

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on June 20, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. Councilman Ross Kantner and Interim Mayor Steve Henderson were absent.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Public Hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll noted there was no report from the Lodging Tax Committee.

Parks Committee – a meeting was held on 06-08-2022 and the following was discussed:

Review minutes of last meeting – May 6, 2022, as well as Site Visit to Heritage Park

Motion to approve minutes: Brandon Miller. 2nd: John Sheipline

Review/Discussion on “Follow up” from May 6 Parks Committee Meeting:

Parks Director Position – Legislation presented at last Council Meeting to change who Director reports to (will now be SSD).

Admin. looking to add a full-time employee to work under Jack.

Per SSD Brillhart – job descriptions nearing completion.

Will need to review budget for next year with changes in Park Department personnel structure, as well as reviewing potential Y pool contract changes.

Parkway Project –

Per Interim Mayor Henderson - possibilities to create a “walkway” to Heritage Park are very good.

Per SSD Brillhart – the arches and rails in the Parkway need painted. He is getting estimates.

Perry St. parking lot – “Legacy Parkplatz” –

Parks Committee would like to continue to be part of “Beautification Project” planning, and discussions concerning items such as, but not limited to:

Trees/plants to be planted

John Sheipline will continue to be part of Tree Commission.

Next Commission meeting: June 27

Curb and/or parking plan modifications.

Light post change?

Installation of Cameras/security measures

John Sheipline had conversation with Steve Walters regarding Façade &/or DWP grants to paint the building adjacent to the Park

Per Jack Hayzlett, Parks Department Supervisor, he has assigned a Parks employee to weed, and maintain Legacy Parkplatz area.

Will be putting mulch in “planting beds” on “Armstrong side” since we will not be putting plants in until the fall.

Review/Discussion on May 20 site visit to Heritage Park with Chamber of Commerce:

Permanent Stage -

Location would be in same approximate location as temporary stage.

Suggested/recommended dimensions of stage – 30’X20’

Suggested/recommended dimensions of structure/covering of stage – 40’X30’

Chamber of Commerce naming rights

Next Steps-

SSD Michael Brillhart will be looking into:

Any required legislation required to build permanent structure

Investigate potential state/federal funding resources

Create Request for Qualified Firms

Create Request for Proposal

Discussion of City Park restroom vandalism issue/problems:

Update from Jack Hayzlett on recent incidents.

Discussion on what can be done to curb vandalism?

Security cameras in parks are key to curbing vandalism.

Per SSD Brillhart – he is in the process of obtaining estimates from TSC to run fiber to all city parks to connect cameras and other security measures throughout the city.

Increased police presence

Community or neighborhood watch groups

This is not something to pursue at this time

Prosecute vandalism offenders

Strengthen ordinance for penalties for vandalism

Investigate “loitering” ordinance

Other:

John Sheipline noted, he was in attendance at the Party in the Park last week and noticed the Police had driven through before concert started, but did not see another “drive through” the rest of the evening. He expressed his concerns that with the number of people in that area we should have a greater “Police presence”.

SSD Brillhart agrees and will speak with Police Chief Schneider.

Parks Supervisor Hayzlett stated he really appreciates this Park Committee bringing up and talking about Parks Department needs and advocating for changes within his department, but wanted to bring up potential/future Parks Department needs to be aware of when considering some of the changes. Some of the needs include, but not all are:

Vehicle/pickup truck

Current department truck is very old and unreliable

Building/work space with heat and water (bathroom) for Parks Department to work in during winter months.

Current building is at Veterans Park. Not heated and no water in the winter.

Appropriate tools.

Currently Parks Department employees borrow various tools from other departments.

Communications –

Clerk McDonald read Zoning Board recommendations of John Hassenauer of 1205 Oakridge Ct and Nick Sammetinger 113 Bluegrass Drive.

Clerk McDonald read a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new permit to: Krave Creamery LLC, DBA Krave Creamery 102 E. Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Council did not request a hearing.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. John Bernstein of 1206 Kimberly Drive, St. Marys, Ohio addressed Council to show his support for Jacob Larger for State Representative.

Mr. Brian Stelzer of 915 Carnation Drive addressed Council to request parking in the grass area of the baseball diamonds on July 8th and 9th for the swim championships at Wapak WaterPark. Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to approve the request. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

New Business -

Motion by Sheipline, second by Lee to appoint John Hassenauer and Nick Sammetinger to the Zoning Board. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell noted that the old education building is being rented by the Family Resource Center and provided their mission statement.

Mr. Miller invited everyone to the Armstrong sculpture dedication on July 1st at 5pm at Legacy Parkplatz.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-34 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to adopt Res 2022-34. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2022-35. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-37 for the third 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.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2022-37. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-40 for the second 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 asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-41 for the second 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 asked Clerk to read Res 2022-42 for the second 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.

Motion by Miller, second by Lee to suspend the rules for Res 2022-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to adopt Res 2022-42. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-43 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A BUY OUT OF FARM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HEITZ FAMILY FARM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to suspend the rules for Res 2022-43. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to adopt Res 2022-43. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor report:

No report.

Service Director report:

Service Director Brillhart noted the utilizing of ARPA funding for Phase 2 of the fiber optic interconnection project.

Mr. Dunlap asked for an update on moving the recycle drop-off location. Service Director Brillhart stated it will be moved from Harrison Street to Water Street sometime in July.

Mr. Brillhart advised that a grant of \$50,000 was awarded for equipment replacement at the Wapak WaterPark. The City is also discussing a permanent stage design with Garmann & Miller for Heritage Park.

Mr. Campbell requested that John Courtney attend a Utilities Committee meeting to explain the benefits of the solar field.

Law Director report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

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

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on June 28th at 2pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

June 30th is the ribbon-cutting for Phase 2 of the solar field.

Due to the upcoming holiday, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th at 7:30pm at City Hall.

President Pro Tem Doll gave reminder that the use of fireworks is still prohibited within the City limits of Wapakoneta.

Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council