

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on August 15, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Ross Kantner, Brandon Miller, Chad Doll, John Sheipline, Terry Campbell and Chad Dunlap. Law Director Grant Neal, Interim Mayor Steve Henderson and Safety Service Director Michael Brillhart were also present. Councilman Daniel E. Lee was absent. There were 22 visitors present.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mayor Henderson noted that the Lodging Tax Committee did not meet this evening.

#### **Guest Petitions –**

Mayor Henderson introduced Mr. Jos Raadscheiders, Dean of Faculty at the Ohio State University. Mr. Raadscheiders was part of the Leadership Academy that Mayor Henderson attended earlier this summer. Mr. Raadscheiders expressed his gratitude for being able to visit Neil Armstrong's hometown and address City Council.

Mrs. Kathy Place of 18407 St. Rt. 197 and President of the Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership, addressed Council about the need for increased funding for DWP for the next 3 year agreement with the City of Wapakoneta. Mrs. Place provided Council with a list of the façade improvement grants that were awarded over the last three years, noting that more business owners are asking to participate but funds have been depleted. President Pro Tem Doll put the matter of an increased DWP funding request to the Finance Committee for review.

Mr. Alec Brown of 1002 Carnation Drive and Mr. Matt Staugler of 922 Carnation Drive addressed Council about standing water in their backyards during rainfall events. Mr. Brown stated that several City officials have examined the property over the last three years, but no remedy has been given. Mr. Brown provided Council with photos of the standing water for their review. Service Director Brillhart stated that the standing water is a result of a broken farm field tile at the northwest corner of Mr. Brown's property. Mr. Brillhart added that procedurally, the City does not perform assessments for this type of project. Mayor Henderson asked Law Director Neal to determine the legality of such an assessment for flooding issues. President Pro Tem Doll put the matter into the Utilities Committee for review.

Mr. Mike Migliore and Mr. Sam Wolfe of AMP Ohio gave a presentation to Council on the current status of Wapakoneta's peak demand and power supply. Mr. Migliore also explained the energy supply and transmission costs along with projected power rates for the City in the future. Mr. Wolfe discussed a possible thermostat program in which residents with wifi thermostats can have their home temperatures automatically adjusted during peak usage times to help offset transmission costs. President Pro Tem Doll asked the Utilities Committee to review the thermostat program details.

#### **Unfinished Business -**

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to enter into executive session at 8:21pm for the purpose of reviewing a complaint against a public employee and inviting City Administration. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to exit executive session at 8:33pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Auditor Wilbur Wells then addressed Council regarding costs for sidewalk construction and gave an explanation of line item definitions and contents. Council was provided a copy of project bid sheets per request, as well as a list of answers to Councilors' questions about account names, titles & uses, budgeted projects, a council salaries line item increase, .5% street tax levy report, and numerous other questions about sidewalk projects. Auditor Wells stated that moving forward, the Streets & Alleys Committee will be a part of the review process for grind and pave projects. Auditor Wells added that the

increase shown in council salaries line item is due to the City having to pay for two Mayors' salaries at the moment. Mr. Kantner asked for documentation of year-to-date expenditures for fund 301-420-55117 and for the amounts used for new sidewalks versus repaired sidewalks. Auditor Wells replied that this can be made available but it will take considerable time to look through all invoices in order to generate the specific report. Auditor Wells added that he will ask state auditors to specifically note in their report for line item 301 that the City has spent the funds in accordance with the ordinance language.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-46 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-46. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-48 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Campbell, second by Dunlap to suspend the rules for Res 2022-48. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Shepline to adopt Res 2022-48. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-49 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1292.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-49. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to adopt Ord 2022-49. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-50 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 258.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA SPECIFIC TO THE COMBINED OFFICE MANAGER AND INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR POSITION.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-51 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND CREATING THE ACCOMPANYING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-52 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES SPECIFIC TO THE OFFICE MANAGER AND TAX ADMINISTRATOR POSITIONS FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-53 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ENGINEERING TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (O.P.W.C.) 2022 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

**Mayor report:**

Mayor Henderson noted he will no longer be preparing a written Mayor's report, but will provide a summary to Council and answer any questions.

The new water reclamation facility and water treatment plant are coming along. The City will soon review the summer season partnership with the YMCA and Wapak WaterPark. Payroll Clerk Terri Rohrbacher has retired and a few other department heads are approaching retirement soon.

**Service Director report:**

Service Director Brillhart explained that Ordinances 2022-50 through 2022-52 are for the purpose of separating the 'Office Manager' and 'Income Tax Administrator' positions for the City of Wapakoneta. Ordinance 2022-53 is for the Water Street reconstruction. SSD Brillhart also supplied Council with a copy of the City of Wapakoneta Water Sales for 2021 and the impacts of possibly changing the outside water

rate. Options are being discussed regarding placement of an electric vehicle charging station behind town. A vacant parcel at 1006 W. Auglaize Street could be purchased by the City for use as an electric easement to serve the water reclamation facility. Mill and pave projects will likely begin in September. Choice-One Engineering can perform a traffic signal analysis at the Bellefontaine and Apollo Drive intersection per citizen's request for a turning arrow at that location. Three zoning board members are needed at this time. Cost for materials to possibly build a new water storage tank and new water lines have dramatically increased, and SSD Brillhart noted that Council should determine soon if they wish to pursue this project for the City's water needs. Auglaize County Commissioners are inquiring what projects the City is interested in doing with 'American Rescue Plan Act' funds.

Mr. Campbell stated he has received citizen complaints regarding a garbage truck leaking fluids over roadways. SSD Brillhart answered that the new truck is ordered and expected to arrive soon. Mr. Campbell asked for an update on the abandoned home on Franklin Street. SSD Brillhart answered that he has recently received the report but has not yet reviewed it.

Mr. Kantner stated that Council has been made aware of the reasons that one of the City's department heads could not be present at Council meetings to answer questions. Mr. Kantner pointed out that Mary Ruck of the Engineering Department did ask the Streets & Alleys Committee to consider modifying assessments to residents for sidewalk repairs, as shown in meeting minutes from 2019, but the matter had not been revisited since. Mr. Kantner wants to know how the City went from having sidewalk assessments to not having them. President Pro Tem Doll explained that in the past, Council had to pass an ordinance to assess sidewalks and said ordinance was a notification of this, otherwise, if no assessment is needed, no ordinance would be needed either. Mr. Doll further explained that in the past, if it was a state project, the state would not allow the City to assess for sidewalks, but if it was a local project, the City could assess for sidewalks. This led to much confusion among residents about why some had to pay for the sidewalks and some did not, thus leading to the current matter of the City not assessing for sidewalks.

**Law Director Report:**

The City currently has a prohibition against Sunday liquor sales and this can be amended if Council wishes.

The City of Wapakoneta is a statutory form of government and we utilize much of the Ohio Revised Code for our ordinances. Mr. Neal offered to provide a presentation to Council on the differences between chartered and statutory city government.

**Scheduling Committee Meetings:**

Parks Committee will meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Utilities Committee will meet on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at City Hall.

Streets & Alleys will meet on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Council meeting has been rescheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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Clerk of Council