

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on May 2, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. There were 7 visitors present. Law Director Grant Neal and Councilman Daniel E. Lee was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 04-30-2022.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Parks Committee** – a meeting was held on 04-07-2022 and the following was discussed:

1. Options for Haynes St. Area Street Improvement with Mr. Hageman and Mr. Thompson

A.The committee invited Mr. Dave Thompson to the meeting in order to discuss a potential deal to be made with the city that would allow the city to complete work on his private road to create an easier route for truck traffic in the area. The city had contracted with Choice One engineering to develop a few draft plans for this area. These plans would both improve quality of life for residents who currently are having trucks drive through their yards, as well as for future business expansion opportunities in the area. Mr. Thompson was receptive to the idea, and wanted some time to review the plan. We decided to schedule a second meeting with Mr. Thompson as well as other property owners in the area to continue the conversation and hopefully move forward with a strategy. The next step after that would be more specific design plans from Choice One.

2. Discussion with Rachel Barber on First on the Moon Mural Project

A.Rachel Barber came to the committee to discuss the First on the Moon committee's plans for a mural on the parkway side of the Coleman building downtown. Rachel asked the committee and SSD Brillhart about any concerns we may have in using a lift to pursue painting the project rather than scaffolding. SSD Brillhart said that as we get closer to the now late June dates to complete the project, he would consult with First on the Moon to get the specs on the lift and the final plans to park the lift in the parkway. He would then consult with department heads to be sure there was no further concerns, and work with the police to protect the project from vandalism.

3. Right of way from Owner of Homestretch Sportswear

A.The committee received an email from the owner of Homestretch Sportswear in Wapakoneta inquiring about purchasing the city owned ground in front of his business. After checking in with engineering, it was determined that there were many utilities that ran through the area, and neither side now wishes to proceed with any kind of sale.

4. Issue with Speeding out of Wapakoneta Middle School

A.The committee received an email complaint from a resident that lives on Jackson St. near the Wapak Middle School. He claimed that there was a lot of speeding coming from behind the middle school towards Jackson St. The committee spoke with the police chief about the issue, and he felt that it would be very hard to build up much speed behind the middle school given the proximity of the inquirers address to the school property. Attempts to contact the resident to continue conversations has been unsuccessful, and so the committee will continue reaching out.

5. Pine St. Parking Issues

A.The committee received another complaint from a resident living on Pine St. about parking during soccer games. This was the same resident who reached out last year, and he says that people are still parking in his driveway. The committee heard from SSD Brillhart that a new road connecting Water St. to Pine St. is on the docket for next year with a total cost of \$108,000, and that it will include needed parking spots. We plan to reach out to the resident to share this information. In the meantime, SSD Brillhart noted that he will talk to the Public Works Superintendent about potential temporary signage in the area to help reduce the parking issues.

6. Requests on Leon Pratt Drive

A.Pratt Industries is requesting the following:

i.No parking on the North side at all times and no overnight parking on the south side of Leon Pratt Drive

1. The committee recommends that legislation be drafted to grant this request. Motion by Lee, Second by Campbell. Passed Unanimously

ii. Speed limit signs of 25 MPH

1. SSD Brillhart will be ordering installing of these signs by the city for speed limit.

iii. A stop sign at the end of Leon Pratt Drive

1. SSD Brillhart will have the authority to place these signs if ORD 2022-26 passes. He will wait for a vote on that ordinance before acting. If passed, he will complete an investigation and then pursue action per his recommendation.

iv. A "Do not block intersection" sign at the end of Leon Pratt Drive

1. SSD Brillhart will have the authority to place these signs if ORD 2022-26 passes. He will wait for a vote on that ordinance before acting. If passed, he will complete an investigation and then pursue action per his recommendation.

7. Discussion of Further Improvement of Chapter 406 of Codified Ordinances

A. The committee discussed its commitment to improving Ch. 406 of the Codified ordinances to develop a clearer way for citizens to recommend traffic control device changes. We will be discussing this more in the future in the hopes of taking learnings from our Delaware, OH visit and recent situations into account.

### **Communications –**

Mayor Henderson announced a proclamation for mental health month.

### **Unfinished Business -**

Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the Parks Director position. Mayor Henderson stated the matter is in the hands of Mr. Pat Hire of Clemens Nelson at the moment.

### **New Business -**

Mr. Campbell noted that he received an email with supportive videos from a citizen about traffic calming and would like council to review it.

Mr. Campbell announced that the home fire on Mechanic Street will soon be demolished and cleaned up.

Mr. Kantner requested a Facebook reminder that grass clippings cannot be blown into the City streets. Mr. Dunlap asked if the 'Informer Newsletter' could be created again for those who do not utilize Facebook.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-25 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adopt Res 2022-25. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2022-26. Mr. Miller explained that should the Safety Service Director make a traffic decision that City Council disagrees with, Council may override the SSD's action. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-27 for the third 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.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-27. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-30 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF A COMMUNITY RECREATION /

**CONSERVATION PROJECT PASS THROUGH GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Service Director Brillhart noted that the emergency language is because the funding is through a state bond issue due June 2022, and passage of Res 2022-30 allows the City to submit the paperwork for a formal agreement.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2022-30. Mr. Kantner pointed out that the proposed splash pad for Veterans Park will need more funding. Mr. Campbell and Mayor Henderson explained that Res 2022-30 allows the City the option to participate in the state bond but if additional funding cannot be found for the splash pad project, the City is not obligated to proceed with plans. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2022-30. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-31 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION NAMING THE CITY OWNED PARK AND PLAZA LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST AUGLAIZE STREET AS “LEGACY PARK PLATZ” AND DESIGNATING A NEW STREET ADDRESS.

Mr. Kantner noted that the Parks Committee recommended that Parkplatz be one-word. SSD Brillhart will correct this for next Council meeting.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-32 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO TREASURER OF STATE'S OHIO MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THAT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A STANDBY NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-32. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-32. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Mayor report:**

Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new electric vehicle "EV" charging station at the Blume Alumni Apartments.

Attended the retirement ceremony for Detective Jim Cox at the administration building.

Attended the groundbreaking for Wapakoneta's new Water Reclamation Facility.

Attended an Armstrong Air and Space Museum board of directors meeting.

Celebrated an Arbor Day Celebration at the Wapakoneta Middle School. I presented the student council with a proclamation on behalf of the city.

Re-dedicated the new location of the Wapak Dog Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with our local Chamber of Commerce.

Met on site at EITRI Foundry with project manager Christopher McCabe to discuss ongoing drainage issues.

Met with Joey Boston of Efficiency Smart for her quarterly update. Attended a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

Met with Levi Cecil to discuss the proposed tree species that will be planted in the new park in downtown Wapakoneta. Further following up with Stephanie Miller.

Attended and spoke at the groundbreaking for the Lear Jet project at the Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

Had several conference calls with Michael Bierne of APPA.

Met with Tammie Colon, Executive Director of the Health and Recovery Services of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties to discuss a proclamation for mental health month...May.

Met with a property owner to discuss the possible purchase of a local property.

Continued the conversation with Erica Preston and the county commissioners regarding the proposed agreement regarding commercial cardboard pick up.

Attended a conference call with Juliann Harless of Madison Investments regarding an upcoming ribbon cutting function slated for June 301.

Performed my second wedding ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baker.

Mr. Campbell asked what was discussed with Christopher McCabe. Mayor Henderson answered, drainage issues.

Mr. Campbell asked what was discussed with Erica Preston. Mayor Henderson answered that details are being finalized with commercial cardboard pickup and the 24 hour recycling drop-off location.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on West Benton Street. Service Director Brillhart stated that the contractor is waiting for an asphalt plant to open up.

Mr. Campbell noted there are properties at Auglaize and Dearbaugh that need graded properly along the new sidewalks.

Mr. Doll asked for an update on the City's condemned properties. Service Director Brillhart stated one is owned & needs an inspection, one is owned by Medicaid, and one is in an estate trust.

**Service Director report:**

Mr. Brillhart explained that the new address mentioned in Res 2022-31 is due to the access from Auglaize Street being closed, resulting in the new address being 1 Perry Street.

AMP is advising the City to join the Ohio Market Access Program in order to get better interest rates.

Mr. Brillhart is requesting the Health & Safety Committee review the new fireworks legislation from the state.

Mr. Campbell noted that stop bars are needed in certain areas on the east side of town.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm at City Hall.

Health & Safety Committee will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to enter executive session at 8:10pm to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, and also to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, and inviting City Administration and representatives of R.E. Becker. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:48pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Henderson noted that he was asked to post on the City's Facebook page a letter to the editor from Mr. Jerry Hight, as well as a reminder about the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election. The Facebook posts were later removed due to a complaint received by the elections board about the wording used in the posts.

Motion by Campbell, second by Kantner to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Pro Tem

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Clerk of Council