

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 6, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Shepline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal, Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. Council Clerk Terry McDonald was absent.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 05-31-2022.

Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Streets & Alleys Committee** – a meeting was held on 05-31-2022 and the following was discussed:

The committee met with primary points of conversation listed below:

1. Haynes St. Area Potential Road Reconstruction
  - a. The committee received estimates from Choice One engineering on the total cost of proposed road reconstruction in the Haynes St. area of Wapakoneta. The plan that our committee is most agreeable with comes in at \$1,766,961. The committee has asked the SSD whether this project qualifies for levy funds or other grant funding.
  - b. The committee met with several stakeholders that would be directly affected by the proposed project, including a local business owner and landowners. Dave Thompson, current owner of the road that runs in front of the old stockyards, is a key stakeholder as the city would need right-of-way on his private road in order to complete the plan. Dave informed the committee and SSD Brillhart that he would be willing to sign over rights to the right-of-way to the city in exchange for updating the plan to be a two-way street. He also mentioned various utilities needs. Mr. Thompson agreed to draft an email to SSD Brillhart with his conditions for allowing the city to use the right-of-way for the purposes of our project. SSD Brillhart expects a new two-way street plan and pricing from Choice One soon.
  - c. Dave Seffernick, owner of Innovative Rubber, stated that he would work with the owners of his building to add a semi-truck staging area on their property so that semis would not need to wait along the road when unloading. Mr. Seffernick stated that he would report back to the committee after he spoke with his building's owners about the plan.
  - d. There will need to be a fire hydrant moved to complete the added semi turnaround. The committee will work with the city to determine action.
  - e. The rest of the stakeholders were all very positive about the plan overall and gave various ideas to make the project better overall.
2. Discussion of Expanding Apron in front of Legacy Parkplatz
  - a. Mr. Lee brought up increasing the sidewalk area in front of Legacy Parkplatz to give viewers of the monuments and foot traffic more room along that area. Committee will work with SSD Brillhart to determine appropriate action to potentially make this change occur. This may be an opportunity for lodging tax dollars
3. Discussion of Potential Traffic Calming Strategies
  - a. The committee discussed purchasing additional tools for traffic calming. Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to recommend to administration to purchase two variable speed limit signs at ~\$3,000 per unit to be used in needed areas for traffic calming. These signs can be moved from place to place depending on need.
  - b. Motion by Campbell, second by Lee to recommend to administration to purchase a stealth speed tracking device to be used to measure speed in needed areas of the city. This was priced at ~\$3,900, and would allow us to get more accurate data on speed.
  - c. The committee continued discussion regarding the intersection of Stoneybrook and Carnation. The committee recognizes the potential need for traffic calming measures despite not installing stop signs at the intersection. A few of the potential ideas that we discussed were:
    - i. Implementation of "Pedestrian Using Roadway" Signs
    - ii. Potential for a crosswalk at the intersection
    - iii. A potential location for variable speed limit signs in the area if purchased by the city

d. The committee requests that the SSD begin to review the intersection and recommend a strategy for traffic calming in the area, taking into consideration the committees thoughts mentioned above.

**Parks Committee** – a meeting was held on 05-20-2022 and the following was discussed:

Purpose of site visit: To allow Parks Committee members to see current stage and hear from Chamber of Commerce of their thoughts/wishes for a permanent stage in Heritage Park.

Other City Officials Present: Michael Brillhart, Safety Service Director

Others Present: Jackie Martell, Chamber of Commerce Director, other Chamber members

Members of the Parks Committee met with members of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce for a site visit of proposed permanent stage in Heritage Park.

Reviewed current placement of temporary stage in relation to placement of proposed permanent stage and covering.

Consensus of Chamber of Commerce that permanent stage would be in the same approximate placement of current temporary stage.

Discussion on proposed permanent stage and covering dimensions.

Chamber of Commerce believe permanent stage should, at a minimum, be as big as the current temporary stage.

Discussion/request by Jackie Martell, Chamber Director, for Chamber of Commerce to donate money to the project for the naming rights.

Next Steps: Parks Committee will meet to discuss and formulate recommendations for City Council.

**Health & Safety Committee** – a meeting was held on 05-27-2022 and the following was discussed:

Item for discussion: Review and discuss draft ordinance 2022-39. An ordinance reenacting with amendments section 672.10 of the City of Wapakoneta code of ordinances authorizing a ban of fireworks in the city specific to the passage of House Bill 172 into law.

After a brief discussion there were no objections to the way it was written, and a motion was made by Lee, seconded by Shepline to have the draft ordinance sent to council for consideration.

**Finance Committee** – a meeting was held on 05-26-2022 and the following was discussed:

Brillhart shared three suggested projects for ARPA funds. Included were significant upgrades & expansion of broadband internet among city facilities, a one-time bonus of premium pay for eligible employees from the pandemic, and funds to be used as a match for a grant to create a water line loop and / or water main on Hardin Pike and Short Road. Doll asked about possibly using monies for the splash pad project and an economic development loan fund. Administration will bring a formal proposal in the future.

Due to regulations regarding solar fields, there is city land that has been leased and farmed by the Heitz family that can no longer be farmed. Administration is negotiating a buyout.

Brillhart also shared a draft of a five year Capital Improvement Plan for the city. Feedback was provided. Administration will ask department heads to review it again before bringing a formal proposal before council. This CIP would be a plan and not binding legislation.

Administration also shared concerns about wages paid over much of the city budget. The concern is the city is falling behind similar municipalities and that worker retention will be an increasing challenge, as will finding new employees. There was also brief discussion of adjusting salaries related to city council and the possibility of making the office of mayor position a full time position. Brillhart suggested having an outside firm conduct a study and provide recommendations for payments.

**Communications** –

Mr. Campbell stated he will be meeting at 10am on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the solar field south of town with Mr. McCabe to discuss what needs to be completed with the project site.

**Guest Petitions** -

Mr. Victor Rosengarten of 909 Daisy Drive was on the agenda but not present.

Mr. Aaron Rex, representing Wapakoneta City Schools and residing at 1110 Warren Drive, addressed Council to explain the current security measures in place for the school system.

### **Unfinished Business -**

Mr. Campbell stated that the home that burned down on Mechanic Street has been torn down and removed.

Mr. Campbell also noted that the Gibbs Street railroad crossing has been modified.

Mr. Campbell referenced the complaints submitted on paper by Mr. Ken Steinke at the last council meeting. Mr. Campbell met with several department heads and learned that each of the complaints had already been addressed in the past.

Mr. Campbell noted that Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert gave a warning to CVS Pharmacy about tall grass and the matter was resolved.

### **New Business -**

Service Director Brillhart explained an agreement the City had with Heitz Family Farm to farm 37 acres off of Schaub Road near the City's water treatment plant. The Heitz Family is requesting a buy out of the lease agreement, as wells were being dug on the property that hindered farming the land. Mr. Brillhart provided Council with approximate cropland rent figures for the area, noting he can proceed with the legislation needed for the Heitz Family Farm agreement buyout with Council's directive.

President Pro Tem Doll read Res 2022-31 for the third 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 PARKPLATZ" AND DESIGNATING A NEW STREET ADDRESS.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2022-31. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll read Res 2022-34 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUSHETA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR FURNISHING OF FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-35 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-37 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 260.18 (I) "SICK LEAVE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND SECTION 5.02(A)(1)(A) OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-38 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING WAPAKONETA'S DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY WITHIN SUCH AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-38. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2022-38. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-39 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 672.10 OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING A BAN ON FIREWORKS IN THE CITY SPECIFIC TO THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 172 INTO LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Sheipline to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-39. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2022-39. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-40 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA OF AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMALL CITIES GRANT

PROGRAM FOR A PROJECT ON WOOD STREET BETWEEN MIDDLE STREET AND NORTH STREET CURVE.

President Pro Tem Doll read Ord 2022-41 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 274.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE RECREATION DIRECTOR POSITION.

President Pro Tem Doll read Res 2022-42 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SPECIFIC TO THE PREPARATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PAY-RATE COMPARISON STUDY.

**Mayor report:**

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

Attended a Finance Committee meeting.

Spoke to and then judged an economics class debate at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Met with Jim Limbert and Ken Kohlrieser regarding a possible project the Eagles is interested in pursuing in the near future.

Had a conference call with Zack Sadowski and Lian Nieu regarding the EITRI Foundry/Madison Investments event on June 30th.

Met with Jackie Martell to discuss enhancements to the existing Parkway behind town.

Had two conference calls with Steve Bosart (Vice President Coleman Services) regarding the possibility of acquiring property to extend the P?Vers/walkway behind town.

Met with Tammie Colon to discuss the possible acquisition of a property/properties that the HRSAAH might be interested in.

Attended a video conference with Lian Nieu regarding phase 3 of the solar project.

Met with Chief Cal Schneider to go over three traffic count surveys which were recently completed.

Met with Levi Cecil concerning several tree issues...That being stated the Wapakoneta Tree Commission is certainly in the midst of a restructuring. SSD Michael Brillhart will be taking my place and my hope is that Lucas Shumate will chair this committee.

Two conference calls with Laura Meilander (Convergent Energy and Power) I plan on connecting with Laura in person as I am attending the APPA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee June 10th through the 16th.

Met with Paul Eisert to discuss several "blighted" properties and other issues that have arisen.

Met with Mike Barhorst of the Ohio Mayor's Association.

Phone conference with Tess Bilbrey of American Building and Energy Solutions "ABM" Conference call/update with Joey Boston of "Efficiency Smart"

The Learjet should be in place at its new home here in Wapakoneta. Thank you to Dante Centuri and his board and team for their vision throughout this project.

Met with Losi Swallow regarding concerns on Perry Street parking. Unfortunately, there is little that can be done.

Conference call with Peggy Ehora (Dominion) regarding tap fees in the city.

Met with Ace Ambos and Mik Borges of the VVA to discuss final action plans for the June 4th dedication of the new monument at Legacy Park Platz.

Attended a Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council board meeting.

Spoke on behalf of the city in dedicating the new VVA monument downtown this past Saturday.

Attended a waste minimization meeting.

I received a very well written letter from Fiona Armstrong, which Clerk Terry has shared with you and our citizens under communications. This small community in Scotland remains proud of Neil's many accomplishments, as does Wapakoneta!

Mayor Henderson noted that he will ask Clerk McDonald to read a letter from Fiona Armstrong at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Henderson stated he also attended the Finance Committee meeting. Security cameras will likely be purchased for the Legacy Parkplatz area.

Mr. Campbell asked what property was discussed with Tammie Colon. Mayor Henderson answered that he could not disclose that information publicly at this time.

**Service Director report:**

Mr. Brillhart reviewed the status of current construction projects, including CR-25A, W. Benton Street, Silver Street, Water Street, as well as grant applications and cost evaluations for other potential projects in the City.

**Law Director report:**

Mr. Neal supplied Council with a copy of the DORA application.

Mr. Neal offered to be available to help correctly interpret the City's ordinances for anyone who might have questions or be confused on the wording.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at City Hall.

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

President Pro Tem Doll announced that the first Council meeting in July will be moved to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at City Hall due to the holiday.

Mr. Campbell noted that Willipie and Park Streets have no street markers where they intersect with Auglaize Street. Mr. Doll added that the corporation signs are faded and need replaced.

Mr. Miller noted that some residents at the end of Perry Street that applied for trees never got them.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Vote – 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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President Pro Tem

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Clerk of Council