

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on July 5, 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, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. Councilman Daniel E. Lee was absent. There was 1 visitor present.

Received Income Tax Summary Report for Month Ending 06-30-2022.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 06-28-2022 and the following was discussed:

1. Choice One Cost Estimates on Updated Haynes St. Project Plan
 - a. The committee received an updated project plan that included all two-way streets in the area of Haynes St in Wapakoneta. The overall cost is now at approximately \$2.2MM. The committee is still awaiting a response from Dave Thompson about his requests in order to allow the city to utilize the right of way on his private road in the area to complete the project. SSD Brillhart informed the committee that this project would likely not qualify for usual grant monies, and would need to be planned for over the course of several years. The committee requested that SSD Brillhart provide an updated long-term plan including this project, so that the committee can then determine if the money would be better spent elsewhere.
2. Stoneybrook recommendations by Mr. Brillhart
 - a. Mr. Brillhart provided the committee with staff recommendations regarding traffic control at the Stoneybrook and Carnation intersection. Administration recommends the following:
 - i. Pedestrian using roadway signs on both sides of the intersection, and
 - ii. Additional speed limit signs on both sides of the intersection
 - b. Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to recommend installation of such signs on Stoneybrook. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. SSD Brillhart will begin work ordering the signs for eventual installation.
 - d. The committee also discussed the potential for city purchase of a stealth speed capture device to be used by our police department where needed. Administration is researching pricing.
3. Update on Leon Pratt Drive Signage and No Parking Rules
 - a. SSD Brillhart informed the committee that new signs for Leon Pratt drive are on order and have not been received yet. Mr. Brillhart is in communication with Pratt on this issue and will resolve it once the signs come in.
4. Update on Pine St. Parking Lot/Road
 - a. Mr. Brillhart stated that the plans have not changed, and that a new road to allow for more parking off of Pine St. near the soccer fields is in the long-term plan for the coming few years.
5. Tree Commission Ordinance
 - a. Mr. Campbell informed the committee that the Tree Commission has finalized its recommendation for a new version of their charter ordinance. It is currently being drafted by Law Director Neal, and hopefully the committee and/or council will see this ordinance soon.

Mr. Miller noted a correction needed on Item 5, stating that the committee is creating a draft, not the Law Director.

Mr. Kantner asked where the additional speed limit signs will be placed. Service Director Brillhart answered that the spacing of existing signs will determine this.

Mr. Kantner asked for further information about the speed capture device. Mr. Miller answered that it is a small box that captures speed data rather than utilizing a large speed trailer.

Mr. Kantner asked who recommended the stealth speed capture device. Mr. Miller stated the traffic engineers at Delaware had such a device when the committee visited with them.

Finance Committee – a meeting was held on 06-28-2022 and the following was discussed:

SSD Brillhart reviewed proposals for ARPA fund usage. Committee was in agreement on use of funds for expanded broadband infrastructure, bonus pay for qualified city employees from COVID times, and water / sewer line expansion. Formal legislation will be brought by administration to council.

Legislation for a proposed capital improvement program plan for the city for the next five years (through 2027) is expected to be ready in October.

Mayor Henderson provided an update on recycling programs in the city emphasizing continued 24 hour access for drop offs.

Police Chief Schneider inquired about the seriousness of council toward working with the school to provide additional resource officers. Committee encourage him to continue discussions with the auditor and the school district about a formal proposal. Estimated total cost for each additional officer would be in the \$65,000 range.

Committee continued discussion of potential salary increases for various city positions. No official actions were taken. Doll proposed an annual increase of \$500 for city council and \$900 for council president. Regarding the clerk, the committee wishes to see the salary for the position moved onto the city salary schedule so it will receive regular pay increases with other city employees. Rates and the like yet to be determined.

Committee also continued discussion of the possibility of making the mayor position full time. Miller emphasized this would open up the number of potential candidates going forward as the only real candidates now would be retirees or those who can create a flexible work schedule. No one could leave a job to do this full time at present. Doll asked Henderson to document working hours for a period ranging from two weeks to one month to give the committee data for understanding the actual workload of the job.

These city positions will be included in the salary study recently approved by council.

President Pro Tem Doll noted that any salary increase for an elected official would not take effect until after the next election.

Mr. Campbell asked if the ARPA fund usage would include bonus pay for salary employees. Service Director Brillhart replied, no.

Guest Petitions -

Mr. Jacob Larger of 8 Kamman Circle, New Bremen, Ohio, introduced himself to Council as the Republican Candidate for the 84th House District.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Kantner asked if having Mr. John Hassenauer and Mr. Nick Sammetinger on the Zoning Board as well as the Planning Commission is a conflict. Law Director Neal will look into this matter.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-40 for the third 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.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-40. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Kantner, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2022-41. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-44 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TSC, A HANSON COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FIBER OPTIC BACKBONE BETWEEN THE CITY HALL COMPLEX AND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-45 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A SPLASH PAD AT VETERANS PARK THROUGH DAVID WILLIAMS RECREATION.

Service Director Brillhart explained that the City received a \$75,000 grant to purchase equipment and installation costs will be approximately \$90,000.

Mayor report:

Attended the APPA/OMEA conference held in Nashville.

Attended a Streets and Alleys committee meeting.

Attended a finance committee meeting.

Met with Bill Thomas to discuss commercial cardboard going forward prior to Auglaize Solid Waste picking it up starting the second week of August.

Met with Amy Crow regarding the new trash receptacles and two recycling receptacles to be placed downtown.

Met with Mike Borges and Jackie Martell to discuss the upcoming Summer Moon Festival in downtown Wapakoneta.

Dedicated the new EITRI Foundry/Madison Investments with an official ribbon cutting. This event was well attended as was the reception at the Galloway that followed.

Spoke at the dedication of the new Neil Armstrong monument located in the new Legacy Park Platz in our growing downtown.

Attended an executive board meeting for WAEDC.

Met with Logan O'Neill to discuss project Florence.

Met with Michael Bierne regarding the OMEA board of directors.

Met with Steve Brosart of Coleman to discuss the donation of some of Coleman's property to continue the walkway behind town. Further, I met with Jackie Martell and Jim Steinke to get some cost estimates on this project.

Attended an Amp Ohio Zoom meeting.

Met with Mike Barhorst regarding the leadership conference to be held next week at THE Ohio State University.

Had a conference call with Josh Little to discuss the YMCA's strategic plan. Josh will be formally interviewing me as the Y is in the final year of this long term plan.

Met with Jack Hayzlett to discuss playground equipment.

Met with Ashley Rostofer to discuss the upcoming Wapak Waves swim meet which is being held on Saturday.

Had a conference call with Mr. Jack Hachmann...EITRI/Madison Investments.

Had several conference calls with Sol Sprei. Sol's company invests in properties for solar as well. He and his CEO are located in New York.

Attended a Zoom meeting with APPA Academy.

The city received the exit letter from this year's audit. Kyle Dougherty, CPA...James G. Zupka, CPA Inc.

Attended a conference call with Steve Samuels regarding the USEPA.

Met with Joey Boston of Efficiency Smart to go over the quarterly numbers.

Met with Shelby Fisher regarding her role in a county funded project called Clear Pathways. This program is an initiative to help improve our mental health crisis system in Auglaize County. Shelby is the project manager for Clear Pathways program.

Mr. Kantner suggested cement pylons in Legacy Park Platz to prevent traffic mishaps at the curb.

Service Director report:

Mr. Brillhart noted the discussions with Choice One Engineering for the design of a water storage tank in the West Central Ohio Industrial Center.

Mr. Kantner asked when the orange pylons and fill dirt will be addressed in sidewalks where sections were fixed. Mr. Brillhart answered, soon.

Law Director report:

Audit is finishing up. Close to having no pending litigations involving the City.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

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

Mr. Doll requested the scheduling of a training session with John Courtney about utilities and the solar field.

Miscellaneous Business:

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to enter executive session at 8:16pm to consider the compensation of a public employee or official. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to exit executive session at 8:28pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell asked Service Director Brillhart to investigate the City's outside water rates.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council