

President Pro Tem Brandon Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on February 20, 2023 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Daniel E. Lee, Brandon Miller, Alex Greve, John Shepline and Chad Dunlap. Mayor Steve Henderson, Law Director Grant Neal and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. President Chad Doll and Councilman Terry Campbell were absent. There were 2 visitors present.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Lodging Tax Committee – Mr. Lee summarized a meeting held on 02-20-2023 and the following was discussed:

Received an application from Jack Hayzlett of the Parks Department. The committee tabled the request until further information is supplied.

Received an application from Jackie Martell of the Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce, requesting \$6000 of funding for marketing the 2024 Great American Solar Eclipse in Wapakoneta. Motion by Lee, second by Shepline to grant the \$6000 request to the Wapak Chamber for solar eclipse marketing. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Lee noted that the Lodging Tax has approximately \$44,000 of unassigned funds at this time.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-08 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.09 “INCLEMENT WEATHER” OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Greve, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2023-08. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Res 2023-09 for the third time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION WRITING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA AND OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC.

Motion by Lee, second by Kantner to adopt Res 2023-09. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-12 for the second time re: ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Res 2023-13 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A VAC-CON TITAN JET/VACUUM SEWER CLEANER THROUGH BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Ord 2023-14 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 260.16 (C) “GROUP INSURANCE” AND 260.16 (D) “GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO AND SECTIONS 5.13 (A)(3) “GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE” AND 5.15(A)(1) “OTHER INSURANCES” OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Res 2023-15 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A 2024 INTERNATIONAL MV607 HOOK TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

President Pro Tem Miller asked Clerk to read Res 2023-16 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO PURCHASE A BOBCAT COMPACT TRACK LOADER FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

Mayor report:

Discussion continues on the natural gas rate and possible aggregation plan.
Discussion with Councilman Miller and Public Works department head Bill Thomas about the future for refuse and recycling services.
Meeting scheduled with Eitry Foundry about solar possibilities.
Connected assisted living company representative with WAEDC Director.
Supplied Council with Efficiency Smart summary.
Attended OMEA Board meeting.
Attended ribbon-cutting for TMobile on Bellefontaine Street.

Service Director report:

Supplied Council with a list of the proposed mill and pave projects for 2023.
Working with Choice One Engineering regarding potential soil boring at Heritage Park.
Grant of \$465,000 received for the Water Street project.
Silver Street will receive its surface coat in April or May.
Entering design phase of the water main connection at Veterans Park and the West Central Ohio Industrial Park water tower. Monies for the Veterans Park splash pad are finalized.

Mr. Shepline asked why a gravel driveway was put in on West Auglaize Street toward the Auglaize River. Service Director Brillhart advised that a water well is being installed for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the driveway mentioned will eventually be removed.
Mr. Lee requested that the 2023 mill and pave street list be placed on the City’s website for public review.

Law Director report:

In answer to a question posed by Mr. Lee, a council or committee member must be present in-person at meetings in order to vote or be considered part of the quorum.
Still exploring the possibility of moving to a charter rather than statutory form of government for the City of Wapakoneta.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on March 20th at 6:15pm at City Hall.
Parks Committee will meet on February 21st at 10:30am at City Hall.
Finance Committee will meet on February 21st at 11:30am at City Hall.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council