

President Pro Tem Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on October 17, 2022 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: 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. There were 5 visitors present. Councilman Ross Kantner was absent.

Motion by Miller, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Chad Doll then introduced special guest Ms. Linda M. Brandt, Wapakoneta native and author of children's book 'To the Moon, Henry!'. Ms. Brandt spoke to Council about her journey as an author and illustrator, then gifted her original artwork for the book to the City of Wapakoneta, featuring the City's official seal and cityscape.

Mr. Lee noted that the Lodging Tax Committee did not meet.

Mr. Shepline stated that he will summarize the Communications & Rules Committee minutes at the next Council meeting.

Streets & Alleys Committee – a meeting was held on 10-11-2022 and the following was discussed:

1. Discussion of Status of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations within the City

a. Mr. Brillhart informed the committee that there are budget funds within the electric department available to install two, Level 2 charging spots in the Heritage Park parking lot. Mr. Brillhart stated that this double lot port would cost \$16,000 and would take roughly 10-12 weeks to receive on order. The revenue from the electric ports would be shared 90% to the city and 10% to the port provider. The committee asked if there were less expensive alternatives, and so Level 3 chargers were discussed. After discussion, it was deemed that the Level 3 charging stations charge too slowly, so the Level 2 station is best for our situation. Mr. Brillhart is going to order the charging station and the city will install upon its arrival.

2. Discussion of Infirmary Rd. Crosswalk

a. Mr. Brillhart stated that the city is ordering tape for the crosswalk at Infirmary Rd linking both ends of Rosewood Dr. Once the tape arrives, the city will move forward on installation of the crosswalk across Infirmary Rd.

3. Discussion of Dave Wattercutter property Water Drainage

a. Mr. Brillhart informed the committee that the city had acted to make the ditch in front of Mr. Wattercutter's property at 2115 Willipie St. more gradual. This should make it safer for mowing and other maintenance. The ratio of length to depth was a bit too steep (was 4-1, now it is 3-1).

4. Discussion of Parklet in front of Legacy Parkplatz

a. After discussion on legality with Mr. Brillhart, the committee and Mr. Brillhart agreed that a simple resolution stating the city's proposed action of placing a parklet in the right of way in front of Legacy Parkplatz is sufficient for this purpose. We do not need to update any existing ordinances because this parklet is in a specific location owned by the city.

b. The committee also discussed the possibility of making this parklet a permanent space rather than temporary, but snow removal was brought up as a potential drawback to that idea. Mr. Brillhart is going to get recommendations from staff and present them to the next Streets and Alleys committee meeting.

5. Mr. Kevin Clay Had Questions Regarding no parking striping on W. Auglaize St.

a. Kevin Clay of 614 W. Auglaize St. approached the committee questioning a 40ft painted no parking zone near his home that contractors had painted earlier that day. Mr. Brillhart felt that 40ft was potentially excessive but noted that in certain situations it is warranted. Mr. Brillhart was going to investigate to see if 40 ft of no parking is indeed necessary, or if the length can be shortened.

6. Potential Additional Stoneybrook Traffic Calming Measure: Pavement Striping

a. Mr. Campbell brought the committee the idea of striping the pavement on Stoneybrook to slow down traffic. The idea is that if the road is striped on both sides and the middle, the reduced width would lead to slower speeds and safer driving. The committee felt there was merit to the idea, and Mr. Brillhart stated that he would revisit the Choice One recommendation and get back to the committee on his thoughts regarding the idea. This re-visit will occur at the next Streets and Alleys committee meeting.

7. Review of Drafted City of Wapakoneta Local Streets Traffic Calming Guide

a. The committee has drafted a guide for community involvement in recommending changes to traffic calming measures on non-state routes within the city. Members of the committee and Mr. Brillhart reviewed the draft and made several recommended changes. Mr. Brillhart also stated that he would take a more thorough look and send Mr. Miller a version with his edits. Once those edits are received, the committee will update the draft and share with the rest of administration and council for review.

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to untable Ord 2022-56. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Campbell, second by Shepline to adopt Ord 2022-56. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-59 for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION PROPOUNDED UPON THE COUNCIL FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE REVITALIZATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 4301.81.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to adopt Ord 2022-59. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-60 for the second time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INCOME TAXES.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-62 for the second time re: AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-63 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR AN AERIAL FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE SUTPHEN CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-64 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH WAPAKONETA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (W.A.E.D.C.)

Service Director Brillhart stated the funding amount is \$85,000 per year for three years.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-65 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$30,000 PER YEAR FOR THE DOWNTOWN WAPAKONETA PARTNERSHIP FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR YEARS 2023-2025.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2022-66 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE STATE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA DURING 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Lee, second by Campbell to suspend the rules for Ord 2022-66. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee, second by Dunlap to adopt Ord 2022-66. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2022-67 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO FILE A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Mayor report:

Attended ONL conference. 25A is now open. Silver Street stabilization is progressing. Legacy Parkplatz landscaping is complete.

Mr. Lee asked about wrought iron for Legacy Parkplatz. Mayor Henderson noted this will happen at a later date.

Mr. Doll asked if West Benton has been re-seeded. Mayor Henderson answered, yes.

Mayor Henderson noted he has received calls about the Warren Drive asphalt being too high and needing milled.

Service Director report:

Mr. Brillhart explained the various funding options being explored for the new water tower and water mains project on the south side of the City.

Mr. Brillhart supplied a draft list of Capital Improvement Program projects for 2023-2027 and asked for Council to provide input.

Mr. Campbell asked for clarification on funding for Res 2022-67. Service Director Brillhart explained that in addition to supplying the splash pad with water, it would also increase fire protection and water pressure for the area surrounding Veteran's Park.

Mr. Campbell asked for clarification on funding for the new ladder truck. Mr. Brillhart noted the current ladder truck is 33 years old and the City has been saving dollars in this fund over many years to prepare for the purchase.

Mr. Campbell asked about the easement modifications for 1002 Carnation Drive. Service Director Brillhart answered that cost estimates are being reviewed and the trees lining the easement would need removed.

Mr. Campbell asked if the concrete barriers on Hayes Street have remained. Mr. Brillhart replied yes, and an additional surface coat will need to be done next year.

Mr. Miller asked about the request for placement of a 'no parking' sign by a Pine Street resident. Mr. Brillhart answered that the sign has been ordered.

Mr. Miller asked about 614 W. Auglaize Street striping. Mr. Brillhart stated this matter is being reviewed.

Mr. Miller asked for recent edits to the traffic policy. Mr. Brillhart will supply this by end of week.

Mr. Dunlap asked for updates on the Harrison Street recycling drop-off. Mr. Brillhart explained options for fencing and matting are being looked at.

Mr. Doll asked when the salary comparison study will be complete. Service Director Brillhart answered that a draft should be ready by the end of November.

Mr. Campbell asked for an update from the YMCA on the WaterPark operations over the summer. SSD Brillhart answered this is being worked on.

Law Director Report:

Law Director Neal stated that he has reviewed the City's Council Rules regarding compelling a City department head to be present at a Council meeting. Mr. Neal stated that if an investigation were happening, Council has the power to subpoena a person to appear before them to answer questions. Mr. Neal clarified that in order to compel a department head to appear, Council as a whole must act by vote, not by an individual Council member's request. Mr. Miller asked, for the record, if Council broke a rule as Mr. Kantner had suggested at last meeting. Law Director Neal replied that no Council rules were broken.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Lodging Tax Committee will meet on November 21st at 6:15pm at City Hall if needed.

Streets & Alleys Committee will meet on October 25th at 4pm at City Hall.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mayor Henderson expressed sympathy on behalf of City Council and Administration for the loss of Councilman Ross Kantner's father, Mr. Roger Kantner, last week.

Motion by Lee, second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council