lock their dumpsters to prevent contamination.

Mr. Campbell stated he wanted to get an update from Washington Penn about the Gibbs Street crossing.

Mr. Campbell asked for further explanation about the tax abatement issue. Mayor Henderson answered that there was an error in the wording of a document, but that it should have read as a 10 year tax abatement.

Mr. Campbell asked for further explanation on Mr. Jake Moyer and the work-stop order on a barn at 1311 Lincoln Avenue. Mayor Henderson stated this was a mistake in communication and should not have happened.

Service Director report:

Reminder that there is a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for April 19th for the new Water Reclamation Facility.

Cost estimate was developed for paving needs at the Breakfast Optimist Park.

AMP is looking for federal or state funding for EV charging stations.

The City of Wapakoneta Electric Department received AMP awards for reliability and safety at last month's conference.

Mr. Lee asked if the EV charging station will be located at Heritage Park. SSD Brillhart replied, yes, due to its location to the electric substation.

Mr. Lee asked if the proposed paving at Breakfast Optimist Park will connect Water and Pine Streets to the south side of the park. SSD Brillhart replied, yes.

Law Director report:

In order to expand the 'Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area' boundaries, the application process must be entirely re-done, including conducting a public hearing.

Rolling Acres Pond Association is wishing to discuss easements with the City of Wapakoneta regarding drainage affecting Ramga Road.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

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

Parks Committee will meet on April 7th at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Motion by Miller, second by Lee to enter executive session at 8:50pm to review pending litigation and inviting City Administration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Miller, second by Kantner to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council